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THE WEATHER: Probably snow; not much change in temperature. Hourly Temperatures: 5 a. m. 9 p. m. 6 a. m. 10 a. m. 7 a. m. 11 a. m. 8 a. m. 12 m. 9 a. m. 1 p. m. 10 a. m. 3 p. m. 11 a. m. 5 p. m. 12 m. 6 p. m. 11 a. m. 8 p. m. 12 m. 7 p. m. 12

1918 OMAHA'S BANNER YEAR

GERMANS BEATEN IN FIGHTING AT POSEN

Basel, Dec. 31.—The Poles are masters of Posen, German Poland, according to the Vorwaerts of Berlin. They have disarmed German officers and soldiers, some of whom, the paper adds, were shot after being tried by court-martial. Violent fighting has taken place in the streets between German and Polish soldiers. The Poles are in control of the central postoffice and the telegraph office and have cut communication with Germany. The German authorities in the province urgently demand that troops be sent to their aid. The local soldiers' and workmen's council at Wreschen, east of Posen, and Zloslaw have officially proclaimed their annexation to Poland. The town of Gnesen, 30 miles northeast of Posen, is in the hands of the Poles, according to reports reaching here today.

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Manufacturing Doubles Here in Last Three Years. The following is a list of the ten leading manufacturing lines in Omaha and their growth for the past three years: 1918 1917 1916 Packing \$288,820,787 \$191,718,000 \$149,768,860 Smelter 47,685,724 59,997,165 46,369,279 Butter 20,387,182 11,011,925 10,789,144 Soap 7,686,000 7,400,000 3,407,500 Flour 7,458,135 6,217,319 3,242,905 Printing 4,858,506 4,656,857 4,026,999 Alfalfa products 4,281,000 3,500,000 5,086,000 Crackers 3,800,000 2,504,984 1,241,534 Bags 2,900,000 3,525,000 2,918,000 Cars 2,525,000 2,340,000 2,375,000

Will Keep Faith With Wheat Grower Declares Lever

Washington, Dec. 31.—Chairman Lever of the house agriculture committee announced today, after a conference with Secretary Houston, that legislation to insure the maintenance of the government wheat guarantee price for the 1919 crop was being drafted by the Department of Agriculture and that he would introduce it in congress within a few days. "The government," Mr. Lever said, "will buy all of the 1919 crop and sell it at the world price, whatever that may be." He added that the government might lose a large sum by maintaining the price, but that it was necessary to keep faith with the farmer.

JAMES PROVES ALIBI IN GLYNN MURDER CASE

Police officers testified he waited on them in Millard Cafe Christmas Morning; Wick Discharged. Failure of the two principal witnesses for the state, William Bruce and Mert Anderson, companions of Frank Glynn, on the Christmas morning when the latter was shot to death, to positively identify Alvin Wick and James M. James as the murderers, resulted in the dismissal of the murder charges against the latter in police court Tuesday morning. Bruce and Anderson were with Glynn when he was killed.

Proves Alibi. Three things were proved in the preliminary examination of James M. James, charged jointly with Alvin Wick, with the murder of Frank Glynn Christmas morning. The three things were a perfect alibi, the fact that James was a very busy waiter during the hours when the murder was supposed to have occurred, and also that he did not know how to make a sandwich.

Officers Testify. Scoggins, who has a perfect mastery of the waiters' argot, was satisfied that James was at the restaurant, for they spent some time together "chewin' the fat."

Chewing the fat, what do you mean? asked Judge Britt for enlightenment. "Oh, just throwin' the bull," was the rather cryptic reply. Sergeant Russell and Officer Sinclair of the police force testified James waited on them between 3 and 4 o'clock that morning. Officer Clark also testified James waited on him before 4 o'clock Christmas morning. "How do you know?" he was asked. "Because I called him down for not knowing how to make a sandwich," was the reply. "Was it a poor sandwich?" Judge Bakk interrogated. "Rotten," was the emphatic answer. "Case dismissed," was the finding of Judge Britt.

