

THE WEATHER: Generally fair Sunday and Monday; slightly colder Monday and in west portion Sunday. Hourly Temperatures: 5 a. m. 31.1; 6 a. m. 30.2; 7 a. m. 29.3; 8 a. m. 28.4; 9 a. m. 27.5; 10 a. m. 26.6; 11 a. m. 25.7.

BEER ADVANCES TO \$20 A BARREL.

St. Louis, Jan. 11.—The wholesale price of beer made a new high record today when it went to \$20 a barrel. In March, 1917, it sold at \$7 a barrel and in June, 1918, at \$12 and August, 1918, at \$15. Prohibition of manufacture is given as the cause.

'WILD WEST SHOW' PLANNED FOR TROOPS.

New York, Jan. 11.—The sending of a wild west show to France to entertain the American expeditionary forces is being considered by William P. Larkin, director of the Knights of Columbus' overseas activities, following the offer to finance such entertainment by F. T. Corcoran of Fort Morgan, Colo. According to a statement issued from Mr. Larkin's office today, Mr. Corcoran offered to take abroad 60 cowboys, seven cow girls, 49 Indians, including nine squaws, a few papooses and more than 100 unbroken horses.

CONVICTS TUNNEL WAY TO FREEDOM.

Jackson, Mich., Jan. 11.—Twelve convicts escaped from prison here tonight through a tunnel which they spent months in making and which was carried under the north wall, the outlet being just outside the masonry and timed so that it was opened after dark.

Three of the escaping prisoners were captured by Ralph Mulnix, a guard at a munitions plant across the street from the prison, but the others escaped.

DEADLOCK ENDED BY TOSS OF A COIN.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 11.—By the loss of a coin here today Senator William N. Runyon of Union county was selected as president of the New Jersey senate and Senator Clarence E. Case of Somerset county as majority leader, breaking a deadlock among republicans of the upper house which had continued for seven weeks.

President-designate Runyon will be acting governor in the absence of Governor Edge and upon the latter's induction into the United States senate.

MANY TOWNS ASK FOR WAR SOUVENIRS.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Many towns want captured German cannon and other war souvenirs for use as civic decorations. More than 125 bills to authorize donation of captured field pieces have been introduced in the house and referred to the military committee.

OMAHA HEN IS STAR OF NATIONAL POULTRY SHOW.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—A remarkable hen that laid 308 eggs in a year is a feature of the National Poultry show, which opened today at the stock yards. The hen is the property of John W. Welch of Omaha, Neb. What is said to be the tallest game cock on record, a bird 36 inches high, is another notable entry.

FRENCH NAME STREETS AFTER OMAHA UNIT

Citizens of Letanne Rename Principal Thoroughfares Because of Balloon School Boys.

Omaha and the 12th balloon squadron, trained at Fort Omaha, have been honored by citizens of the village of Letanne, between Beaumont and Sedan, in France, by having the two principal streets in the village renamed "Omaha street" and "Twelfth avenue" in their honor.

This information comes to Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Cohn in a letter from their son, Mayer L. Cohn, familiarly known as "Bud." He is a nephew of Nathan Spiesberger.

Hailed as Saviors. The French civilians hail us as saviors and now that the prisoners are being released and returning to their homes, the scenes are heart-rending. We are proud more than ever to wear the United States uniform. In the village of Letanne between Beaumont and Sedan, the people were so enthusiastic that they renamed the streets in our honor. The main street was changed to 'Omaha street' and one of their avenues to '12th avenue,' after our company," wrote the soldier.

Had to Use Parachute. The young Omaha lad had several narrow escapes and underwent some thrilling experiences. He was observing in a balloon through active engagements and was forced to make use of his parachute several times. On one occasion his balloon was shot to pieces.

The 12th balloon company was cited for bravery under fire for its part in the St. Mihiel drive, Argonne Forest, Argonne and Meuse battles.

No body of men was more enthusiastic over the armistice than our company. If any outfit ever had hardships, faced dangers and real work, it was us, and now that the little fray is over, we are looking forward to our return home," he wrote.

MAN KILLS WIFE AND CHILDREN WITH CLUB

Murders Family Following Quarrel at Breakfast Table; Tries to Take Own Life, But Fails.

Creston, Ia., Jan. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—One of the worst and most brutal murders that has ever been committed in this part of the country, if not in the state, took place this morning at the old Dr. Chapman farm, two miles north of Prescott, Ia., when John R. Hoskins murdered his wife and two stepchildren, a girl and boy, by beating them to death with a club.

