



RUSSIANS TO SIGN A GERMAN PEACE; 2 KILLED 30 HURT IN CURTIS WRECK

WOMAN AND YOUNG SON ARE VICTIMS IN HIGH LINE WRECK

Burlington Train Near Curtis Leaves Track, Falling Over Embankment; Eight-Year-Old Boy Burned to Death; Thirty Reported Injured in Crash; Relief Rushed to Scene From Neighboring Towns.

Two people were killed and more than 30 injured when Burlington passenger train No. 151, westbound, between Holdrege, Neb., and Sterling, Colo., jumped the track three and one-half miles east of Curtis, about 12:30 o'clock Tuesday noon. One boy burned to death. A spreading rail is said to have caused the wreck.

DEAD AND INJURED.

Dead: MRS. NETTIE HOWE, and young son, GORDON, 8 years old, of Esuits.

Reported seriously injured: Mrs. Fitch, Fremont. Mrs. Root, Esuit.

Slightly injured: Conductor Griffith. Brakeman Charles Veal.

PLUNGED OVER BANK.

Three passenger cars, a baggage car and a mail car. The rear coach is said to have jumped the track and rolling down the embankment pulled the other cars after it. The engine did not leave the track.

The injured were immediately rushed to Curtis homes and are scattered over the entire town. Many people having broken limbs are reported, but names have not been clarified. Fire started in the wrecked cars and indescribable scenes followed.

Omaha offices of the Burlington have received no reports from the scene of the wreck. At the Lincoln office meager returns only were available and no details given.

Wrecking and relief trains were rushed from Lincoln and Holdrege to relieve possible suffering. Zero weather prevails in this section of the state, with a cold wind.

Automobiles were pressed into service for use as ambulances to rush the injured to Curtis. The citizens opened their homes for use as emergency hospitals.

Rush Autos to Scene.

Eustis, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Every available automobile was pressed into service here to rush physicians and relief workers to Curtis where Burlington passenger train No. 151 is reported to have been wrecked.

The report that the wrecked cars were on fire and that many of the passengers were pinned under the wreckage speeded up the relief work. Blankets and heavy clothing were taken to protect the passengers from zero weather.

West Point Man Is Elected School Superintendent

Columbus, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—C. Ray Gates was selected superintendent of the Columbus public schools at a meeting last night of the board of education. Mr. Gates takes the position vacated by Superintendent R. M. Campbell, who retires from the school field to supervise his large personal interests.

Mr. Gates, who is 32 years old, comes from the superintendency of the West Point school. He has been actively engaged in school work for 13 years, having been superintendent at Pilger, superintendent at Oakland, principal of the Nebraska City high school, principal of Blair high school, besides his present position at West Point.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Continued cold. CONTINUED COLD

Table with 3 columns: Hour, High, Low. Rows for 5 a.m., 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m., 11 p.m., 12 m.

Comparative Local Record.

Table with 3 columns: Year, High, Low. Rows for 1918, 1917, 1916, 1915. Rows for Highest yesterday, Lowest yesterday, Mean temperature, Precipitation.

Reports From Stations at 7 P. M.

Table with 4 columns: Station and State, Temp., High, Rain-fall. Rows for Cheyenne, Clear, 24, .00; Denver, Clear, 16, .00; Des Moines, Clear, 20, .00; Dodge City, Clear, 16, .00; Lincoln, Clear, 18, .00; North Platte, Cloudy, 4, .00; Omaha, Cloudy, 2, .00; Pierre, Partly Cloudy, 24, .00; Rapid City, Cloudy, 4, .00; Salt Lake City, Clear, 28, .00; Santa Fe, Clear, 22, .00; Sheridan, Clear, 24, .00; Sioux City, Snow, 2, .00; Valentine, Clear, 2, .00.

Indicates trace of precipitation. L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

SNOW AND NORTH WIND, RIDE WITH NEAR ZERO WAVE

Mercury Drops 20 Degrees in 12 Hours in Omaha; Colder Weather is on Way.

The weather bureau's predicted cold wave struck Omaha with an icy wind out of the north during the night, sending the temperature down 20 degrees in 12 hours, from 29 above zero at 7 o'clock Monday night to 9 above at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The temperature fell nearly 50 degrees in the 24 hours ending at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning.

