

Table with weather forecast: Generally fair Friday; colder in southeast portion; Saturday unsettled. Includes hourly temperature and wind data.

AUSTRIA RELUCTANT TO GIVE UP ART LOOT

Vienna, Feb. 13.—The government of Austria is turning over to the Italians under protest paintings which the Italian government claims were taken from occupied Italian territory by the Austro-Hungarian army.

Some of these paintings were found in the imperial art museum and at Eckartsau castle, where former Emperor Charles is living.

The first lot of 64 paintings is being prepared for shipment to Italy under military escort.

EBERT SUPPORTS LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Berlin, Feb. 13.—(By Universal Service.)—As president of the German republic I shall endeavor to carry out lifetime principles of pacifism and a league of nations.

Dr. Friedrich Ebert made this statement when asked what policy he would pursue in his new office.

BIG FORTUNE AWAITS APPRENTICE SEAMAN

Chicago, Feb. 13.—(By Universal Service.)—Daniel H. Tolman, aged 18, apprentice seaman at Great Lakes Naval Training station, was granted a 20-day furlough today on request of the surrogate court of New York that he might be present at court proceedings in connection with an estate reputed to be worth \$65,000,000 bequeathed him by his father, John Henry Tolman, founder of a string of loan brokerage offices throughout the United States.

HABEAS CORPUS WRIT DISMISSED IN ALIENS' CASE

New York, Feb. 13.—A writ of habeas corpus sworn out in an attempt to prevent deportation of 53 aliens brought here from western cities was dismissed by Federal Judge Knox today.

Judge Knox Holds Petition Failed to Show Any Violation of Rights of Deportees.

The court held that the petition for the writ failed to show any violation of the rights of the deportees. However, in view of the contention of attorneys who claimed to represent the prisoners, that refusal of immigration authorities to give them access to Ellis Island had prevented them from obtaining information necessary to specific allegations, Judge Knox announced that the dismissal was without prejudice.

Hundred in Custody.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 13.—About 100 undesirable aliens in the St. Louis district of the federal immigration office, comprising Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Iowa and Nebraska, are in custody or under surveillance, preparatory to their deportation from the United States, according to James R. Dunn, inspector in charge of immigration here.

Holcomb Resigns His Place on State Board Due to Poor Health

Lincoln, Feb. 13.—Gov. S. R. McKelvie announced this afternoon that Silas A. Holcomb, member of the State Board of Control, had tendered his resignation to take effect May 1. Mr. Holcomb has been in ill health for over three years and for 18 months has been confined to his home. He has been in state service at intervals for 20 years.

Two Women Are Elected to Polish National Assembly

Basel, Feb. 13.—Two national democratic, 38 populist, 13 socialist, eight Jewish and two German members were elected to the Polish assembly. Two women were included in the successful candidates.

Some More O. O. Cases.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Secretary Baker announced today that no discharges in advance of general demobilization were to be expected in the cases of army conscientious objectors whose scruples were recognized as legitimate after examination, but who refused civil employment in the interests of the government or those whose conscientious scruples were held only against participation in the war with Germany.

HUNS WILL DEFEAT ALLIES

MAYOR IN FAVOR OF MERGING UTILITIES

Would Form Gigantic Corporation to Be Owned by City; Gas Plant Will Be Taken Over.

UTILITY OWNERSHIP, MR. HOWELL ASSERTS, WILL CHECK BOLSHEVISM.

Lincoln, Feb. 13.—General Manager R. B. Howell, appearing before the house committee on cities and towns, today to discuss H. R. 450 to provide for voting bonds, at a special election, for a municipal light and power plant in Omaha, appealed for the right of the people of Omaha for self-determination in the matter of owning their own public utilities.

He contended if the people were not rescued from corporate exploitation, the unrest in the country would grow continually greater and there would be bolshevism, but public ownership would bring tranquility.

Asked by Jerry Howard what the attitude of the Chamber of Commerce was toward the electric light company, Mr. Howell said: "The membership is all made up of very fine fellows like Everett Buckingham of the Stock Yards company, who think corporation, eat corporation and sleep corporation."