The murderer is a son of Wallace Hoskins, president of the Nevinville bank. The murder, apparently, was a premeditated affair, according to the evidence and statement of two members of the family who were not seriously hurt. Miss Irene Hoskins, 15 years old, and Murline Hoskins, 15 years old, in the family, although both injured, were able to make statements to the county attorney and coroner. The murdered Mrs. Hoskins is his second wife, she having two children by her own and he two children by his first wife. Family quarrels have taken place quite frequently from this combination.

Had Domestic Trouble. The family consisted of Gladys Campbell, aged 18 years; Roy Campbell, aged 15 years; Irene Hoskins, aged 15; Murline Hoskins, the youngest of the family, probably 10 or 12 years old; and Mr. Hoskins and his wife. Disturbances have taken place in the family lately and when the children wanted to attend the picture show or go to Greenfield, Ia., their requests had met with a refusal from the father. This morning at 6 o'clock, while the family were gathered at the breakfast table, the family quarrel was renewed because of a planned trip to Greenfield and during the row Mrs. Hoskins left the room while the rest of the family was eating their breakfast to get some lard which was stored on the porch outside.

Hoskins in Frenzy. During her absence, Hoskins, evidently at a sudden fit of insanity, reached out the kitchen door, secured a club which had evidently been placed there for that purpose, and immediately began the wholesale slaughter, knocking the children right and left until all were down and then beat the heads of the two stepchildren into a pulp. His own daughter, Irene, in trying to get out of the door, received a glancing blow on the head which, in all probability, was not intended for her. She succeeded in getting out of the door and ran to a neighbor's house, about 75 yards down the road, and gave the alarm.

Hoskins, after murdering the two children, went out on the porch, where his wife was returning with the lard, and immediately felled her with the club and proceeded to pound her to pieces. The youngest son, Murline, also received a glancing blow on the cheek, which was not of much consequence.

After committing the triple murder Hoskins placed the youngest boy upon a horse and started him away from the house, about 12 miles away, to inform his brother of his act.

When Irene gave the alarm at the neighbors one of the men folks inquired (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

Irish Self-Determination Meeting Takes Place Today. Messages from eminent citizens throughout the state indicate widespread interest in the meeting to be held in Municipal auditorium at 3 p. m. today, under the auspices of The Irish Self-Determination club of Nebraska.

Archbishop J. J. Hartley will preside and Congressman-elect A. W. Jeffers will present Ireland's right to have the American doctrine of self-determination as set forth by President Wilson applied to Ireland. John Rush will act as temporary chairman.

Place De La Concorde in Gay Paree Like Dear Old Fifth Ave. or Washington

"Big Vegetables," as French Call the "Big American Guns," "Hang Out" in Hotel Crillon, Where Everything Is U. S., From 'Phone Girl to Cigar Stand.

By ROBERT WELLES RITCHIE (Staff Correspondent of Universal Service.)

Paris, Jan. 11.—The Parisians have begun to call it "La Place Des Grandes Legumes"—the place of the big vegetables—we Americans denominate it the State department and the official title is the American Commission to Negotiate Peace, No. 4, Place De La Concorde. To tell the truth the French have hit it off pretty aptly for their slang a "big vegetable" is synonymous with "big bug" in Americanese and this building fronting the wonderful vistas of the Concorde and the Seine bridges beyond has veritably become the center of all the American diplomatic who's who these past 10 days. It's a little bit of Washington and a little bit of Fifth avenue, with a dash of national convention flavor—all dropped ready-made into the heart of France.

The first indication of American occupation one sees as he turns the corner of the Rue Royal into the Concorde are the parked automobiles, all trim khaki-colored cars of similar pattern, with the letters U. S. and numerals in white on the doors. Never less than 20 of them, their army chauffeurs on the seats waiting calls. Then at the outer door of the transplanted State department are two sentries, without arms, who stand rigidly at attention and are ready on the instant to give the wide, sweeping salute to everybody wearing a uniform who enters.

More sentries at the door and in a little room off the information desk flanking the approach to the stairway 10 or a dozen men in khaki ready to act on summons as couriers to pilot the visitor to his destination. Once you state your business and show your credentials at the information desk an alert youngster steps forward, with a salute and waves you to the stairs. Just like in Washington. There on the first landing is a directory to the whole building—30 or 40 names you read in the Washington dispatches—Secretary Lansing, Philp Patchen, Ensign William G. McAdoo, jr.; Maj. J. A. O'Brien, Peace Commissioner.

