

THE WEATHER: Fair Saturday and probably Sunday; continued mild temperature. Hourly Temperatures: 5 a. m. 36, 6 a. m. 36, 7 a. m. 36, 8 a. m. 36, 9 a. m. 36, 10 a. m. 36, 11 a. m. 37, 12 noon 37, 1 p. m. 38, 2 p. m. 38, 3 p. m. 38, 4 p. m. 38, 5 p. m. 38, 6 p. m. 38, 7 p. m. 38, 8 p. m. 38, 9 p. m. 38, 10 p. m. 38, 11 p. m. 38, 12 noon 38.

NOXIOUS ALCOHOL KILLS 68

37 DEATHS IN ONE VICINITY CHRISTMAS

Twenty-Three Succumb in Chicopee, Ten in Hartford, Four in Holyoke and Four in Chicago From Poison Drink. MANY OTHERS SICK AND NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE. Police and State Authorities Begin Investigations—Six Already Under Arrest in New England Cities.

DEATH LIST. 23 dead in Chicopee, Mass. 10 dead in Hartford, Conn. 4 dead in Holyoke. 4 dead in Chicago. Many others reported dying. A report from New York says 27 deaths resulted from drinking wood alcohol between November 1 and December 20.

Chicopee, Mass., Dec. 26.—Thirty-four deaths here resulted tonight from the drinking of liquor bought in Hartford, Conn., and drunk in this city, police say. Yesterday, last night and today 22 men and one woman died in Chicopee, 10 men in Hartford and four in Holyoke.

Police investigations indicated that the liquor, which was sent to Chicopee in a box, contained wood alcohol. Parts of it was sold at a bar in Hartford, part was bought at that place by persons who carried it away and part was sent to a hotel in Chicopee Falls. State and federal authorities in Massachusetts and Connecticut were aiding the police of Chicopee, Hartford, Holyoke and Springfield tonight in their efforts to determine responsibility for the deaths.

Two men were arrested by the Chicopee police and are being held pending a hearing. They are Charles Perry, brother of Alex. Perry, proprietor of the American house, Chicopee, and William A. Baker, a bartender.

Proprietor Not Held. The Chicopee police announced that Alex. Perry, proprietor of the American house in Chicopee Falls, had left the city and a search for him had not revealed his whereabouts. Charles Perry was released tonight on \$10,000 bond pending the outcome of the autopsy.

The police and physicians believe there are many more ill as a result of drinking the liquor and have not yet been reported, as the police declared considerable of the liquor was sold in this section.

At least one medical examiner, Fletcher, would not state positively that the deaths were due to wood alcohol, it was stated at the hospitals that the cases no doubt were due to this form of alcohol. The victims were affected similarly, most of them becoming paralyzed.

Some form of liquor was causing the deaths, all saloons in the valley were ordered to sell no more of it. The American house in Chicopee Falls was closed and a special squad of police detailed to keep guard.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Four men were dead here from drinking wood alcohol as a substitute for whisky on Christmas day, according to the police. 27 Deaths Reported. New York, Dec. 26.—Twenty-seven deaths from drinking wood alcohol and several cases of poisoning have occurred in Manhattan between November 1 and December 20, according to official figures made available by Dr. Medical Examiner Charles Norris. Dr. Norris declared that in his opinion these figures did not nearly represent the full toll in death and sickness due to taking the poison as a beverage, as he believed that many deaths and illnesses reported as due to apoplexy, acute abdominal trouble and other causes were really caused by drinking wood alcohol concoctions.

Venezelos in Paris. Paris, Dec. 26.—(Havas).—Premier Venezelos of Greece has arrived in Paris.

Slain Man's Young Widow And Closest Male Friend Detained in Murder Case

Safety Deposit Vault Containing Dead Michigan Man's Securities Opened and Found to Be \$12,000 Short of Amount He Is Supposed to Have Owned—Widow Denies Stories of Estrangement—Jealousy Thought Motive of Crime.

Mount Clemens, Mich., Dec. 26.—County authorities, investigating the killing last Wednesday of J. Stanley Brown, son of a millionaire Detroit manufacturer, have detained as material witnesses Mrs. Ruth Prevost Brown, the slain man's young widow, and Lloyd Prevost, her cousin.

Mrs. Brown and Prevost, the latter of whom was regarded as one of Brown's closest friends, were questioned again by Prosecutor Lynn Johnston and Sheriff William C. Wells. Decision to hold them as witnesses was reached after three hours devoted to interrogating Prevost.