Fast Fanatic Dies. San Diego, Cal., Dec. 31.—Dr. Harry S. Tanner, aged 91 years, died in this city Saturday at the county hospital, after an illness of nearly a year. Dr. Tanner's practical application of the theory that health and long life depended upon long periods of fastings attracted world-wide attention a number of years ago.

Beneficiary of His Will. The will of the late John C. Cowin provides that \$100 shall be paid to William B. Cowin and \$100 to Edna Cowin-Cuddey, son and daughter of the deceased. All of the residue of the estate was bequeathed unconditionally to Ella L. Cowin, the widow. The will bears date of April 7, 1914. Nothing has yet been filed in probate court to indicate the value of the estate.

General Pershing Names 15,000 Troops for Convoy. Washington, Dec. 31.—General Pershing notified the War department today that additional units with a total strength of approximately 15,000 men had been assigned for early convoy home. They include the 329th and 330th infantry of the 83d division, with more than 50 officers and 3,400 men each, and the 40th regiment, air service, including about 16 aero squadrons.

Carruthers Field Closed. Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 31.—Carruthers field has been ordered closed and all airplanes and aviators there will be transferred to Barron field, which, it was announced here today, will be made a permanent flying station.



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Happy New Year!

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Roumania Doubled in Area by Addition of Transylvania

Bucharest, Dec. 31.—(Havas.)—The mission of the Transylvanian government sent by the national assembly of Roumanian Transylvania to hand to King Ferdinand the pact of union with Roumania, was received in Bucharest with great ceremony. The mission was acclaimed by the populace and was lodged at the royal palace. King Ferdinand received the deputations and declared he was obeying the will of the Roumanian people in accepting the mandate to reign over the region from the Dniester to the Theiss.

VOLUME OF TRADE IN GATE CITY SHOWS WONDERFUL GAINS

Packing House Products Show Gain of About \$100,000,000 While Bank Clearings Gain a Billion Dollars. Manufacturing and Jobbing Both Increase in Spite of War. Grain Receipts More. Year of Omaha Business Set Forth in Big Figures. 1918. 1917. Manufacturing \$427,271,161 \$325,721,546 Jobbing 260,836,940 236,137,067 Real estate transfers 16,293,698 13,452,531 Packing house output 288,820,787 191,718,000 Bank clearings 2,819,665,975 1,873,581,133 Smelter output 47,258,224 59,997,165 Bank deposits 104,742,547 103,049,285 Building permits 3,608,054 7,737,047 Grain receipts (bushels) 91,707,900 66,426,100 Grain shipments (bushels) 75,049,500 57,531,800 LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS. Cattle (head) 1,996,334 1,733,319 Hogs (head) 3,426,353 2,814,283 Sheep (head) 3,386,113 3,033,456 Horses (head) 3,198 32,840

JUBILEE DAY SCHEDULED FOR THIS NEW YEARS

Business Suspend and Citizens to Join in Reunions, Dances and Receptions Planned Over City. A "victory" New Year's observance, following the "victory" Christmas celebration, is scheduled for today. Business houses and public buildings will be closed. Family reunions, church services, New Year's receptions and social functions without number, dinners, teas, receptions and dances, are the "orders of the day."

Germans Try to Palm Off Old Guns, Yanks Too Smart for Them

Coblentz, Dec. 31.—(By Associated Press.)—The old fashioned heavy artillery which is being offered the American army by the Germans will be declined, according to a decision by the allied armistice commission. The armistice commission's instructions to the Americans were that they were not to accept 10-centimeter guns of models prior to 1904, 15-centimeter guns without cylinder record mechanism, 150-millimeter howitzers of models previous to 1902 or 110-millimeter models of date previous to 1910. The armistice commission decided that the reception of material should continue after January 1 and until new instructions were received.

Admiral Sims to Be Head of U. S. Naval War College. Washington, Dec. 31.—Vice Admiral Sims will be assigned to duty as president of the naval war college at Newport, R. I., on completion of his present duty as commander of American naval forces in European waters. Secretary Daniels made this announcement today, adding that the assignment was at the request of Admiral Sims and that the Navy department had asked for double the current appropriation for the war college in order to expand the work there.