

THE WEATHER: Fair Sunday and Monday; temperature above normal for several days. Hourly Temperatures: Hour, Day, Hour, Day.

PROPOSES ROOSEVELT NATIONAL HOLIDAY.

Washington, Jan. 25.—A bill setting aside October 27 as a national holiday to be known as "Roosevelt Day" was introduced today by Representative Bacharach of New Jersey and referred to the house judiciary committee.

RED CROSS SACK OF FLOUR BRINGS \$134.52.

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—A sack of flour sold for \$134.52, John D. McGilvray, potentate of Islam temple, San Francisco, announced today. All proceeds of the sale go to the American Red Cross. Started from San Francisco by Clarence F. Pratt, historian of the temple, the sack has been sold in Honolulu and 15 states since May, 1917.

It is now on its way to San Francisco, where it will be sold again at a large "Victory Ceremonial" to be held by Islam Temple.

PENSION IS VOTED TO MRS. ROOSEVELT.

Washington, Jan. 25.—A bill granting a pension of \$5,000 a year to the widow of Theodore Roosevelt was sent to the White House for the president's approval after being passed today by the house without a record vote. The bill had been unanimously passed by the senate.

MASS MEETING OF UNEMPLOYED "FIZZLES."

New York, Jan. 25.—An advertised "mass meeting of unemployed," in Madison square this afternoon, failed to fan enough enthusiasm to even frighten the pigeons from the rooftops. The meeting was held in the afternoon of the day, in fact, there were more policemen than civilians on hand at the hour announced on hand bills. The police relieved the monotony by kicking in pieces a soap box of mysterious origin and arresting a man who was distributing the hand bills.

AIRPLANE TO FURNISH SECRET SERVICE PROBLEM.

New York, Jan. 25.—(By International Service.)—The airplane as a vehicle for smuggling was discussed today at the Aero club of America. John Burroughs, the naturalist has just remarked, "in a little while aircraft will be as thick in the air as taxicabs on Broadway" and Col. William A. Bishop, the British ace, replied: "Yes, and when they are, there will be a new problem for the customs officials—smuggling. The possibilities for smuggling with airplanes will be practically unlimited, and will entail establishment of a vast new government aerial border patrol service. No tariff wall is so high that an aviator cannot scale it, and the clouds would act as an effective cloak for the air route smuggler."

SECOND MEMBER OF ALLEGED AUTO RUSTLERS HELD

L. C. Jones Arrested by Chief Eberstein on Information Said to Have Been Furnished by McKenna.

With the arrest Saturday afternoon of L. C. Jones by Chief of Police Eberstein, the second of a number of alleged ringleaders in a supposed automobile syndicate is in custody.

Fletcher (Red) Neal, Peru, Neb., garage man, the first arrested, was brought to the Omaha jail Friday night. He is now at liberty under a bond of \$2,000.

Jones' arrest was made by the police chief at the Havens hotel. He is charged with aiding and abetting grand larceny.

Caused by McKenna. Both men are understood to have been arrested as a result of an affidavit signed by William McKenna, arch automobile thief, whom police say has confessed to stealing more than 50 automobiles.

McKenna is said to have been promised immunity if he would turn state's evidence against the alleged higher-ups.

The mystery of McKenna's release from the city jail last December where he was supposed to have been held in default of a \$5,000 bond has not been explained. He was at liberty until last Monday when he was arrested and arraigned in police court on a charge of stealing a machine owned by Frank W. Johnson, president of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass company.

Came From Lodgepole. Jones, the man arrested Saturday, has had a checkered career in Omaha. He came here several years ago from Lodgepole, Neb., and for a short time blazed a glittering trail in the underworld. In a few weeks he spent \$35,000. Later he became a police character.

Police intimated yesterday that the remaining members of the alleged syndicate would be arrested in the next few days.

The cases against Neal and Jones will be heard Friday.

Bolshevik Minister Objects to Meeting Place Proposed

Paris, Jan. 25.—M. Tchitcherine, the bolshevik foreign minister, has sent a wireless message to the soviet representative in Sweden asking confirmation of the decision of the supreme council of the peace conference to send a mission to confer with representatives of different nations in Russia in Princes Islands. M. Tchitcherine's message declares that Princes Islands are too remote for such a meeting.