A safety deposit vault containing Brown's papers was opened and found to contain securities worth \$16,000. This, according to William J. Kelly, an attorney who acted as financial adviser for Brown, is \$12,000 short of the amount of securities his client was understood to have possessed.

Brown frequently carried large sums of money and securities on his person. The authorities, however, scout the theory that robbery was the motive for his slaying. Sheriff Caldwell declared he was convinced that jealousy was the cause. He said he believed a man and a woman accompanied Brown on the automobile trip, which ended in his death on a country road four miles from here, and pointed to the fact that four bullets had been fired into the young man's neck from behind, "so close," the sheriff added, "that there was no chance of missing."

The sheriff expressed the conviction that the shooting was done by a man angered because he believed Brown was attentive to a young woman in whom he, himself, was interested. Stories of an estrangement between Brown and his wife were denied by Mrs. Brown, who said that he had given her \$50 as a Christmas gift Tuesday.

Late Friday night a farmer living near the place where Brown's body was found gave the authorities a statement to the effect that late Tuesday night he saw Brown's machine driving slowly along the lonely road. In the front seat was Brown, the farmer declared, and in the rear seat were two persons, one of whom he believed was a woman.

Both Mrs. Brown and Prevost denied they had been with Brown later than 9:30 Tuesday night, when Prevost claims he left him in Mount Clemens.

U. S. AND JAPAN IN AGREEMENT OVER SIBERIA

Common Ground on Which to Base Joint Action Is Reported Reached.

Vladivostok, Dec. 26.—A common ground on which to base joint action in Siberia has been reached by the United States and Japan, according to an announcement given out here by the Japanese official publicity bureau.

The announcement said: "Genuine satisfaction is expressed in influential quarters that a common ground has been reached by Japan and America for basing joint action in Siberia. This is particularly pleasing to those who have observed with regret that Siberian policies of the two countries at times seemed to follow divergent courses."

The announcement was contained in a summary given to the Russian press in the Japanese view of the situation in Siberia. This was dated "Tokio, Dec. 2," and included a review of the policies of Japan and the United States since joint action was instituted here.

Continue New Case Until Next Monday; Depositions Made

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.—The case of Harry New, accused of the murder here last July of Miss Freda Lesser, was continued until Monday at the request of the district attorney, who said he was ill. The morning session was devoted to reading depositions from persons who knew the defendant in childhood, all bearing on his sanity. When the trial is resumed Monday, the defense, it was said, would call witnesses to testify along the same line. Among these it was said, would be George Gallagher, county jailer and several others who are attacked at the jail, as well as some prisoners at the jail.

Three Burn to Death When Kerosene Used To Rekindle a Fire

Anthony, Ia., Dec. 26.—Using gasoline to rekindle a smoldering fire in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Bolles, farmers, three miles south of Anthony, Christmas night, resulted in the death of three members of the family. The dead: Ruby Bolles, 15. Opal Bolles, 4. Willie Bolles, 3.

Mrs. Bolles is seriously burned and may not recover. It was after the Christmas dinner that the fire was allowed to burn too low. Ruby went to rekindle it. She thought to get kerosene but got gasoline instead. An explosion and fire resulted.

Chamber of Commerce Backs Up Business Men

Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 26.—The Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, in a letter sent to William M. Wood, president of the American Wool company, says it has found "nothing to warrant" its recent charges that some merchants in this city were charging excessive prices for necessities.

Reduce Duty on Autos. Paris, Dec. 26.—The duty on automobiles and automobile parts has been reduced from 70 per cent ad valorem to 45 per cent and it is announced that a further reduction is possible.

NAVY HEAD WILL REVISE AWARD LIST

Daniels Takes Action Following Refusal of Two More Officers to Accept Medals for Valor He Recommended.

ADMIRAL AND CAPTAIN LATEST RECALCITRANTS

"Number of Cases Requiring Further Examination," Secretary Says in Ordering Board to Reconvene Jan. 5.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Secretary Daniels tonight ordered the Navy department's board of awards reconvened Monday, January 5, to revise the recent recommendations as to naval awards, which have been the source of a controversy brought to a head a few days ago by declining of Admiral Sims to accept the distinguished service medal, while the awards remained as at present.