White. All in their offices and with military and naval aides to ride hard on the door. In 15 minutes of an ordinary day you can see many silver eagles and golden oak leaves passing up and down those stairs as you could in the old State department building at Washington.

Telephone in every office—and an American telephone with American girls sitting at the plugs. A Regular Press Room. There's even a very tidy press room for the American correspondents, with typewriters, telephones and mimeographed statements ready at hand. Here the recently arrived newspaper men gather as in a lodge room and in awed whispers swap opinions on how different news gathering in Paris is from Washington. They say there are two tons of documents, reports, special pamphlets bearing on the war and statistics stored in the basement for reference when the peace commissioners finally put their legs under the peace table.

In the Hotel Crillon, a few doors away, the largest and more important of the big vegetables find lodging, about the most important and fastidious lodging Paris has to offer—(Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

STOLEN GOODS FOUND THROUGH HANDCUFFS' KEY

Identification of Stolen Police Property Leads to Arrest of Two Young Men. The identification of a small key to a pair of stolen handcuffs led to the recovery of a large quantity of stolen goods, and the arrest of R. W. Flynn, 243rd Camden avenue, and Jacob Wagner, Norfolk, Neb., each 18 years old. Detectives A. C. Anderson and Rich identified the key when it was found among the effects of Flynn, who was arrested early last night by Police Officer H. J. ... (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

Couple Hurt Severely When Struck by Auto at Corner of Farnam

Mrs. Marie F. Kanef, 2824 Dodge street, widow of Ollie J. Kanef, and C. Dale Marshall, vaudeville entertainer, 2717 Dewey avenue, were seriously injured Saturday night when struck by an automobile driven by A. E. Keeline, 111 South Thirty-ninth street, at Twenty-eighth and Farnam streets. Mrs. Kanef suffered possibly a fracture of the skull and internal injuries. Marshall received serious injuries of the back and abdomen. Both were taken to hospitals. Keeline was not arrested.

Roosevelt's Life Insurance of \$85,000 Paid Promptly

New York, Jan. 11.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt carried \$85,000 life insurance, according to a statement in The Weekly Underwriter, a New York insurance publication, in its issue today. The amount was divided among four companies, which waived proof of death and sent their checks at once in payment.

Delegates on Way. Paris, Jan. 11.—Brazil's delegation to the peace congress is expected to arrive here on January 23, it was announced today. Olyntho M. De-Magalhaes, who will head the delegation, is here, being Brazilian minister to France.

Mask Wearing Compulsory. Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 11.—Compulsory wearing of gauze masks as a precaution against the spread of influenza was ordered today by the city commissioners.



Members of Legislature To Learn of Appointments At First Session Monday

Members Were Asked to Name Choice of Committees Before Adjournment; Ellis Good of Nemaha Being Talked of as Chairman of Ways and Means Committee.

By Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 11.—When the house and senate of the Nebraska legislature meets Monday afternoon, there will be considerable interest on the part of the members to learn how they have fared on committee appointments.

At the adjournment of both houses Thursday afternoon, after the inaugural session of the members went to their respective homes. Those who remained, were the senate and house republican members of the committee on committees. That body has been at work since its creation by the respective caucuses of the legislative bodies and has held numerous sessions.

To Head Ways Body. Ellis Good, Nemaha, veteran member of the legislature, and one of the leading bankers of the state, is talked of as chairman of the house ways and means committee. This committee deals with appropriations and the three men mentioned are from counties in which state normal schools are located.

J. Reid Green, Lancaster; A. J. Jenison Clay, and J. F. Fults, Furnas, are spoken of for the chairmanship of the house judiciary committee. In the senate there is hardly any doubt but that J. F. Cowley will head the judiciary committee. The senate finance committee chairmanship is liable to go to R. F. Neel of Nemaha or Cronin of Holt. Hosteller of Shelton is said to be slated for the chairmanship of the house claims committee, Behrens that of agriculture, roads and bridges, irrigation and insurance to Astell, irrigation to Barbour, engrossed and enrolled bills to McLeod, live stock to Harris, labor to John Lard, of Douglas and education to Gearhart or Snow, fish and game to Cole of Antelope.

Referring to the committee on committees, "it operates like a packed jury," said one member. "Men who are members of this committee and who are desirous of certain chairmanships for themselves, are in a position to force the other members to favorable consideration of their personal ambitions by threat."

Spartacans Quit Fighting After Leader is Killed

Groups at Street Corners Hold Excited Discussions Which Frequently End in Fist Fights. London, Jan. 11.—The Berlin correspondent of the Evening News, telegraphing under Thursday's date, declares that he had heard from a most reliable source that Dr. Liebknecht, the Spartacan leader, had been killed during severe machine gun fighting near the building of the Tageblatt. Liebknecht was reported to have been shot through the head.

