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THE WEATHER:

Unsettled Thursday, probably light snow; Friday generally fair; continued cold.

Hourly Temperature table with columns for Hour, Temperature, and Day.

"DEVIL DOG" FACES TRIAL FOR DESERTING FROM NAVY

New York, Feb. 26.—An intense desire to see active service in the trenches in preference to life aboard ship resulted in Cornelius Fiske, 18 years old, of New York, who deserted the navy to join the marines shortly after the United States entered the war, returning to this country today a prisoner in the brig of the steamer President Grant.

SPARTACANS BURN DUSSELDORF BALLETS

London, Feb. 26.—After the elections for the town council had been held in Dusseldorf last night, says a Cologne dispatch today, armed Spartacans compelled the surrender of the ballet boxes and made bonfires of the ballots and all elections documents. The Spartacans wound up with a little promiscuous shooting, resulting in several casualties.

AVIATOR FLIES IN GRAND CANYON.

Kingman, Ariz., Feb. 26.—Lieut. Chase V. Rugh of the Gulf-to-the-Pacific aero squadron, yesterday performed the hazardous feat of flying inside the walls of the Grand canyon of Arizona. The day was calm and no dangerous air currents were encountered. He did not observe any emergency landing places in the canyon, he reported.

YELLOWSTONE PARK ENLARGEMENT APPROVED.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Increase by one-third of the size of Yellowstone National park was approved today by the senate public lands committee, which ordered reported the house bill to add 1,265 square miles of forest reserve land in Wyoming.

BOLSHEVIKI TURN CHURCH INTO THEATER.

Warsaw, Feb. 26.—The bolsheviks have turned the famous church of St. John into a theater. Construction of this edifice was begun in 1308.

EDUCATORS SCORE "KID GLOVE" EDUCATION.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—"Kid glove" education of young women in the country's principal girls' colleges was put on the grill today at the opening session of the National Education convention.

GOVERNMENT FINDS WAY TO DONATE TIN HATS.

Hoboken, N. J., Feb. 26.—Eighty-five thousand perfectly good "iron hats," once worn by German soldiers, have been heaped up here and guarded while law experts try to find a way around the technical bar that prevents the United States government from giving them away.

"CONSCOB'S" REFUND \$20,000 PAID TO THEM.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Conscientious objectors have returned to the War department, the Friends Society, the Y. M. C. A. and the Red Cross approximately \$20,000 of the money paid them, the War department announced today.

Decision Deferred as to Continuance of Minimum Hog Price

Washington, Feb. 26.—Decision as to the continuance of the food administration's minimum hog price policy after midnight Friday, expected today by Frank S. Snyder, chief of the meat division, will not be made until President Wilson has determined the question of embargoes affecting neutrals and other countries.

Head of Omaha Schools Addresses N. E. A. Convention

Chicago, Feb. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—J. H. Beveridge, superintendent of the Omaha public schools, delivered one of the most telling addresses of the National Educational association convention to an audience of 6,000 persons at the Auditorium this afternoon.

PRESIDENT TO REMIT EXCESSIVE PENALTIES

Gen. Crowder Says That 5,000 Sentences Imposed on Men of Army Will Be Reviewed by Board.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Major General Crowder, judge advocate general of the army, appearing before the senate military committee today, at a resumption of hearings on the court-martial situation, said that all imprisonment sentences imposed on men of the army during the war and found upon review to be too severe would be mitigated through the president's power of remission.

1,200 Restored to Duty.

Steps toward mitigating the sentences were begun, General Crowder said, prior to the investigation by the senate committee. Practically all of the men sentenced to dishonorable discharge and imprisonment, he said, already have the dishonorable discharge provision revoked.

Few Verdicts Criticized.

Lieut. Col. Alfred E. Clark of the judge advocate general's office, who presided over the hearing before the committee, testified that only a few of the 15,000 or 20,000 court-martial verdicts handed down during the war were criticized as too severe.

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Frisco Feels Temblor.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—A slight earthquake was felt here at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. No damage was reported.

Miss Stone Will Stick to "Dear Darling Billy" to Very Last, She Declares

"He's the First Dark-Haired Man I Ever Liked at All," Says Chicago Actress; Schafer, Held for Grand Larceny, Denies Stories.

By Universal Service.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 26.—The case of William H. Schafer, promoter, charged with grand larceny in connection with the closing of 14 state banks from which \$500,000 is missing, is slated to go before the grand jury tomorrow morning.

Tale of Court Martial Told by Returned Men

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Porter Tries to Raise Water Bill in House

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 26.—Representative Porter of Douglas tried unsuccessfully today to raise H. R. 304 in the house. The bill sought to create water power districts in the state for the development of hydro-electric power.

Sunset Soldiers Withhold Name of High Officer Who Played Into Hands of Germans.

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Unpublished Story.

The 91st division men, distinguished for service, bring back with them a hitherto unpublished tale of a high ranking officer court-martialed for playing into the enemy's hands in the early battle in the Argonne.

Joyful Meeting.

A joyful meeting in the Red Cross canteen was that of Norman Best of San Francisco and Mrs. H. F. Sarman, 557 South 26th street and her daughters.

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Distressed service in our company. He left his platoon into action in fearless fashion until he was shot down.

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Tribute to the high courage of American soldiers in action, together with the pathetic reaction of the shell-shocked nerves of wounded soldiers were gleaned in an interview with Corp. H. B. Dow, former Reno (Nev.), automobile man, wounded in the Argonne October 3, who is on his way home with troops from the Pacific coast.

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"Most of our heavy losses were sustained because the men were too careless of their safety, deliberately walking into machine gun traps."

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Opened Graves of Victims Of Red Terror in Russia Show Horrible Atrocity

Terrible Tale of Murders by Bolsheviki Unfolded in Official Report of Estonian Authorities; Eighty-two Bodies Found With Skulls Battered; Victims Shot On Edge and Rolled Into Hole in Ground.

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DRAFT OF COVENANT DEFENDED BY WILSON

Says Chaos Will Overwhelm Europe if Plan Is Rejected; Fails to Change Views of Opponents.

Washington, Feb. 26.—President Wilson told members of the congressional republican relations committee tonight that unless the United States entered the league of nations the league would fall and chaos and turmoil beyond description would result in Europe.

Free Discussion Sanctioned.

The president, after making an opening explanatory statement, answered all questions freely and specifically emphasized that his guests were free to discuss the conference and all its information with newspaper men or others.

Monroe Doctrine Guaranteed.

President Wilson denied that the league plan would interfere with the Monroe doctrine, declaring that the doctrine would be guaranteed by all the member powers in the world society.

Believed Boy Innocent.

Governor Harding was quoted as saying: "The transcript of the evidence contained so many conflicting statements, that with my knowledge of state agents' methods, I believed the boy innocent."

Disarmament Section Misconstrued.

Chairman Hitchcock of the senate committee said the president held that decision of the league's executive council on disarmament would not be binding, until specifically approved by each signatory nation, and that consequently the American congress would have the opportunity to pass on the appointment of armament for every nation concerned.

Concerning the clause giving the right to the league to consider acts devastating world peace, President Wilson said that the clause was indefinite and would be made more clear by writing in a safeguard which would require that the council should be unanimous.

It was also said the president informed the senators and representatives that the disarmament provision would not interfere with the military training of men, but that it was evident that a trained body of men would not be a danger to world peace if their armament supplies were kept in check.

Mr. Wilson said the provision for enforcing the determination of the council in case it was disobeyed by any nation would apply in only one case and that where the party (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)