The order to reconvene the board was made public tonight following receipt of reports from Newport, R. I., that Vice Admiral Hilary P. Jones and Capt. Raymond D. Hasbrouck had followed Admiral Sims in refusing to accept the medals bestowed on them, disagreeing with the policy determining the officers to be rewarded for services during the war. Secretary Daniels, it was said, had received no information as to the declaration of Captain Hasbrouck or the reported declaration of Admiral Jones.

Further Examination Required. The secretary's order to reconvene the board addressed to Rear Admiral A. M. Knight, chairman, follows: "While approving in the main the recommendations of the board of awards, my examination into the subject has convinced me that there are a number of cases requiring further examination and there have been additional recommendations since your board adjourned which require examination by a board of officers."

"I felt in going over the list that the board had been too liberal, particularly as regarded officers whose duty during the war was mainly on shore. I felt that reports, some of which had not come to your board, particularly as to men who had served and suffered in the war zone, justified additional awards."

All Lists Tentative. "No official approval of my list has been made. All lists published were tentative. Last week I ordered changes made in the list as printed awarding the distinguished service medal, among others, to Admiral Knight, Caperton, and Vice Admiral Jones. I had also decided that like awards should be given to certain other officers, who had rendered long and arduous service on convoys and other service afloat in the war zone."

I feel that nothing should be left undone as far as it is humanly possible to insure that the awards shall be made without the possible suggestion of injustice or discrimination against any person in the naval service and I have therefore decided to reconvene the board of awards to reconsider the whole subject in the light of the additional information recently sent to the bureau of navigation and such other information as any person in the naval service may wish to lay before the board."

The board will therefore meet in Washington on Monday, January 5, 1921.

Hasbrouck Confirms Report. Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—Capt. Raymond Hasbrouck, commander of the battleship Minnesota, tonight confirmed the report that he had declined to accept the navy cross awarded him by the Navy department. He said he "thoroughly concurred" in the views of Rear Admiral Sims contained in his recent letter to Secretary of the Navy Daniels that no special award should be given to officers whose ships were successfully attacked by German submarines, though no special blame should be attached to commanding officers for their failure.

Two Aged Enemy Generals in Civil War Die Same Day

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 26.—Gen. David L. Stanton, aged 89 years, a famous commander of union forces in the civil war, died today. He came from a long line of fighting stock. His grandfather, Elijah Stanton, was a colonel in the 1st Regiment, and his father, John Stanton, was a colonel in the 1st Regiment. He was a general for gallantry in the battle of Five Forks, Va. He was for many years a conspicuous figure at all grand army reunions. He is survived by his widow, two sons and two daughters.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 26.—Brig. Gen. William Rufus Cox, one of the ranking officers of the Confederate army, is dead, aged 78 years. General Cox was credited as having been the last Confederate officer to cease fighting at Appomattox court house, prolonging the fighting for some time after General Lee had surrendered.

After the close of the war General Cox became prominent in politics in North Carolina. He served several terms in congress.

"All Nebraska" Reception Given Gen. Pershing; Pays Honor to Women in Address

Representative Hall Smothered in National Decorations to Welcome Hero of Nation—Governor and Mrs. McKelvie With Mayors of Nebraska Cities And Their Wives Head Reception Line—Committee Present to Represent Omaha.

Lincoln, Dec. 26.—(Special Telegram).—An "all-Nebraska" reception to Gen. John J. Pershing was held tonight at the state capitol, attended by a large crowd of Lincoln people and many visitors from over the state. It was to give the public generally an opportunity not afforded at the more exclusive functions to meet General Pershing. Friends of many years' standing were present. Earlier in the day General Pershing was the honor guest at a luncheon tendered by a merchants' club. There were no speeches tonight and the reception was marked by informality.

McKelvie Heads Line. An hour before the time set for the opening of the doors to Representative hall, hundreds of people were crowding the corridors to greet General Pershing. Decorated with national colors and so profusely that the grim walls and standing pairs of wood holding up the old building were hidden from sight, while every part of the second floor was covered with flags and other national colors.

General Pershing, accompanied by his sisters, Mrs. D. M. Butler and Miss Mac Pershing, and his son Warren, with members of the reception committee and Governor McKelvie, arrived at the reception hall about 8:30 a. m. He was escorted by Adjutant General Paul, while next in line were Governor and Mrs. McKelvie, General Pershing, Mrs. Butler, Miss Pershing, Mayor Miller and wife, Colonel Paddock, Mrs. H. J. Paul, Chancellor and Mrs. Avery. In the line of Omaha, Mayor Wray and wife of York, Mayor Davidson and wife of Holdrege, and Mayor Mills and wife of McCook.

