

Probably snow Monday and Tuesday, not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures.	3 a. m.	6 a. m.	9 a. m.	12 m.	3 p. m.	6 p. m.	9 p. m.
Monday	30	29	28	27	26	25	24
Tuesday	29	28	27	26	25	24	23
Wednesday	28	27	26	25	24	23	22
Thursday	27	26	25	24	23	22	21
Friday	26	25	24	23	22	21	20
Saturday	25	24	23	22	21	20	19
Sunday	24	23	22	21	20	19	18

ARMY ARRANGING
SURPRISE FOR WILSON

With the American Army of Occupation, Dec. 22.—Here is a guard of honor for President and Mrs. Wilson. The army is arranging for President and Mrs. Wilson a Christmas tree as a surprise and also the most gorgeous collection of German souvenirs yet gathered.

The souvenirs include officers' gold and steel helmets, anti-tank gun shells, awards, iron crosses and the like.

Passes good throughout the Third army area for President and Mrs. Wilson were issued Saturday by the provost marshal, Lieut. Col. Julian Dodge. President Wilson's pass is numbered 500 and that of Mrs. Wilson 506.

RESTAURANT FOOD
RESTRICTIONS REMOVED.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Regulations restricting the use of bread, meat, sugar, butter and cheese in public eating places, which have been in effect since last October 21, were ordered rescinded today by the food administration, effective tomorrow.

This order, it was explained, is a further step in the replacement of specific food regulations by a general appeal for increased conservation of all foods to the end that the United States may meet its pledge to relieve the distressed civil populations in Europe.

In announcing the withdrawal of the regulations, the food administration notified public eating places to be ready to assist in putting into effect any specific measures which hereafter may become necessary through developments in world relief.

URGES STERILIZATION
OF SOCIALLY UNFIT

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 22.—Sterilization of mentally and socially unfit persons to control reproduction of this class of incompetents in Idaho is recommended by Dr. Orr Poynter, superintendent of the Idaho State sanitarium at Nampa, in his first annual report to the board of directors of the institution, whom he asks to solicit the legislature to pass an eugenic law authorizing this treatment.

HUN SOLDIERS GIVEN
WORK ON STATE PROJECTS

Army of Occupation, Dec. 22.—Thousands of discharged soldiers throughout Germany are being placed on state projects temporarily, with the idea of keeping the men mustered out and then to their homes. The estimate is based largely on the fact that the men are not yet settled. Even with this work under way the problem of unemployment persists, but without reaching the critical point that at first was believed by the authorities to be imminent. Many of the discharged soldiers within the American area are being employed by the state on roads or in other work, undertaken primarily to keep the men from idleness.

HINDENBURG ISSUES
BOMBASTIC MANIFESTO

Amsterdam, Dec. 22.—A remarkable proclamation issued by Field Marshal von Hindenburg from German main headquarters at Wilhelmshole, dated "Christmas, 1918."

"The mighty achievements in war of the German nation in arms, trained to warfare, which did not collapse before a world of enemies," and declares:

"I drew this capacity from the holy fires of patriotism, will to victory and a spirit of loyalty. The German army, has vanished, dissolved, disbanded, although until the last it was feared and respected by its enemies. To the officers, high and low, as trainers and leaders of the national army, is undeniably due a great share of the glory and it is petty revenge to deprive them of their insignia and arms and declare them incapable of exercising command."

"The utter destruction of the national strength of the German people is the intention of those destructive, disruptive spirits, who are working to impede the reorganization of the empire on a sound political and economic basis."

FIGHTS INCREASE OF
FARES IN NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 22.—Charging that the stock of subsidiaries of the Interborough Consolidated corporation, which operates the greater part of the subway, elevated and surface car lines in the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, has been "watered" for many years by "circutous corporate windings which would have turned the minnow green with envy" District Attorney Edward Swan in a statement to-night bitterly opposed the corporations' application for permission to charge higher fares.