By a Staff Correspondent.

Lincoln, Feb. 13.—A gigantic corporation with a self-perpetuating board composed of a merger of all of the public utilities of Omaha as they now exist, or are hereafter acquired, is the ambitious plan of Mayor Smith, revealed to the senate committee on municipal affairs by R. B. Howell, manager of the water works, in appearing on senate file No. 129 this afternoon.

New Provision.

New matter in the bill under discussion provides that any vacancy occurring in the board of directors shall be filled by the unexpired term rather than until the next general election, as is now the law.

Insurance For Men.

Mr. Howell also spoke of a provision of the bill which would afford "block insurance" for permanent employees of the water works.

Blizzard Sweeps Nebraska, Extending Far South, Tying Traffic and Snapping Wires

Omaha Hit by Edge of Fifty-Mile Gale That Fills Railroad Cuts Deep With Damp Snow, Causing Almost Complete Train Blockade; Cold Not Severe and Stock Reported Suffering Little.

Omaha was swept last night by the fag end of one of the most unusual blizzards that ever gripped Nebraska. With a temperature of only 23 degrees above zero, snow and sleet covered the city in a blinding gale, while out in the state railway traffic was almost at a standstill and snow was piling in drifts in some places six to ten feet deep.

The storm grew more violent in central Nebraska as the night progressed, and in general covered territory from South Dakota to Oklahoma. All freight traffic was annulled and only a few passenger trains tried to buck the drifts.

Lowest Barometer in Thirty-One Years With the Blizzard

The lowest barometric pressure the Midwest and southwest has experienced in 31 years prevailed last night, accompanied by a 50 mile wind throughout Kansas and Oklahoma, Nebraska and parts of Missouri, it was stated at the local weather bureau. This was accompanied by rain, snow and sleet throughout these states with the temperature gradually dropping.

Fifty-Mile Gale.

A 50-mile gale caused great havoc to wires. Communication west from Omaha was limited to but one or two single strands. Telephone and telegraph poles toppled by the hundred and Uncle Sam's busy line men got the hustle of the year on them to repair the breaks.

Practically all communication to the west was broken except one line to Denver, Colo., and Wyoming points through Osceola, Neb. More than 100 men were sent from Omaha by the Western Union to work on lines west of Fremont, where the damage to telegraph poles and wires was excessive.

Half of Russia Under Control of Bolsheviki

Violent Practices Employed to Maintain Authority Told by Witnesses at Senate Inquiry.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Violent practices of the bolsheviki to maintain themselves in power were recounted today by witnesses at the senate committee's inquiry into lawless agitation in this country.

Russell M. Story of the University of Illinois, recently returned from Russia as Y. M. C. A. worker, said he had received the impression that people in this country have a "very active and honest desire" to know about the bolshevik system.

Hundreds Executed.

Robert Leonard of St. Paul, a former Y. M. C. A. secretary, who was imprisoned for six weeks by the bolsheviki in Russia on an indefinite charge told the committee today that the extraordinary commission for the suppression of counter-revolution ordered the execution of hundreds of political opponents, including many social revolutionaries only a little less radical than themselves.

Lenine and other leaders, he said, were considered sincere, but they could not control bolshevik organizations throughout Russian provinces and many excesses and abuses were committed without knowledge of the principal leaders.

Soviets Not Representative.

Soviets, of communal councils, as first organized under the Kerensky regime, said the witness, were fairly representative, but soon the more educated and conservative members were supplanted by "riffraff" under direction of bolshevik organizations in large cities.

Corn Takes Big Jump on Chicago Board of Trade

Chicago, Feb. 13.—Big upward jumps in the price of corn today carried the market more than 8 cents a bushel in some cases above Tuesday's finish. Transactions were on a large scale.

