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TREASON SUSPECT SENT TO JAIL; EXTREME COLD SWEEPS OMAHA

WEATHER RECORDS BROKEN AS MERCURY HITS 20 BELOW; BUREAU PROMISES RELIEF

Coldest December Day in History of City, Accompanied By Highest Barometric Pressure, Ever Registered Here; Few Cases of Suffering Among Poor Reported to Charities.

Twenty degrees below zero was the temperature registered on the official Omaha weather bureau thermometer in the ederal building at 8 o'clock Saturday norning.

Bismarck, N. D. Churles City, Ia Des Moines, Ia Des Moines, Ia Duluth, Minn

This broke all records for December in the 44 years of weather bureau history here. The lowest temperature heretofore recorded in December was 17 below zero, which was reached in December 1870 and also in 1884. December, 1879, and also in 1884.

Only five times heretoiore in the history of the weather bureau has a harometric pressure of more than 31 inches been registered here.

Center of Barometer. This high air pressure is caused by the weight of the extremely cold, dense air. Omaha was the center of the high barometer in the morning. It extended also to Huron, S. D., Sioux City, Des Moines and Morehead, Minn.

"The backbone of the cold wave is broken," is the word Colonel Welsh of the weather bureau gives out. His weather map shows a wave of rising temperatures sweeping over the northwest part of the country. The indications for Omaha are for "slowly rising temperature."

The prediction came true for last night's, temperature was 3 above zero

was 23 below, on "ground hog day." gested conditions, were taken today in Omaha was 32 below, on January

Cold Nation-Wide.

The present rold extends over a large part of the country, all the way rolling stock and other facilities, hautsouth. In New York City Saturday morning the temperature was 2 below zero and this was made worse by a 46-mile gale. Boston had 4 below. These are extremely unusual temperatures for the east coast, where they "fee," worse than they look be-

Paul, Minn., 22 below.

In Kansas and western Missouri

more than the central and western tor general, pending the formation of end of the state, Norfolk had 27 be- a permanent staff. The Interstate low zero; Lincoln had 17 below. Val- Commerce commission was drafted entine had only 18 below and North for an immediate investigation by its Platte only 10 below zero. Cheyenne exhibited the same astonishing temperature as it did on Friday, recording a temperature of 40 above zero. Boise, Idaho, had 52 above zero.

Few Suffer from Cold. Despite the unusually cold weather few cases of suffering among the poor

were reported to charitable organizathe police station.

calls for food, coal and clothing, but no extreme cases were unearthed by workers who visited the poorer districts of the city. Salvation Army, Volunteers of

America and missions gave shelter to many poor people Thursday night and Friday morning.

Trains Delayed.

during the cases part of the night. Generally halos were ! . all the vac from her hutes to two hours, engines non making steam.

In some instances freight trains of his orders, and in addition would were a mulled. This applied to those form an advisory cabinet, including (Continued on Page Two, Column One.) representatives of the War and Navy

The Weather

For Nebraska-Fair; slowly raing (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.) of gin, Bourly Temperatures.



12 Prince Albert, Can. 40 30 Swift Current, Can. 20 26 Winnipeg . 16 White River Can

The extreme cold was accompanied GOVERNMENT wer recorded at Omaha, 31.07 inches. OPERATING RAILROADS

Walker D. Hines of New York Appointed Assistant Director General Pending Formation of Permanent Staff

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 29.-Definite step toward national unification of The lowest temperature last winter railroads and improvement of conby Director General McAdoo in the appointment of a temporary staff and the issuing of his first formal order directing absolute pooling of all train he, common utilization of terminals ing of freight by the shortest routes, and retention of all present officers and employes.

Hines Assistant Director.

Special instructions were issued for the clearing of congestion in New York and Chicago through pooling of terminals and other traffic facilities cause of the high humidity.

Albany, N. Y., reported 10 below and Alfred H. Smith, president of the and Buffalo 4 below, Chicago had New York Central, was named temporary special assistant to supervise In the north: Bismarck, N. D., 36 transportation in the turnk line terribelow zero; Moorhead, Minn., 30 be- tory east of the Mississippi and north Duluth, Minn., 30 below; St of the Ohio rivers, where congestion is greatest.

Walker D. Hines of New York, a temperatures ranged from 2 to 12 railroad lawyer and for many years a special student of government oper-Eastern Nebraska felt the cold wave ation, was appointed assistant direcinspectors of general freight conditions on eastern trunk lines.

Assembling Staff.