Mr. Swan declared the application which asks for seven-cent fares and a three-cent charge for transfers between surface lines in Manhattan, would net the corporation \$20,000,000 a year.

Foodstuffs Arriving
in Adriatic for Relief
of Serbs and Jugo-Slavs

Paris, Dec. 22.—Herbert C. Hoover announced today that in accordance with the resolution of the associated governments to take energetic steps in relief work, he had appointed Colonel Wood of the United States army to be director of relief for Serbia and Jugo-Slavia on behalf of the United States food administration.

Investigations made by the United States naval officials are reported to show that the situation of the populations of the towns in these regions is extremely critical, and it is expected that relief can be placed in their hands within the next two weeks.

The food administration is also despatching a mission to Poland.

MASSSES TO
WELCOME
WILSON TO
ENGLAND

Many Will Be Unable to Get
Places to Witness Passage
of U. S. President to
Royal Palace.

London, Dec. 22.—President Wilson's arrival in London on a public holiday makes it certain that there will be a great gathering of Londoners to welcome him. The only handicap to would-be observers is the fact that the distance from the station to the palace is so short that it is likely there will be many persons who will be unable to get places from which they can witness the passage of the royal and presidential parties.

A better opportunity to see the president will be offered the public when the American executive goes to the Guild hall Saturday to receive an address from the lord mayor of London. President Wilson then will traverse the route the king usually follows when he visits the city for public functions—through the Strand and Fleet street and past St. Paul's cathedral, and returning along the Thames embankment.

Conferences to Occupy Time. Various public bodies have expressed a desire to present President Wilson with addresses, but the president's time in London will be so encroached upon for official conferences that it is not expected he will be able to receive them. American organizations in London are anxious to entertain the president at dinner or luncheon, but they also are likely to be disappointed. It is expected that the president will find time for a short inspection of some of the American soldiers still in London.

The diplomatic corps is interested in the question of precedence, which will prevail at the state banquet. The general view is that the foreign ambassadors, as personal representatives of their sovereigns or governments, will precede all except the king and the president.

Wilson Day in Ireland. Dublin, Dec. 22.—This was Wilson day in Ireland. Meetings were held in more than 40 towns and resolutions drafted by the Sinn Feiners inviting President Wilson to visit Ireland and pledging him Ireland's support were adopted. At most of the meetings constitutional nationalists joined with the Sinn Feiners. The attitude is that the president will not interfere in the domestic politics of Ireland, but that he would be welcomed to Ireland to examine into real conditions and problems.

The meeting at Dublin was presided over by the lord mayor. The trades council co-operated. At the meetings held under Sinn Fein auspices the majority of the speeches appealed to President Wilson not to overlook Ireland's case at the peace conference.

Will Visit Rome January 3. Rome, Dec. 22.—President Wilson will arrive in Rome on January 3, according to an announcement made today in the Italian newspapers.

Many European Boys
and Girls Seeking
Wilson's Autograph

Paris, Dec. 22.—President Wilson is receiving letters from all over Europe from boys and girls who want his autograph. Some want more, seeming to think that he has brought Christmas gifts from America.

The president cannot possibly answer all these letters, but to each little letter an official letter is going from the Paris white house expressing the president's appreciation.

To one 7-year-old boy in Madrid, who wrote a touching letter in which he said he thought President Wilson was an international Santa Claus, the president did send an autographed reply.