Bank Reserves Decline

Washington, Jan. 25.—Reserves of the 12 federal reserve banks fell \$2,000,000 in the last week, and members' deposits with the reserve banks also dropped \$70,000,000.

MAKE RUSS PAY DEBTS SAID PLAN OF ALLIES

Recognition of Bolshevism Implied in Invitation to Peace Conference Based on Financial Motive.

By GEORGE W. WICKERSHAM, Former U. S. Attorney General. Special Cable Dispatch. (Copyright 1919, New York Tribune, Inc.)

Paris, Jan. 25.—The decision of what may be called the "executive committee of the peace conference concerning Russia is the most important event that has occurred since President Wilson's arrival in France.

While Premier Clemenceau has united with the president, and other premiers, in approving what has been called "the proposal of President Wilson," the almost undivided sentiment of the French press, as well as certain English newspapers, condemns the recognition of bolshevism implied in the invitation "to every organized group that is now exercising or attempting to exercise political authority or military control anywhere in Siberia or within the boundaries of European Russia as they stood before the war just concluded, except in Finland" to send representatives to Princes Island to meet those of the associated powers, with the view to ascertaining the wishes of Russian people and bringing about some understanding whereby Russia may work out her own purposes and "happy co-operative relations be established between her people and the other peoples of the world."

Why Princes Island should have been selected for the rendezvous is a subject of much speculation.

Credit to Lloyd George. There are on it a few deserted palaces and several shabby hotels. It is accessible only by boat from Constantinople, by which all supplies also must be transported. The plan is characterized in the press as that of President Wilson. Actually the credit belongs to Premier Lloyd George, for it was he who first suggested the bringing of the Russian groups and leaders into a conference with the associated powers. The only change made in the program consists in the substitution of Princes Island for Paris as the meeting place. The official communique is understood to have been drafted by Mr. Wilson. Its language supports that assumption. Not content with the statement of the actual grounds for extending the invitation, the communique elaborates protestations of friendship for the Russian people and the recognition of their right to "direct their own affairs without dictation or direction of any kind from outside."

It goes further; it contains this extraordinary pronouncement: "The associated powers recognize the revolution without reservation and will in no way aid in any circumstance aid or give countenance of any attempt at counter-revolution. It is not their wish or purpose to favor or assist any one of the organized groups, now contending for (Continued on Page Fifteen, Column Five.)

Owe Suffrage Victory in State to Omaha Workers

Local Women Made Personal Investigation of Signatures; Antis May Appeal to the Supreme Court

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 25.—The Nebraska state law giving women partial voting rights, operation of which has been suspended for nearly a year by efforts of anti-suffragists to have the suffrage act submitted to a vote of the people for ratification or rejection, went back into effect today. The law again became effective when Judge L. A. Flansburg in district court here, entered a decree making permanent a temporary injunction enjoining submission of the suffrage act to a referendum vote. Anti-suffragists will appeal the case to the state supreme court, it was announced, but this will not prevent the law being in force.

Nebraska women owe the suffrage victory to three Omaha women, Mrs. H. C. Sumney, Mrs. James Richardson and Mrs. Draper Smith, former state suffrage president.

Naturally it is these three women whose delight at Judge Flansburg's ruling in Lincoln yesterday (Continued on Page Four, Column Two.)

Every Doughboy in France Ordered to Write Postal Home

Washington, Jan. 25.—Failure of relatives and friends at home to hear from many members of the expeditionary forces has led General Pershing to order that every man in the American army in France mail to his nearest relative a postcard giving the present location, state of health and military unit of the writer. General March announced the order today and said special postcards were being supplied for the purpose.

HITCHCOCK WILL NOT CHANGE HIS SUFFRAGE VOTE

Nebraska Senator Replies to Request of Legislature That He Favor It; Declines Flatly to Accede.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Hitchcock, who was asked by the Nebraska legislature to support and vote in the United States senate for women's suffrage, has declined.

His answer was to Dwight Dalbey, speaker of the house. He set forth his reasons, saying it was not right to change the United States constitution to compel states against their will to grant the elective franchise to women.

Text of Letter. In his letter Senator Hitchcock says:

"I acknowledge receipt of the resolution adopted by the Nebraska legislature requesting me to vote for the resolution submitting to the states for their ratification the woman suffrage constitutional amendment. The request, coming from a legislature so recently elected, was entitled to careful and respectful consideration although it called upon me to change my vote, if not my judgment on this important question.