Director General McAdoo spent to day assembling a staff of advisers and executive officers to assist him in administering the railroads as a national

He conferred with John Barton A few men sought the shelter of and Interstate Commerce Commissioner Anderson. An announcement was prominent in republican politics. Associated Charities had scores of of plans is expected soon.

work on a general scheme of opera- 40 years. He was grand master of tion. A few reports reaching here the Nebraska grand lodge of Marailway officials to hauf freight by the grand chapter; past grand com-shortest routes, as requested by the mander of the grand commandery of to railway heads.

A cold wave, accompanied by snow in many localities, probably would Out in the state there were light prevent a noticeable improvement in mow flurries and considerable wind freight congestion under government operation for a week or more, officials

It was understood today that Mr. not on a control the snow, but by McAdoo would use the various dereason to be cold that prevented the partments of the Interstate Commerce commission to execute most departments, the shipping board, the fuel and food administrations and the Federal Trade commission.



PIONEER BANKER. DROWNED IN GULF

President of Custer State Bank Business Man of Large Interests and Widely Known, " Thought to Be Dead.

Frank H. Young, prominent Neand banker of Broken Bow, is thought to have been drowned in the Gulf of Mexico near Pensacola, Fla.

last Monday. Telegraphic advices say he disappeared from a launch Monday and after a careful search he could not be found. Business associates a Broken Bow were notified by the chief of police of Pensacola. The drowning is thought to have been ac-

cidental Mr. Young was a Nebraska pio Pacific cailroad. For a number of years he was chief clerk to Superintendent Nicholas prior to going to Custer county where he engaged in the cattle business. He aided in or ganizing and was the first county clerk of Colfax county.

Had Large Interests.

After amassing a large fortune from cattle raising he entered the banking business and was, for a number of years, president of the Custer State Bank at Broken Bow, Payne, counsel for the shipping board, and a heavy stockholder in the State Bank at Sargent. In late years he

The railroads war board went to and had resided in Custer county for today told of first efforts by local sons in 1899; past grand master of director general in his first telegram Knights Templar; past grand master of the grand council of Royal and Select Masons; a member of the 33d degree Scottish Rite; and president of the Nebraska Masonic home for

seven years.
It is said of him by his brother Masons that he was charitable and gave abundantly to a worthy cause in such a manner that his "right hand did not know what his left hand was doing," Mrs. Young died several

Prohibit Cereals for Gin.

Paris, Dec. 29 .- The Chamber of Deputies today adopted a resolution asking the government to prohibit The railroads have definitely re- the use of cereals in the manufacture

Firemen of Truck Co. No. 1 Heroes Of Flomar Hotel Blaze Friday

fire department only six months, he behaved like a veteran. He stopped doing their work on the third floor down the long ladders, with hotel L. Jorgensen were rescuing guests guests on his shoulders, with the dex- from the floor below.

L. A. WELSH, Matterolegist. | Quinlan said, "are unxious enough to them down safely.

Charles Gernandt, fireman in truck attempt rescues, but the gases and company No. 1, did heroic work in carelessness don't work together, But \$10,000 capital, for sorting old, rejectthe Flomar hotel fire Friday when he Gernandt is not of that kind. He ed and discarded army clothing. helped rescue five persons and car- acted like an old head. He deserves ried two guests from the third floor credit for his work. All the members A. Kaplan, was a member of the of our company did good work Fri-Although Gernandt has been in the day. We saved 10 persons,

While Gernandt and Hilbert were for neither smoke nor gases and went Captain Quinlan, Pete Burgdorf and

Gernandt and his partner, Joe room where three victims were found. Hilbert, climbed to the third floor, two men and one woman. One of the They went in and found a man and men had a broken leg. The woman the includency for our control, 1916, 12.68 inches and were unconscious. Gernandt carthree were nearly overcome. Captain
the fields of the ment of t a woman who had become confused was the wife of one of the men. These st 1215 2.14 inches ried them down the ladder to safety. Quinlan handed them one by one to "Some young fellows," Captain the other two men, who then carried

BY DEFENSE COUNCIL

Testimony in War Inquiry Shows That Dilatory Tactics in Buying Wool for Army Clothing Cost Government Huge Sums; Excessive Prices Paid

for Sorting Scraps.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 29.—The senate war inquiry committee braska Mason and wealthy cattleman today investigated further the cancelled scrap uniform cloth picking contracts let by the committee on supplies of the council of national defense to the base sorting company of New York under which witnesses testified the company could have made excessive profits aggregating several hundred thousand dollars

BROTHER INTERESTED. O

Charles Eisenman, vice chairman of the committee who approved the contracts, and Samuel Kaplan, another member of the committee whose brother, it was developed, is finanneer, coming to the state in the early cially interested in the company, will days of the building of the Union be summoned to testify, it was announced in a further inquiry the committee proposes to make. It was further developed today that Kaplan's brother is treasurer of the company, owning a Connecticut woolen mill commandeerd by the government.
BLAMES DEFENSE COUNCIL.