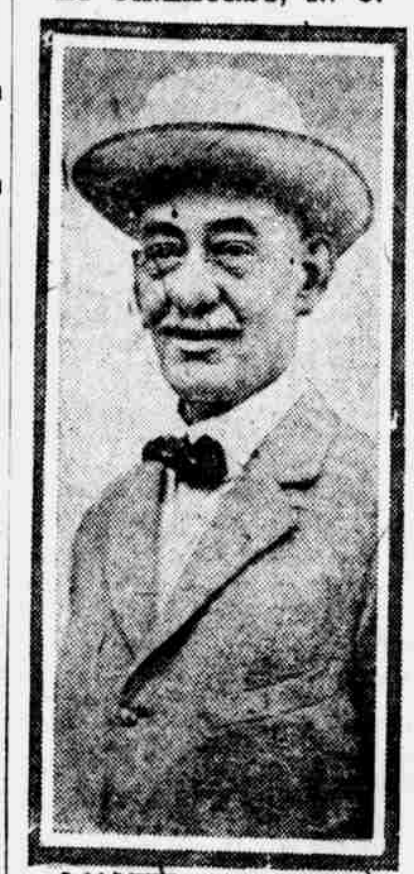
Davenport Man Shoots Wife,
Then Blows His Brains Out

Davenport, Iowa, Dec. 22.—After being absent from his home here for three weeks, John A. Klinger, foreman for the Tri-City Button company, returned last night and, after a quarrel with his wife, shot and probably fatally wounded her, and then committed suicide by sending a bullet through his brain.

Mineral Output Grows.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Under the spur of war, mineral production in the United States reached the unprecedented value of \$5,010,948,000 in 1917, exceeding by 43 per cent the previous record, made in 1916, the geological survey announced today in its final report for the year.

SCHOLAR-DIPLOMAT DIES
AT PINEHURST, N. C.



WALTER HINES PAGE.

WALTER H. PAGE,
EX-AMBASSADOR,
PASSES AWAY

Resigned Post at London and
Returned to New York
Suffering from Heart
Disease.

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 22.—Walter Hines Page, former ambassador to Great Britain, died here late last night after an illness of many weeks. Dr. Page's health began to fail nearly a year ago and he gave up his post as American representative at the court of St. James late in the summer.

Dr. Page returned to the United States October 12, and he was moved directly from the steamer to a hospital in New York. For a time his condition showed improvement, but late in November he suffered a relapse. Early this month he rallied and ten days ago was brought to Pinehurst for a while he seemed stronger, but suffered a second relapse last Thursday.

Most of the members of Dr. Page's family were with him when death came. They included Mrs. Page, his daughter, Mrs. Charles G. Loring of Boston, his son, Ralph W. Page and his brothers, Henry A. Page, Junius R. Page and former Congressman Robert N. Page.

Major Frank C. Page, who accompanied his father home from England, arrived this morning. Another son, Capt. Arthur W. Page, is now serving in England.

Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed, but it was announced that services will be held Tuesday morning at the Page Memorial church at Aberdeen, N. C.

Life Spent in Literary Work.

Walter Hines Page was editor of the magazine, The World's Work, and a member of the publishing firm of Doubleday, Page and Company of Garden City, L. I., when in March, 1913, President Wilson appointed him American ambassador to Great Britain.

The president's selection of an editor and an author for this post elicited favorable comment in Great Britain, where Mr. Page was referred to as a "scholar-diplomat" and his appointment was characterized as an interesting experiment.

Virtually all Mr. Page's life before his ambassadorial appointment had been spent in literary work. He was the author of works on the development of the southern portion of the United States in which he was particularly interested as a native of Carey, N. C., where he was born, August 15, 1855. In his work on the "Upbuilding of Old Commonwealth," Mr. Page disclosed his interest in the culture of a broad national feeling in the south.

Handled Important Affairs.

As American ambassador, Mr. Page participated in many of the important diplomatic conferences and exchanges growing out of the delicate relations between the United States and Great Britain at the time when England was blockading Germany before the United States entered the war. As ambassador he presented to the British government American notes in protest against the British treatment of American commerce and held numerous conferences with British statesmen over this and other moot questions rising from the war. Mr. Page effected the agreement between England and Germany, under which the United States as well as England was enabled to feed the starving Belgians.

Wagner's Widow Dying.

Munich, Dec. 22.—Frau Cosima Wagner, widow of Richard Wagner, the great composer, is dying at Bayreuth. She was born December 25, 1840, and was the daughter of Franz List, the famous musician.