Latest advices from Berlin report the complete defeat of the Spartacans. Partisans of Liebknecht, it is reported, have expressed the wish to have shedding of blood stop. Several hundred Spartacans have been killed in the capture and recapture of the Silesian railroad station by government troops, according to late advices received here from Berlin. The street fighting at night was of the most violent nature. Many bodies are lying in the station building.

The fighting in the newspaper quarter lasted for hours. Eighty were killed and many wounded. Under ten Linden is in the hands of government troops. Life in Berlin, aside from fighting ground in the inner part of the city, has been affected only slightly by the events of the week, according to Berlin telegrams received here by way of Amsterdam.

'EMPEROR OF SAHARA' COMES TO TRAGIC END

Eccentric Son of "Sugar King" of France Shot Dead in Home Near Scene of De Saullès Killing.

Westbury, N. Y., Jan. 11.—Jacques Lebaudy, known as "Emperor of the Sahara," was shot and killed by his wife as he entered her home, "Phoenix Lodge," here tonight. Madame Lebaudy, who is popular in the fashionable Long Island colony, fainted after the shooting. News of the tragedy was conveyed to Madame Lebaudy's attorney, by her 18-year-old daughter, Jacqueline, who notified Sheriff Seaman of Nassau county. Sheriff Seaman at once established a guard over Madame Lebaudy.

According to Sheriff Seaman, the eccentric millionaire, who was a son of the late Max Lebaudy, the "sugar king" of France, had been separated from his wife for several months. Eludes Guard at Home.

About a week ago, Sheriff Seaman said, Lebaudy visited Phoenix Lodge and created a scene. Madame Lebaudy then employed a guard at the home, but Lebaudy, returning to Phoenix Lodge at about 6:30 o'clock tonight, eluded the guard and entered the home. His body, pierced by a bullet, was found at the foot of the grand staircase of the house. A black grip lay beside the body.

The Lebaudy home, where the shooting occurred, is within 1,000 feet of "The Box," where Mrs. Bianca De Saullès shot and killed her husband, John Longer De Saullès, August 3, 1917.

Lebaudy, whose escapades had filled columns in New York newspapers, made himself the title of "Emperor of the Sahara," in 1903, shortly after his father had died, leaving him an estate, the value of which was estimated at \$12,000,000.

Plants Colony in Africa. Conceiving the idea of establishing a great maritime city and "kingdom" on the coast of Africa, Lebaudy sailed from France on his yacht "Frasquita," accompanied by three followers. After landing and taking possession of the island, he shore under the title of Jacques I, emperor of the Sahara, he returned to Europe and collected a colony of nearly 500 persons, whom he transported to his "kingdom."

Difficulties with the French, Spanish and Swiss governments followed and Lebaudy hauled down his flag, three bees on a field of purple, and fled to France. A French man-of-war later took some of his colonists who had been left on the African coast.

In 1904 Lebaudy issued a statement from Brussels "renouncing his crown," but a year later it was reported that he sacrificed a payment of 1,000,000 francs due him from a sugar transaction because the check was not made out to "Jacques I, emperor of the Sahara."

Lebaudy came to the United States a short time later, reports at that time stating he had been informed by the government of France that his presence there no longer was acceptable.

Committed to An Asylum. In 1915, shortly after he had lost a \$1,600,000 suit against the Carnegie oil-war trust, which he had employed to dispose of his holdings in France; Lebaudy was confined in the state hospital, at Amityville, escaping one night to be recaptured the next day in the woods near his home. He was released by a court order a few weeks later.

A short time afterward, however, he was arrested on a charge of assault preferred by his wife, and again was committed to an institution. (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

Nebraskan and Four Iowans in List of Prisoners Freed

Washington, Jan. 11.—The following names of Americans who have been released from German prison camps and who have returned to France, were announced today by the War department: Lieut. Charles B. Morgan, Greenville, Tex. Enlisted men: William J. Fleming, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Herman S. Curley, Clarion, Ia.; Glenn S. Becker, Corydon, Ia.; George A. Goeke, Waukon, Ia.; Michael F. Glavin, Overton, Neb.

U. S. Steamer Castalia Still Afloat Last Night. Halifax, Jan. 11.—The American steamer Castalia, which sent out wireless calls for assistance this morning saying that she was sinking, was still afloat at 7:30 o'clock tonight. A wireless message received here said the crew was on board.