Quartermaster General Sharpe testified that when the War department cancelled the contracts last Thursday, both Eiseman and Kaplan protested. The government he explained, will

take over the work. In concluding today his testimony regarding clothing and other army supplies, General Sharpe placed resopnsibility for delay in obtaining supplies of wool for army clothing on the Council of National Defense. The council's committee which had taken over the question of the wool supplies, the general said, recom-mended use of shoddy material in were made until September after prices had risen greatly, he said, Senator Weeks told the committee he was reliably informed that a loss of \$150,000,000 to the government re-

Regarding lack of motor trucks for training men at the cantonments, General Sharpe said the department's policy, not his own, is that trucks shall not be supplied until the men go abroad. Committee members voiced dissatisfaction with the plans which, they contneded, would prevent men from obtaining proper

Questioned on the cloth scrap conracts, General Sharpe said he estimated that the contract given the sorting company at 6 cents a pound would net the company \$400,000 annually, Captain A. E. Peerless, who investigated the contract, estimated the profits at \$500,000 yearly, and also told of another contract given the company which was said to have but That Charles Kaplan's brother, Ira firm given the contracts was testified to by Alexander H. Kaninsky, attorney for an association of New York rag merchants, who sought to do the work for the government.

To Our Readers

Part of the shipment of our colored comic section, printed for us in St. Louis, was lost in the Missouri Pacific freight house fire. If you are one of the subscribers who miss this section today, we ask you to overlook the omission.

OFFENSIVE IN PIAVE REGION

.Strike at Austro-Germans Near Monte Tomba; Enemy Bombs Padua; Valuable Art Treasures Are Saved.

(By Associated Press.)

Cold weather and snow in the European fighting zone have reduced military activities to a minimum in most sectors. Only in northern Italy has there been any movement Even there an infantry operation

the initiative, delivering a blow at the manian troops. Tomba, on the mountain front just to the west of the Piave. The German war office reports this engagement, declaring that the Ifalian attack was broken up by the defensive

The principal aerial activity also is reported from the Italian front. Austrian airmen recently beaten off from Treviso with the loss of 11 airplanes, carried out a bombing raid Friday night in which the city of Padua, None of the city's noted monuments was born at Sigmaringen August 24, was harmed, but eight hombs door. 1865. was harmed, but eight bombs dropped in the most densely populated part of the fown killed 13 persons October 3, 1893, and is an officer in had 2,000. and injured 60 others. Bombs drop-

EX-KING FERDINAND.

and peace negotiations forced it to of the road. making uniforms and delayed accept- is reported from only one point on German propagandists have been reing raw wool offered last April by the battle line. The Italians took ported working among the Rou-Boston dealers. No large purchases the initiative delivering a blow at the

Hohenzollern Family.

died at Sinia, on October 10. Rou- ing 75,000 pounds of sugar instead of mania declared war on Austria on fighting flames which had gained August 27, 1916, and King Ferdinand headway in another part of the structook personal command of the army ture. A hundred employes, a mashortly thereafter. jority of them girls, fled down the King Ferdinand is the son of Prince fire escapes to safety.

Leopold of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen; and two of his brothers are generals in the German army, He

Cheer Up, Mr. Householder, Coal In Denmark Costs \$100 Per Ton!

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 29,- "Sentiment throughout Denmark is unquestionably on the side of the albes and it is bearing the brunt of the economic situation imposed by the war without complaint," said Dr. Maurice F. Egan, the foreign minister to Denniark, on his arrival here yesterday on a Danish steamship, enroute to Washington. Describing economic conditions in Denmark, Dr. Egan said coal,

where available at all, is selling at \$100 a ton, that all residents have been

issued bread and sugar cards and that some commodities are not to be "One-half pound of butter is distributed to each person weekly," said Dr. Egan. "Tea retails at \$3 a pound. Each person may have one-half pound of pork every two weeks. Turkeys sell for 80 cents a pound." The minister said it was not unlikely that the "crush" of the economic

situation would eventually compel some of the neutral countries to accept,

though in willingly, certain necessaries from Germany,

TORPEDO EXPERT TAMPERED WITH DEADLY MISSLES

Paul Hennig is Accused of Maliciously Mutilating Delicate Steering Machinery and Held Without Bail; Was Employed in Manufacture of Torpedoes for Use in Naval Warfare.