Americans Provide
Festival for 60,000
Children in France

Paris, Dec. 22.—More than 30,000 graves of American soldiers will be decorated on Christmas day by the American committee for devastated France. In the region between Laon and Chateau Thierry, where the graves will be decorated, the committee will also provide a Christmas festival for 60,000 children.

Christmas stockings, filled with candy, toys and games sent from America, will be distributed, each child, in addition, being given some article of clothing, mittens or a muffler.

Two hundred children, who have returned to the ruined village of Crecy, will receive complete outfits of clothing so that they will be able to return to school. The committee is also arranging Christmas festivities at Laon, Soissons, Paris and other French cities.

STORY TOLD OF
WISE MEN WHO
FOLLOWED STAR

Christian Churches of City
Hold Christmas Services,
With Music Leading
Feature.

The coming of the Saviour was the great theme told in sermon, hymn, carol and anthem in the Christian churches of Omaha yesterday, it being the last Sunday before Christmas.

The scriptural lessons were taken from the story of the star that appeared in the east and which moved and stood over the stable in which the son of God had been born.

Choirs had special music, "Good King Wenceslas," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Holy Night," "Hallelujah Chorus," and many other of the classics written in commemoration of Christmas were sung. Many of the churches devoted all of the evening service to music, with only a prayer and gospel reading in addition.

Cantatas and Carols.

At the First Presbyterian church a cantata, "The First Christmas," was given in the morning. The same cantata was presented at the Dundee Presbyterian church in the afternoon. A choir of 25 voices at the Third Presbyterian church sang the cantata, "The Christmas King," in the evening.

Christmas carols were features of the music. Some of these are melodized by hundreds of years of history and associated with Christianity in medieval times.

The Sunday school lessons were upon the universal theme. Usually, at this time of the year, Sunday schools are rehearsing special music and the little folks are practicing "pieces" to speak and little songs to sing. But this year there is none of that.

The grand Christmas tree celebration usually held on Christmas eve or Christmas night in the churches will be omitted this year in practically all the churches. They are doing this voluntarily at the suggestion of the union of city churches because of the prevailing epidemic and the belief that such gatherings might help to spread it.

Candy and Oranges.

But the time-honored box of candy and orange will be distributed as heretofore. In many of the churches Christmas morning the children will gather long enough to get their candy, orange and whatever other gifts there may be for them. There'll be no gaily decorated and brightly lighted tree, no "pieces" to speak. But it is believed that the candy will make the youngsters forget the rest of the program.

A very few churches will hold their Christmas tree exercises as usual.

In Catholic and Episcopal churches there will be special services at midnight, Christmas eve. A number of Lutheran churches will hold services at 6 or 6:30 o'clock Christmas morning.

Huns Resist Aggression
of Poles on Prussian Soil

Inhabitants Warned They
Will Be Guilty of Treason
if They Participate in
Polish Elections.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The action of the Polish government in ordering that elections be held on what is construed here to be German soil, has stirred the Prussian government to counter action. The inhabitants of the districts involved have been informed by the Prussian ministry of the interior that any participation in the elections may be regarded as high treason and that any acceptance of official mandates from the Poles may be punished under the law regarding impersonation of officials.

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Commanders of American
Fleet Now En Route Home



The returning fleet of United States battleships that will participate in the great review at New York are not expected to arrive until December 26. The fleet has been delayed by severe storms on the Atlantic, and all hope that the

DOOMED MEN
FORCED TO DIG
THEIR GRAVES

Other Prisoners Bury Russians Executed by Bolsheviks; Reval Evacuated by Germans.

Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—German reports say that bolshevik troops are advancing toward the German frontier to join German sympathizers. German armies in Russia still are retiring, leaving in the hands of Minister of War Trotsky all their war material.

The Nishti Dien of Riga says 460 persons recently were arrested by bolshevik authorities in Pskov, 160 miles southwest of Petrograd, on the charge of being counter revolutionaries. The men, condemned to death, according to the newspaper, were compelled to dig their own graves in which, after the execution, they were buried by other prisoners under sentence of many years imprisonment.