ALLIES TO COME OUT OF RUSSIA TOGETHER

Withdrawal as Result of Conference Predicted by Hitchcock in Hot Debate on Policy in Senate.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Prediction that the proposed conference at Princes Islands between representatives of the victorious associated nations and the various contending Russian factions would result in an agreement for withdrawal from Russia of American and allied troops was made in the senate today by Senator Hitchcock, chairman of the foreign relations committee, during another spirited debate on the American policy towards Russia.

Senator Hitchcock said he believed all the foreign expeditions in Russia would "come out together" under an agreement with the Russian representatives, which would prevent "butchery of troops left in Russia which have been friendly to the allies."

Resolution Sent to Calendar.

Discussion of the Russian situation was opened by Senator Johnson of California, republican, who asked for immediate action on his request, which would put the senate on record as favoring withdrawal of the American Russian expedition as soon as practicable.

Policy Denounced as Criminal.

In asking immediate consideration of his resolution Senator Johnson made another impassioned attack on the policy of American intervention in Russia, denouncing it as "unusual, vicious and criminal."

Proud of His Fighters.

"I am proud of my men," said Colonel Hayward, "there isn't a braver or a cleaner lot of soldiers in the United States army or any other army than the old Fifteenth regiment of the New York National Guard."

Democrats Decide Upon Regular Night Sessions of Senate

Washington, Feb. 13.—In an effort to reach the congested legislative calendar and thus remove the necessity for the early convening of the new congress in extra session, democratic senators decided at a conference tonight to hold night sessions of the senate until congress adjourns sine die March 4.

Six Billion Bill, Passes Last Stage in Congress

Washington, Feb. 13.—The conference report on the \$6,000,000,000 war revenue bill, approved last week by the house, was adopted late today by the senate without a record vote. The measure now goes to the president, who is expected to sign it soon after his return from Europe.

Two Policemen Killed.

Chelsea, Mass., Feb. 13.—Two Boston police officers were shot and killed and a sailor was seriously wounded tonight when the patrolmen attempted to arrest men alleged to have stolen an automobile. The shooting occurred when the men dashed out of a garage on Winthrop avenue.

Council Says Briggs Guilty Without Criminal Intent; Dunn New Detective Chief

Former South Side Officer Charged With "Misconduct" in Office and Probably Will Be Returned There; Wade Charges Dismissed; Danbaum Likely To Be Given Back Place on Force.

What the City Council Did.

Found ex-Chief of Detectives John E. Briggs guilty of "misconduct in office" but that he acted without criminal intent. Left him suspended, recommended that he be reprimanded. Dismissed the charges of "misconduct in office" against suspended Detective L. L. Wade.

Discussed the case of ex-Detective Ben Danbaum whom the council dismissed "for the good of the service" after a trial last Monday and virtually decided to restore him to the force. Police Commissioner Ringer asked that action on this question be postponed for a day or two.

City council yesterday afternoon found ex-Chief of Detectives John Briggs "guilty of misconduct in office" but that he acted without criminal intent.

The council dismissed the charges of misconduct in office, filed against Detective L. L. Wade on February 1, the same time as those filed against Briggs. The vote on both cases was unanimous.

Police Commissioner Ringer would say nothing about the cases but other commissioners stated that Briggs will be transferred to the South Side as captain of police, where he served as captain before Commissioner Ringer made him chief of detectives, seven months ago. A movement to demote him to sergeant failed.

The hearing of Briggs occurred in the council chamber before a large audience. At its close, Attorney Baker for Wade agreed to rest Wade's case on the testimony in the Briggs case.

Keep Hearing Open.

A motion to go into executive session to consider a verdict met with opposition from Commissioner Ringer, who declared "such cases should be settled, in public."

UNEMPLOYED IN UNITED KINGDOM NUMBER MILLION

Labor Leader Tells Commons Country May Be Plunged into Great Industrial Upheaval.

London, Feb. 13.—The debate on industrial unrest was opened in the house of commons today by William Gram, labor member for South Glamorgan, who moved the official labor party amendment in reply to the speech from the throne.