New York, Dec. 29.-Paul Hennig, a naturalized German, who has been employed as a foreman in a Brooklyn factory engaged in the making of torpedoes for the United States government, was remanded to jail without bail in federal court here today, charged with treason.

ROUMANIA'S KING SURRENDERS HIS UNEASY THRONE does in installed.

Yields to Pressure of German it is possible they would have proved and Bolsheviki Intrigue and Calls Prince Charles to Crown.

Charles, according to persistent ru- having aroused suspicion

ported early this week and the Bol- vert the missile from its course.

Hennig, authorities say, superintended the assembling of the gyroscopes, which control the course of the torpedoes. According to District Attorney France, some of these gyroscopes have been found "maliciously mutilated." This was done in such a way as to render useless the torpedoes in which the gyroscopes were "Not only would these torpedoes

have been worthless as weapons, but engines of destruction for their own users," said the district attorney. Naturalized German. Hennig came to the United States

in 1908 and was naturalized in 1916. Naval inspectors, it was stated, have had him under close observation for Petrograd, Dec. 29.-King Ferdi- several weeks, imperfections in the nand has abdicated the Roumanian parts of the gyroscopes, which were throne in favor of Crown Prince assembled in Hennig's department,

The gyroscope, which has termed "the brain of the torpedo," is of such intricate construction, author-Unsettled conditions and a po- ities say, that a defect which could be litical crisis in Roumania were re- detected only by an expert would di-

sheviki government received informa- In the indictment, which was retion that there had been a revolu-tionary plot against King Ferdinand jury and kept secret until today, it is The Roumanian army has been in charged Hennig traitorously aided Germany bearings, and wheels which were found to be cracked, District Attorney France declared emery dust, an abrasive which would disable the delicate gears of the gyroscopes, also was found among some of the assembled

> Highly Skilled Mechanic. Hennig, authorities declare, is a highly skilled mechanic and holds American patent rights on a number of torpedo centrol and propulsion de-

> vices. One of Hennig's sons, it was

said, has been interned as an alien enemy at Ellis Island. When ar aigned before Federal Judge Veeder in Brooklyn today Hennig, in an accent which was unmistakably German, pleaded "not guilty." He was ordered held without bail until January 2, when a date will be set for his hearing.

Rail Men Get Raise In Pay of Ten Per Cent

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 29 .- An increase of 10 per cent in the wages of the 15,000 employes of the Northern Pacific railroad and of 500 employes of the Northern Express company effective January 1 was announced today. Today's grant will add \$1,500,000 to the company's pay roll. In announcing the increase, President Hannaford said the bonus plan will not be continued. The majority of those who will participate in the increase are clerks, telegraphers and section laborers. This is the third increase granted in fifteen active since the Russian armistice months to the unorganized employes

But Saved Sugar Chicago, Dec. 29.-When fire King Ferdinand, who is a member of the Hohenzollern family, succeeded his uncle, King Charles, Sons, wholesale confectioners, today, in October, 1944, King Charles having firemen directed their efforts in sav-

> Commercial Club Has Added Many Members

The Commercial club now has 2.150 members. Up to a few weeks ago it The membership committhe Roumanian army. He is unmar- tee, captained by H. O. Wilhelm, and ped on Treviso and two other towns | ried, although early in 1914 it was re- assisted by a lot of the members of closer to the fighting lines than Padira, which is some 35 miles from (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

ported that his betrothal to the them the good fellowship committee, started Grand Duchess Olga of Russia had a campaign to make it 2,150 by the been arranged. first of the year. They have just reached the goal, with a few days yet

> Secretary Lane to Talk to State Councils of Defense

Washington, Dec. 29.+War conferences of state councils of defense will be addressed during the week of January 14-19 by Secretary Lane at Chicago, Louisville, Columbia, Mo., Topeka, Kan., and Lincoln, Neb.

Hanscom Park Church to Raise Service Flag Sunday

A service flag, with 41 stars, will be raised in Hanscom Park Methodist Episcopal church Sunday morning. The entire service will be of a pattriotic nature. Rev. W. H. Spence will preach on the subject "Service."