Members of the board of governors of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben attended the reception of General Pershing held at the state house in Lincoln last night. Everett Buckingham, John W. Gamble, Arthur T. Guion, William Owen, W. R. Wood, Randall K. Brown, Gould Dietz and J. Davis were included in the party which left for Lincoln in the afternoon.

A reception committee composed of H. H. Baldridge, Col. J. W. S. West and Mayor Smith will go to Lincoln today to confer with General Pershing relative to plans for his visit here, January 8. Members of the committee said that the general's wishes would determine the nature of his reception here.

Omaha Sends Committee. Members of the board of governors of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben attended the reception of General Pershing held at the state house in Lincoln last night.

Supreme Court Upholds Siman Language Law

Holds Statute Just Measure To Protect American Citizenship.

Lincoln, Dec. 26.—(Special Telegram).—Neither the constitution of the state, nor the 14th amendment takes away the power of the state to enact a law that may fairly be said to protect the lives, liberty and property of its citizens, and to promote their health, morals, education and good order," holds the state supreme court in an opinion Friday morning involving the constitutionality of the so-called Siman language law passed by the last legislature and in which the federal district of Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri and other churches brought suit in the Douglas circuit court to test its constitutionality.

"If the state may compel a solvent bank to help pay the losses sustained by depositors in insolvent banks, if it may enact workmen's compensation laws in order that the workmen shall have no strained relations with his employer, nor become embittered toward society because, though an industry has crippled him, he is paid him nothing, if it is aiming to make better citizens by diminishing the chances of pauperism, are sustained; if it is competent for the state to protect the minor from impoverishing himself by contract—it surely is not arbitrary or oppressive to insist that the fundamental basis of the education of its citizens should be a knowledge of the language, history and nature of the government of the United States, and to prohibit anything which may interfere with such an education. Laws, the purpose of which are to respect to foreign language speaking children, to give them such training that they may know and understand their privileges, duties, powers and responsibilities as American citizens, which seek to prevent a foreign language from being used as the medium of instruction in other branches, and as basis of their education, are certainly conducive to the public good."

Supreme Council Lays Plans to Put Treaty Into Effect

Paris, Dec. 26.—Conferences will begin here early next week between allied and German delegates on measures preparatory to putting the peace treaty into effect, it was announced today. The signing of the treaty was found in the presence of the president of the General Council, a member of the French delegation.

Would Charge Murder Against City Clerk Who Killed Editor

Gallatin, Mo., Dec. 26.—A verdict recommending that a charge of first degree murder be placed against Hugh T. Tarwater, city clerk, in connection with the shooting of Wesley L. Robertson, editor of the Gallatin Democrat, last Tuesday, was returned by a coroner's jury. Tarwater is being held in jail at St. Joseph, Mo., but will be brought here early next week for arraignment.

RAILROADS' MACHINISTS MAY STRIKE

Will Not Submit to Enactment of Cummins Railroad Measure With Drastic Anti-Strike Clause Provision.

CONGRESS IS WARNED AGAINST PASSING BILL

Heads of All Brotherhoods to Meet in Washington Monday To Define Precisely Position On Pending Legislation.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Organized railway machinists, through their president, served notice on congress today that they would not submit to enactment of the Cummins railroad bill, with its drastic anti-strike provision.

Voting more than a month ago, 98 per cent of the 125,000 members of the union favored an immediate walkout in event of the bill's passage by both houses of congress, but the result was not made known through fear that the brotherhoods might appear in the light of attempting to coerce the lawmaking branch of the government.

The machinists, according to William H. Johnston, president of the International association, are the only railway employees who have taken a strike vote, but the heads of all the brotherhoods, 14 in all, have been summoned to meet here Monday to consider pending railway legislation and define precisely their position on the clause in the Cummins bill, which would prevent strikes and put strikers in jail.

Gompers Issues Call. The call for the conference was issued by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, but Mr. Gompers and other leaders refused to discuss probable action by the brotherhood leaders. President Wilson's Christmas Eve announcement that the roads would be handed back to their owners March 1, was a distinct disappointment to the brotherhoods, who had been pleading for a two-year extension of government control. They agreed, however, that if the roads were to go back it was a good thing to let it be known.

There was no meeting of house and senate conferees who have been assigned the stupendous job of trying to frame a new railroad bill out of the Esch and Cummins road bills. This work, however, will begin next week, in the hope of final enactment of railroad legislation some time in the next two months.