Reval, capital of Estonia, situated on the Gulf of Finland, has been evacuated by the Germans, according to a telegram from Berlin. German troops are reported to have been engaged in fighting bolshevik forces. Near Zhitomir, 80 miles southwest of Kiev, the capital of the Ukraine, the Germans captured 15 guns from the bolsheviks.

Spanish Embassy Pillaged.

Stockholm, Dec. 22.—Advices received here from Petrograd say that the Spanish embassy recently was entered by the bolsheviks who pillaged the archives there.

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Will Feed Finland.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Steady progress in the establishment of the popular government in Finland on a comparatively stable basis free from German control has resulted in a decision by the United States and the allies to furnish that country immediately with foodstuffs for civilian relief.

Woman Resuscitated
9½ Hours After Being
Swept to Sea by Surf

Guerneville, Cal., Dec. 22.—Miss Lucile Armstrong, a school teacher, was swept into the ocean yesterday west of this town while photographing the surf. Nine and one-half hours later her apparently lifeless body was found on the beach and brought to Jenner, a nearby village. Headless of assurances that his task was hopeless, a village character known only as "Filipino Joe" succeeded, after several hours' effort, in restoring the young woman to consciousness. Physicians here said Miss Armstrong would recover.

WILSON SHAKES
HANDS OF 1,200
WOUNDED MEN

President Spends Four Hours
in Hospital Visiting American
Survivors of Chateau Thierry Action.

Paris, Dec. 22.—President Wilson today visited the Red Cross hospital at Neuilly, where he shook hands individually and talked with 1,200 badly wounded Americans, for the most part survivors of the Chateau Thierry action. He spent more than four hours in the hospital, visiting every ward and stopping at every bedside. Later he visited the French hospital Val de Grace.

Speaking of his experiences at the American hospital, the president said:

"I went through the American hospital at Neuilly with the greatest interest and the greatest satisfaction. I found the men admirably taken care of and almost without exception in excellent spirits."

"Only a very few of them looked really ill and I think that their mothers and their friends would have been entirely pleased by their surroundings and by the alert look in their eyes and the keen interest they took in everything about them."

"I am sure that they will go back to their loved ones at home with a new feeling of joy, alike in their recovery and in the fine service they have been able to render."

Worn Out by Ordeal.

Going to the American hospital with the expectation of remaining an hour, the president found four hours all too short, as he felt that he could not leave without speaking with every man, and he expressed regret only of his inability to clasp the hand of every American soldier in France.

The president looked tired and worn when the ordeal was finished, for, notwithstanding the cheerfulness of the men and the care they were receiving, there were many affecting cases in the wards.

"When he came to one very badly wounded, the president sat on the edge of the cot for a moment and asked where he was from and how he had been wounded. He admired his war crosses and decorations. Noticing that many of his wounds were in the leg, the president asked:

"Why have we here no men wounded in the upper part of the body?"

"Men who are wounded above the waist are not here; they have gone on," answered the soldier simply.

One Merry Moment.

One of the men the president came to stood proudly erect with medals on his blouse and one arm outstretched in an appeal for restoring its usefulness. He looked suggestively like a traffic policeman on duty.

"I'm glad to see you look so cheerful," said the president.

"You have seen me many times before, Mr. President," responded the soldier. "I used to be a traffic policeman at the Grand Central station. Don't you think I look natural?"

The president laughed softly. It probably was the only merry moment he had in the hospital.

Another strapping fellow gave his name as Private Wilson.

"I am proud to know I have a namesake like you," said the president.

"It is a very honorable name. I only tried to do it proud," responded the soldier.

One soldier had lost both legs by a shell. "I am thankful they (Continued on Page Two, Column Seven.)

Russia's War Casualties

Total 9,150,000 Men
Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—Russia's war casualties total 9,150,000 men, according to a telegram received here today from Petrograd. Of this number 1,700,000 were killed.