By Wednesday morning a temperature considerably below zero is expected and the weather forecaster says the severe cold will continue at least through Wednesday and Thursday, as the crest of the high barometer is still far in the Canadian northwest.

Snow is falling in Omaha and vicinity. The suddenness of the cold wave is shown by the broad range of temperatures in places not far apart. At 7 o'clock Tuesday morning, when Omaha had 9 above zero, Des Moines had 30 above and Kansas City had 50 above zero. Chicago had 46 above. The cold wave swept on rapidly to these places during the day and caused drops in temperature like that at Omaha.

Tuesday morning Cheyenne was 4 below zero, Valentine 2 below, points in North Dakota 20 below, northwestern Canada 28 below.

Snow Is General.

Snow was general over the greater part of Nebraska and some neighboring states. Colonel Welsh, forecaster, does not predict any such protracted spell of below zero weather as in January. The weather bureau records show that January is the coldest month of the year here, though often cold snaps come for a day or two in February and March.

Snow Along Union Pacific Line.

Reports to the railroads indicate that there is a drizzling rain all the way across the country from Kansas City to Denver and light snow flurries over the greater portion of Nebraska.

Along the Union Pacific there is snow all the way from Omaha to Ogden. In Wyoming temperatures are down to 6 degrees below zero, with 10 above to 12 below in Nebraska. It is the coldest in the western part of the state.

The Burlington and Northwestern report zero to 10 below in northern Nebraska and out through Wyoming. The Burlington report indicates 12 to 18 below in Montana.

Over the northern portion there is one-half to an inch of snow, carried along by a high wind.

Trains are running late on account of the high wind preventing the making of steam. There is not enough snow to interfere with traffic.

LYNCH TAKES STAND IN HIS OWN DEFENSE

Denies All Charges, Disclaims Interest in Resorts and Washes Hands of Alleged Misdemeanors.

County Commissioner "Johnny" Lynch entered wholesale denials of all charges of alleged misconduct in office built up against him by the testimony of witnesses called by attorneys for Sheriff Clark, when he took the stand in his own defense Tuesday afternoon in the oyster hearing.

Lynch denied that he fitted up a gymnasium in the court house and claimed that the "gym" was merely a "store room" where he and some of his friends "exercised."

He denied he had had "women" in the "storeroom" at night, but said his mother-in-law and sister-in-law might have been there. He said the women's hats belonged to them.

ADMITTED INSTALLING SHOWER. He said the shower bath in the gymnasium or "store room" was installed by him at his own expense, solely for the convenience of Joe Calabria, superintendent of the building, as a "special favor."

Denied he ever requested Joe Glenn, Pete Loch's barkeeper, to bring liquor to him in the gymnasium, or to call up women for him.

Denied that Pete Rooney ever slept in the gymnasium all night with himself and two women.

Denied he ever divided the proceeds from the Lakeside resort in the gymnasium or "store room" in the court house with Pete Loch and Gus Tylee, and denied he had ever had any interest in Lakeside.

Denied he ever told Sheriff Clark that he (Lynch) and Johnny Ford stood to lose \$500 a month if Lakeside was closed up.

No Tips Offered. Denied he ever visited the house of Hans Voss or made any deal with Johnny Ford, whereby he was to have a third interest in the saloon at Fifty-third and Center streets, by reason of helping Voss get a license.

Denied he ever suggested a "junket" or trip to the Mardi Gras to Sheriff Clark shortly after he took office.

Admitted he had consistently contested all of Sheriff Clark's bills for feeding prisoners in the county jail, even after the district court had ordered them paid. He said his attorneys advised him Clark was not entitled to the money.

Crowd Shows Interest. The crowd which has packed the small court room to the doors day after day during the seven days of the hearing, stirred in their places and leaned forward intently when the accused county commissioner was called to the witness stand at 3:15 Tuesday afternoon by his own attorneys to give final testimony in his defense.

J. A. C. Kennedy, his attorney, conducted the direct examination. "You are John C. Lynch, defendant in this suit?"

"I am."

"How old are you?"

"Forty-two years old."