"I need hardly say if I had been able to change my judgment I certainly should have changed my vote. Not being able to change my judgment it seems proper that I should state to the legislature my reasons for the conviction I hold.

Different Problem. "Let me say in the first place that I make no argument against woman suffrage. While in the past I have opposed woman suffrage, the course of political, social and economical developments of recent years has modified by judgment on that issue and when the question is again submitted to the voters in Nebraska I shall certainly not be found in opposition to the change and may be among its active advocates. An entirely different issue is presented, however, when an amendment is (Continued on Page Two, Column Five.)

President Wilson Views Haven Wrought by Huns

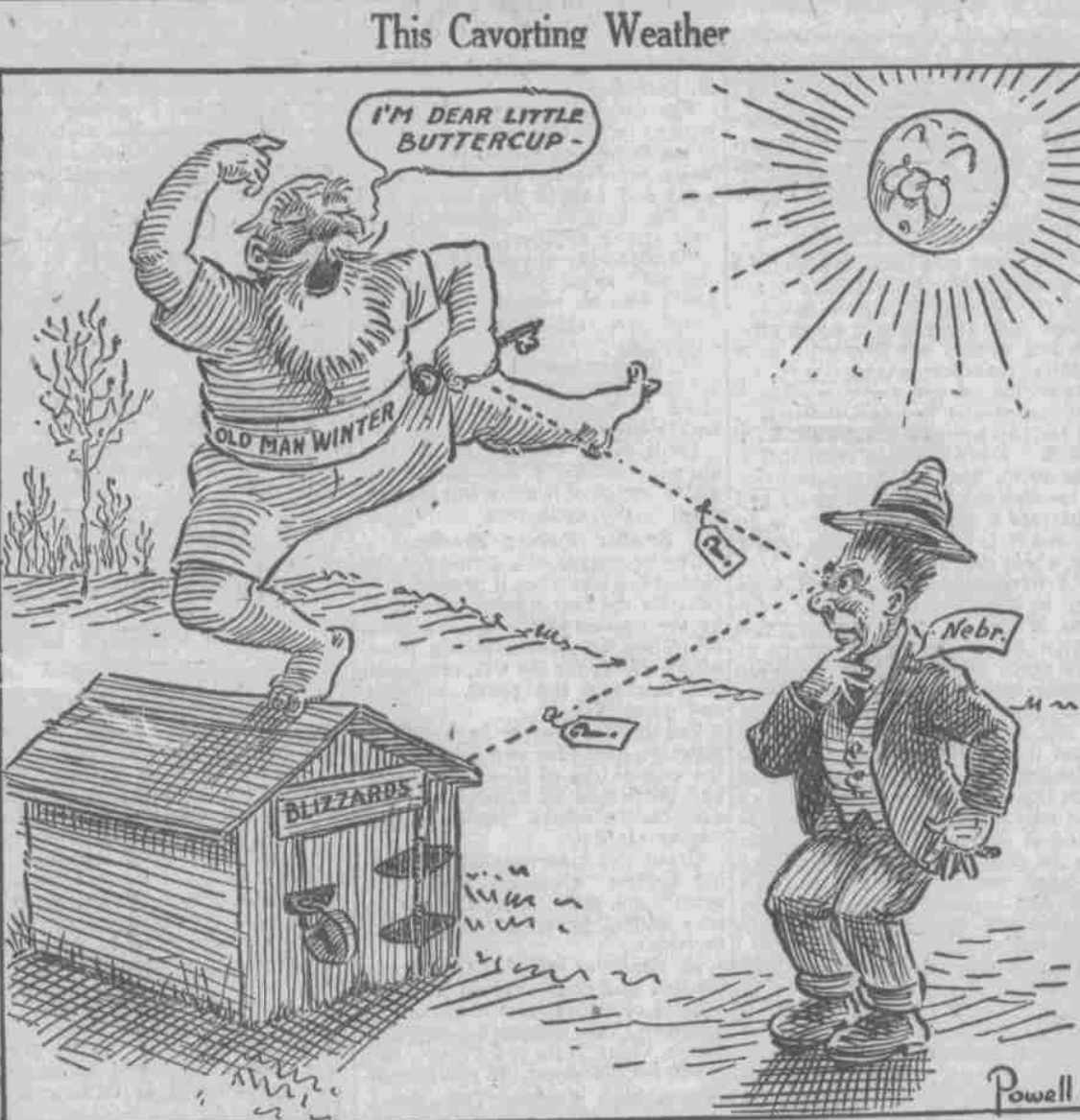
Paris, Jan. 25.—President Wilson on Sunday had his first view of the haven wrought in northern France by the Germans. On that day he will make the first of a series of trips by going to Rheims, from which he will tour the surrounding district in an army motor car.