The disabled men number 1,450,000, while 3,500,000 other soldiers were wounded. The Russians taken prisoner total 2,500,000.

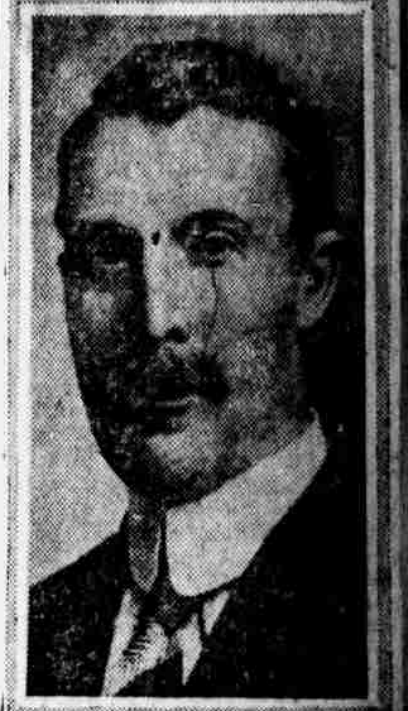
Gaffney After Red Sox.

New York, Dec. 22.—James Gaffney, former owner of the Boston Nationals, has opened negotiations with Harry H. Frazee, owner of the Boston Americans, for the purchase of the latter club, according to a report circulated in base ball circles here tonight.

EXPLORER
TO SURVEY
ARCTIC BY
AIRPLANE

Capt. Robert A. Bartlett Will
Lead Expedition to be
Sent North in June,
by Aero Club.

New York, Dec. 22.—An expedition to be led by Capt. Robert A. Bartlett, noted explorer, will be sent to the polar regions next June to



CAPT. ROBERT A. BARTLETT.

survey the North pole by airplane, according to an announcement here tonight by the Aero club of America. The plan, it was said, was conceived by Rear Admiral Robert A. Peary, discoverer of the North pole.

The purpose of this expedition which, it was said, would be the most completely equipped ever sent out, will be to "explore, survey and photograph the unexplored parts of the Arctic regions and establish the existence or non-existence of land or lands in that region." It is also intended, according to the announcement, "to explore the upper air and the bottom of the polar basin."

Scientific Research Planned.

Results of inestimable value to the United States and to science surely will be obtained from this expedition, said the announcement, which added that the club would raise \$250,000 to finance the trip.

"The North pole has been discovered, but the major part of the work still remains to be done," the announcement states. "Both Admiral Peary and Captain Bartlett want to do a great deal of scientific research in the polar basin, of which over 1,000,000 square miles remain unexplored and they would want to have a laboratory on the ship where the flora and fauna from the ocean bottom will be kept until the return of the expedition. Little or no data has been obtained from the bottom of the Polar basin and no meteorological survey have been made in the polar region."

Will Start Next June. Asserting that "with the co-operation of the leading geographical and (Continued on Page Two, Column Five.)

Former German Kaiser
Reported Seriously Ill;
Ex-Empress Near Death

Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—The Frankfurter Zeitung, a copy of which has been received here, says the former German emperor will hardly live to see the new year. Her ailment, heart disease, has grown considerably worse during the recent exciting weeks. Previously for several months she had suffered from the effects of a stroke of apoplexy.

The condition of the former empress, the newspaper adds, has had a serious effect on her husband, who also is seriously ill. It is feared that his ear trouble will spread to the brain. His nervous condition is bad.

Director of China Mail

Killed in San Francisco

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Anonymous letters threatening the lives of the Chinese directors of the China Mail Steamship company have been received by each member of the directorate, it was revealed today at a meeting of the board following the murder last night of Fong Wing, one of the directors. Fong Wing was shot and fatally wounded as he left his store in Chinatown.

Alexander M. Garland, assistant to the Chinese president of the company, said today he believed the murder would be traced to certain disgruntled stockholders.