"Where were you born?"

"Omaha."

"Where do you live now?"

"Eighty-two and a half Forest avenue, with my mother."

Began Work at 16. "When did you first go to work?"

"When I was 16 years old."

"At what business?"

"Plumbing business."

Getting On Our Nerves



ENEMY PREPARED TO LAUNCH BIG DRIVE ON WESTERN FRONT

Prisoners Reveal Plans for German Offensive Which is Expected Now; Believe Teutons Will Attempt New Tactics In Surprise Attack; Soldiers Desire Peace by Arrangement.

(By Associated Press.)

British Army Headquarters in France, Feb. 19.—The great German offensive on the western front may be expected to begin at any moment now and as far as the British front is concerned the main thrust will be made on the sector between Arras and St. Quentin.

U.S. CHIEF BOOSTER FOR UNITED ALLIED WAR OPERATIONS

England Faces Terrible Realities, Declares Premier Lloyd George; Begs for End of All Controversy.

London, Feb. 19.—Premier Lloyd George informed Parliament today that General Sir Henry Seymour Rawlinson has been appointed to represent Great Britain on the supreme war council at Versailles.

The general principles laid down at the recent session in Versailles of the supreme war council were agreed to by all nations, the premier told the house.

It was also agreed that there should be an inter-allied authority with executive powers. The only difference which arose was as to its constitution.

The first proposal at Versailles, he continued, was that the central authority should consist of a council of chiefs of staff, but this was abandoned, inasmuch as it was regarded as unworkable.

Lloyd George said it was essential that decisions should be taken instantly by Versailles.

Meeting separately, the delegates of the respective allies, he explained, considered their own plan, which in each case was identical. This plan was passed without a dissenting vote and accepted by all the military representatives, the premier said.

Russian Reds Arrest Ukraine Delegates to Peace Conference

London, Feb. 19.—Further belated dispatches from Petrograd received today give additional details of recent happenings in Russia. An official news agency dispatch dated February 12 announces the Bolshevik authorities ordered all the members of the Ukrainian Central Rada and the Ukrainian delegates to the Brest-Litovsk peace conference, including Chairman Holubowicz, arrested and tried for treason. Some of those affected by this order have been arrested at Kiev, while others fled to Berdichev.

SLAVS FORCED TO BOW TO KAISER'S WAR DEMANDS

Official Statement Signed By Trotzky and Authorized By People's Commission Protests Against Resumption of War But Says Russia Helpless in Face of Teuton Invasion.

Berlin via London, Feb. 19.—The official communications issued by the German war office this evening say that from Riga to as far south as Lutsk German armies are advancing eastward to Russia.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 19.—Russia is now forced to sign peace upon the conditions proposed by Germany, says an official Russian statement received here today.

The official statement was signed by Premier Lenine and Leon Trotzky, the foreign minister.

It protests against the German resumption of the war and says the Council of People's Commissioners is now forced to declare its readiness to sign a peace as dictated by the delegations of the quadruple alliance at Brest-Litovsk. It promises to give a detailed reply without delay to the German peace negotiations.

BAKERY OWNERS TELL REFEREE OF THEIR PROFITS

Little Information Extricated From Them Regarding Cost of Pound Loaf; Few Keep Books.

There is money enough made in conducting a small bakery so that the proprietor can pay himself a salary of \$50 a week, his wife \$12, his head baker \$35, one helper \$18, a driver \$12 and two girls \$9 each. This fact was developed in the hearing before Referee Henely when Attorney Parish drew the information from Alfred Peterson, owner of the Lake street bakery.

Peterson testified that formerly he was superintendent for the Jay Burns Baking company, but about a year ago went into business on his own account. In the investigation his questionnaire had to do with December of last year. He testified that during the month the output of his bakery was 9,100 pound loaves of bread, 5,200 dozen of rolls, 1,100 pies and a considerable quantity of cookies.

Much Guessing Done. With Peterson, in answering the questions, he admits that there was considerable guessing done, but he was certain as to his pay roll and the bakery output. He knew that during December the grand total of his plant sold for \$2,225, and that with the exception of 30 loaves of bread sold daily, all of the sales were at retail. One customer took the 30 loaves, so this was figured as a wholesale deal.