Lost Some Subs.

London, Jan. 25.—Fifty-nine submarines were lost by the British navy during the war. Of these 39 were destroyed by enemy action. The Germans lost 203 submarines.



Mrs. Draper Smith



Listen to This, Please! The Crusaders at Lincoln Are After "Naughty Theda"

Really, Next to John Barleycorn, What Could Be Worse Than This Vampire Stuff, Argue Would-Be Film Censors, Who Are Strong for Featuring Little Willie, Who Cannot Tell a Lie, as Bill Hart.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 25.—Now that the rum demon has been chased out of Nebraska and old John Barleycorn is seen to be in the way of being a "man without a country," the zealous and enthusiastic men and women of the various organizations who pride themselves on bringing this condition about, are seeking new devils to chase.

At the psychological moment a new devil has appeared. She is seductive and alluring, a regular guy of a she-devil, the queen of "vamps," the apotheosis of sensuous sin, the personification of sinuous, serpentine suggestion; the kind of a she-devil who would make a devilish Turk out of a deacon who had the lack of passion of an anchorite.

And who is this interesting she-devil? Why, our old and greatly admired friend, Theda Bara, who so name has become a household word throughout the length and breadth of the land.

As the high priestess of the cult of home-wrecking love corsairs, Theda has been picked to be the sacrificial goat that will next be immolated on the altar of reform—the successor of the crucified John Barleycorn.

After the "Vamps." Sincere women and zealous men, with the light of the crusaders in their eyes, have invaded the capitol

Many Civilians Enjoy Farewell Dance Given by Army Post Officers

Nearly 2,000 Omahans danced with the officers and soldiers of Fort Omaha at the Municipal auditorium last night. It was a farewell dance and entertainment given by the officers of the army post in recognition of the attentions of Omaha people to the boys at the fort and of the co-operation given the army officials in various important matters.

To the lively tunes of a jazz orchestra, majors, captains, lieutenants and privates stepped lightly over a waxed floor. All were in smiles.

The Auditorium was decorated gayly and refreshments were served. Eleven young pupils of Professor Chambers entertained the crowd in dancing. They were: Martha Doty, 5 years old; Loretta Boroff, Josephine and Norma Mach, Bernice McGimpsey, Martha McAuley, Charlotte Brant, Georgia and Eva Wilson, Ruth Rigdon, and Virginia Brillhart. Miss Agnes Britton was accompanied to the exhibition dances.

The committee in charge consisted of Major Crockett, chairman; Captains Townsend, Wiedemeier, Alexander, Pierce, Goodale, and Wise, and Lieutenants Powell and Harrison. Gus Renee assisted the officers in the decoration of the Auditorium.

Buenos Aires to Ship Russian Reds Away

Buenos Aires, Argentina, Jan. 25.—Fourteen hundred prisoners, charged with Maximalist activities, are on board a cruiser here awaiting deportation, according to secret service operatives. The majority of them are Russian Jews. Some Spaniards are among the number.

SENDS RIOT CALL, PUTS OUT FIRE, GOES TO DANCE

Miss Kane Answering Screams for Help, Saves Life of Mrs. Mary Humphrey in Basement of Home.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Four emergency policemen responded to a riot call at the home of Mrs. Mary Humphrey, 2029 North Twentieth street, Saturday night to find pretty Miss Elizabeth Kane, 19 years old, 2029 North Twentieth street, putting out a threatening blaze in the basement of Mrs. Humphrey's apartment.

Screams for help coming from the basement of the apartment, caused Miss Kane to send a riot call to the police station. She then went into the darkened home to determine the trouble. She found Mrs. Humphrey at the bottom of a basement stairway surrounded by flames. When the police arrived, the fire was out.

"I thought there was a murder when I heard the screams," Miss Kane said.

Several lines of clothes in the basement caught fire from a lighted candle which Mrs. Humphrey had in her hand. She was not injured. Less than one-half hour after the excitement, Miss Kane was on her way to a dance.