The amendment expresses regret at the absence of any mention in the speech of a definite proposal for dealing with the present causes of industrial unrest and for securing in this connection working hours and conditions of labor that would establish a higher standard of life and social well-being for the people.

The member contended that if the situation created by this unrest was to be remedied the government must go to the root of the matter and nationalize the land, the railways and the mines.

Britain to Demand Indemnity Covering War Cost and Damage

London, Feb. 13.—The British delegates at the peace conference have been indefinitely instructed to claim an indemnity which will include the cost of war as well as the damage actually caused, it was announced in the house of commons today by Andrew Bonar Law, government leader in the commons, in reply to a question.

Man Pardoned by Governor Is Arrested for Perjury

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Ernest Rathbun, confessed sex criminal, pardoned by Governor Harding, has been arrested at Ida Grove on charge of perjury and was given a hearing late today before Judge Kennedy.

Arrest was made at the request of County Attorney Macomber, who claims Rathbun perjured himself in his affidavit to Governor Harding as well as in his trial.

Board Ruling Expected to End Textile Strike

Chicago, Feb. 13.—A decision which is expected to end the strike of eastern textile workers was given tonight by the War Labor board when a temporary working basis of an eight and one-half hour day and five-day week was announced as having been set. It was estimated by labor leaders that at least 90 per cent of the idle employees will resume work Monday.

AMERICAN FORCE OF 500,000 PROPOSED

Authority for Use of This Country's Troops Wherever Necessary in Plans of Society of Nations.

BULLETIN.

Weimar, Friday, Feb. 14.—Friedrich Ebert, the president of Germany, has announced to newspaper men here that the government is arranging the details for complete disarmament and demobilization.

Paris, Feb. 13.—The United States, under the society of nations plan, as it now has been amended, will maintain an army of not less than 500,000 men, which, after authorization of such action by the United States senate, could be used wherever necessary, according to a Havas agency announcement today regarding newly adopted features of the plan.

This provision was agreed upon by the society of nations commission, the agency says, as a solution of the difficulties in the way of the plan arising from the American constitution.

Pledged to Take Up Arms.

The text of the plan for the society of nations as first drawn up by the peace conference commission and altered in some cases at the instance of President Wilson was after-ward amended, it developed today, upon representations by Leon Bourgeois, whose ideas are stated to have been received by the allies.

In one case the plan was amended so as to provide that the nations having membership in the league should pledge themselves to take up arms if necessary for the maintenance of the integrity of their respective territories. In addition to this, it has developed, the commission discarded the idea of virtually making the society of nations a super-state.

Bourgeois Proposal Defeated.

The Bourgeois proposition for an interallied military force to enforce peace was defeated by an overwhelming vote at the hearing of the society of nations commission today.

The French and Czechoslovakia were the only representatives voting in the affirmative.

The final draft consists of 26 articles.

President Wilson personally will read the draft to a plenary meeting of the peace conference tomorrow. The conference will not be asked finally to adopt it at this time.

Japanese Rebuffed.

The Japanese delegation presented an amendment providing that racial discrimination should not be tolerated in immigration laws.

Several delegates urged that this would open such a large question that great delay might ensue, and the matter was dropped without a vote.

Andre Tardieu of the French peace delegation, in an interview today with the American newspaper correspondents, said the society of nations would be formed to protect only the powers represented at the Paris conference now. Neutral and enemy powers would be admitted by one, he added, as they conform to the rules of the society and could be trusted.

Labor Body to Issue Journal Dealing With Industrial Problems

Paris, Feb. 13.—The commission on international labor legislation examined today the articles dealing with the procedure of the proposed international conference body. In this process it reached Article XVII of the draft. This was officially announced.

Twenty Thousand Berlin Store Walkers on Strike

Berlin, Feb. 13.—Twenty thousand store employees in Berlin have gone on strike for higher wages. Leipziger Strasse, where some of the big stores are closed is occupied by troops who are maintaining order. Spartacus are indulging in promiscuous firing in the newspaper quarter.

Can You Tell What Is Love? Watch For Details

Have a Heart! What Is Love? Watch For Details