Besides the salaries, the rent of the building in which the bakery is operated and in which the family lives, and all of the expenses for material and upkeep came out of the profits of the business.

Didn't Figure Cost. Peterson asserted that in operating his bakery he has followed the food administration formula, has paid \$10.70 to \$11 a barrel for flour. For the bread sold at wholesale he has been getting 8 and for that sold at retail over the counter, 10 cents a loaf. He never figured out what it cost to bake bread, but thought there would be a fair profit at 8 cents. Asked why he charged the extra 2 cents, he replied, "Because I need the money." Though he admitted that he would be willing to sell at a lesser price if the other bakers "would be willing to agree to do so."

C. W. Ortman, head of the New England Baking company, operating a bakery and store on North Sixteenth street, and two retail stores, one in Hayden Brothers and the other in the Public Market, testified that during December the output of his plant was 46,000 loaves of bread, 11,700 dozen rolls, 6,500 pies and a large number of cakes. He made more (Continued on Page Four, Column Two.)

U. S. and England Sign New Draft Agreement

Washington, Feb. 19.—Signing of the army draft between Great Britain and the United States was announced today. The new British ambassador, Earl Reading, affixed his signature to the document as his first official act in Washington.

Saving Fuel

The administration has made apparent the necessity of conserving coal. Are you doing your bit, or is there a room in your house that is being heated, but not used?

There are hundreds of people in Omaha looking for rooms in private families. With the rent from that spare room you can buy "Baby Bonds" or pay the coal bill, and the heat going to that unused room will not be wasted.

Let these room hunters know you have a vacant room; you can place your ad in The Bee and never leave your home, and you will get the cash rate. Step to your phone—call Tyler 1000—place a small room for rent ad, and the room will soon be occupied.

Federal Agents Declare Dope is Easily Obtained in Omaha

Federal officers Monday night captured two more alleged "dope" peddlers. They are Charlie Reed, a negro, who was arrested at the notorious resort of Johnnie Moore, 221 North Thirteenth street, and Andy Dwyer, a messenger boy for the Hurry Messenger company, 1607 Davenport street.

Moore himself was arrested a few weeks ago and 200 boxes of morphine were confiscated. He is out under \$5,000 bond.

Dope is plentiful in Omaha, federal officers say. It can be obtained with the greatest ease from a number of peddlers. It sells at \$1 for a box containing four small pills, a price which leaves a large profit for the peddlers.

A number of victims of the habit have visited the federal building in the last few weeks, begging to be sent to some institution to be cured. It is easy for the peddlers to get their supplies, it is said. "You can go down to Mexico and get any amount of it and smuggle it across the border easily," said one federal officer. "And it takes up so little space and is so light that transporting it from place to place in this country is easy compared with the transporting of liquor."

OMAHA DOCTOR BLAMES WIFE'S FATHER FOR DIVORCE ACTION

Dr. Stanley Reed Says British-Canadian Pater Objected to "Damned Yankee In West."

Dr. Stanley G. Reed, whose wife, Rachel Reed, filed suit for divorce in Douglas county district court, says her father enticed her away from him "because he is an American and lives in the west." Mrs. Reed is now in Toronto, Canada.

"Her father is a British-Canadian," Dr. Reed said, "and he wanted her to come home and live with him until he could find her a Canadian husband of her station in life," instead of "living out here in the wild west with a damned Yankee," as he calls her.

Mrs. Reed alleged her husband sent her to live with her father in Toronto during the winter. She accused him of choking her on one occasion. Dr. Reed says she was raising a disturbance in his office while he

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tients were waiting in an outer room and he placed his hand over her mouth to keep her still.

"She was mad. She was punching me and pulling my hair and yelling at me. There was a patient waiting in the other room and I said 'Rachel, you've got to hush up. I'll show you who is wearing the pants in the Reed family,' and I put my hand over her mouth to keep her still. That is what she calls choking."

"She was the most restless mortal," Dr. Reed declares. "I provided five different apartments for her in about six months and still she was not satisfied. She repeatedly stated that she was going to ruin my practice. It appeared she was jealous of it for some reason or other."