Prospect Good for Abundance of Wheat, Opinion of Houston

St. Louis, Jan. 25.—David F. Houston, secretary of agriculture, today in explaining why the government is not urging farmers to plant larger crops of wheat next spring, pointed out that the crops planted in the spring will not be available for the market until next fall, when food conditions will be changed.

"The farmers planted last fall 7,000,000 more acres of wheat than they did at any previous time, and the indications are that the spring plant will be on a very large scale," he said.

"The question is, can the crop be disposed of at the guaranteed price of \$2.26 a bushel on No. 1 winter wheat?"

"The prospects are that the yield will be at least 1,000,000,000 bushels, of which amount about 650,000,000 bushels will be needed at home. Will Europe take the surplus after a season of producing on her own account, and with Australia and Argentina in the market?"

Farm Owners, Attention!

We are receiving hundreds of inquiries from returning soldiers, many of them skilled farmers, others desiring to rent a farm. Now is the time to list your farms for March 1st possession. Some of you have been working short handed. Get the service of these men by using The Bee Help Wanted columns. The cost on these ads is nominal and results more than satisfactory. Don't wait. Send in your "Wants" now, and "Keep Your Eye on The Bee" Improving Every Day.

PEACE CONFERENCE UNITED ON PROJECT TO GUARD WORLD

President Wilson and Colonel House American Members of Committee to Work Out Details; Committee to Fix Responsibility for War and Crimes Committed by Huns Also Proposed.

Paris, Jan. 25.—The peace conference unanimously adopted the league of nations project. President Wilson and Colonel House are the American members of the commission thereon.

A series of resolutions dealing with the creation of a league of nations, inquiries into responsibility for the war and violations of international law and other topics were presented at the session today and were adopted by the conference without change.

The preliminary draft for the creation of a league was given out officially as follows:

Open to All Civilized Nations. "The conference, having considered the proposals for the creation of a league of nations, resolved that:

"It is essential to the maintenance of the world settlement, which the associated nations now are met to establish that a league of nations be created to promote international obligations and to provide safeguards against war. This league should be created as an integral part of the general treaty of peace and should be open to every civilized nation which can be relied on to promote its objects.

"The members of the league should periodically meet in international conference and should have a permanent organization and secretariat to carry on the business of the league in the intervals between the conferences.

"The conference, therefore, appoints a committee representative of the associated governments to work out the details of the constitution and the functions of the league."

Plan To Fix Responsibility. The draft of the resolutions in regard to breaches of the laws of war for presentation to the peace conference reads:

"That a committee composed of two representatives apiece from the five great powers and five representatives to be elected by the other powers be appointed to inquire and report the following:

"First, the responsibility of the authors of the war; second, the facts as to breaches of the laws and customs of war committed by the forces of German empire and their allies on land, sea and in the air during the present war; third, the degree of responsibility for the offenses attaching to particular members of the enemies' forces, including members of the general staffs and other individuals, however high their position, in the application and procedure of a tribunal appropriate to the trial of these offenses; fifth, any other matters cog-

nate or ancillary to the above which may arise in the course of the inquiry and which the commission finds it useful and relevant to take into consideration."

Concerning Reparation. The following draft of a resolution in regard to reparation for presentation to the peace conference was made public today:

"That a commission be appointed which shall comprise not more than three representatives apiece from each of the five great powers and not more than two representatives apiece from Belgium, Greece, Poland, Roumania and Serbia, to examine and report:

"First, on the amount of reparation which the enemy countries ought to pay; second, on what they are capable of paying; and, third, on the method, the form and time within which payment should be made."

To Study Labor Problems. The following draft of a resolution in regard to international legislation on industrial and labor questions for presentation to the peace conference was made public today:

"That a commission composed of two representatives apiece from the five great powers and five representatives to be appointed to inquire and report upon the international regime of ports, waterways and railways."

The draft of another resolution to go before the conference regarding international control of ports, waterways and railways reads:

"That a commission composed of two representatives apiece from the five great powers and five representatives to be appointed to inquire and report upon the international regime of ports, waterways and railways."

Central Object of Meeting. "It is the solemn obligation on our part, therefore, to make permanent arrangements that justice shall be rendered and peace maintained."

"This is the central object of our meeting. Settlements may be temporary, but the action of the nations in the interest of the peace and justice must be permanent. We can set up permanent processes. We may not be able to set up a permanent decision.