Main Point of Difference. The anti-strike section is known to be the main point of difference between the two bills. The Esch bill passed by the senate, house leaders frankly expressed doubt today whether the house would accept it. At all events senators and representatives alike are anxious to hear from the brotherhood meeting Monday, without indicating change in their own positions by reason of any declaration of principles from organized employees of the roads. So far as the conferees are concerned the labor section will not be considered until they have reached an agreement on all other disputed questions.

Must Use Strength. Cleveland, O., Dec. 26.—Representatives of three big railway brotherhoods, with headquarters in Cleveland, will be represented Monday at two meetings of the railway union officials in Washington, one to consider pending railway legislation, the other to arrange for co-operation in obtaining wage increases.

The return of the roads to their owners in March does not lead the brotherhood's chiefs to fear their demands for increased wages will be neglected, they said.

Timothy Shea, acting president of the Brotherhood Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, said the brotherhood representatives would insist that the roads be returned without any restrictions being placed upon employees.

The employees, Mr. Shea said, must be permitted to use their economic strength to oppose injustice just as they were permitted to before the government assumed control of the railroads. This does not mean, Mr. Shea said, that they wished to become involved in a strike, but that they must be permitted to retain their rights as citizens.

Melting Snow From Alps Threatens German Towns

Geneva, Dec. 26.—Melting snow from the lower Alps has swollen the Rhine river to 12 feet above normal, threatening lower Basle and towns along the German shore. Floating trees are doing damage. Tramway service in Basle has been reduced one-half. Serious floods are reported from Alsace. Heavy snows are continuing in eastern Switzerland, a fresh fall of 26 inches being reported from Dalos and St. Moritz. Many trains are stalled.

SOCIETY'S MYSTERY MAN IS CRITICALLY ILL. New York, Dec. 26.—Jean St. Cyr, known as "Society's Man of Mystery," is critically ill at a sanatorium where he was operated upon Saturday after suffering an attack of gangrenous appendicitis.

St. Cyr inherited a large fortune upon the death of his wife, who was Mrs. Caroline P. Redfield, a rich widow of Hartford, Conn. He remarried in 1915, this time secretly, his bride being Mrs. James Henry Smith, widow of "Silent" Smith.

"SHOOT FROM THE HIP" ON NEW YEAR'S EVE. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 26.—San Francisco is going to "shoot from the hip" on New Year's eve. Dealers reported the sale of more than 5,000 flasks during the holiday season to date. The only inference one dealer said, is that convivial San Franciscans are not going to weigh themselves down with heavy bottles from the home stock on the last night of the year, but are going to "wear" the flasks, most of which are finished in the silver scroll design.

"About a pint" was the way most orders for the flasks were qualified. CHRISTMAS TREE PROFITERS LOSE. New York, Dec. 26.—Speculators in Christmas trees were hard hit in New York this year and today dealers who had hoped for big profits fished truck men to cart many remaining firs to the bay. Others were turned over to janitors to help heat apartments.

Large shipments of Christmas trees were brought in two weeks ago and were priced from \$6 to \$10 each. No stampede of customers was observed, however, and a week later very fine specimens could be obtained for \$2 to \$4. Tuesday night trees were selling for 35 cents to \$1 and on Christmas eve there were many piles in various parts of the city over which were signs reading: "Please take one."

USED OILED PAPER IN LIEU OF GLASS. Valenciennes, France, Dec. 26.—Millions of yards of oiled paper are being used in France as a substitute for window glass, which has been scarce in many departments, wiped out during the war, are being rebuilt.

The "transparency" is composed of two sheets of oiled paper stretched between the window casings and reinforced by a widely-spaced network of strings.

POLICE MIGHT HAVE GOT "FRISCO PETE" IF— The Council Bluffs police just missed recapturing "Frisco Pete" Thursday afternoon, but the Bluffs police department wouldn't have missed if the men had been given even a half decent chance.

At 2:35 o'clock a frantic ring of the phone aroused Desk Sergeant Ollie Arnold. The message was laconic, but sizzling with energy. "Frisco Pete and Frank C. Neil just crossed the bridge. Get 'em quick!" Then the phone was hung up. Sergeant Arnold sent Emergency Officer Barritt and a plain clothes man flying toward the bridge. They got there in record time, but they were badly handicapped.

Never having seen either of the men the Bluffs officers were unable to pick Pete and Frank from those persons crossing the bridge at the moment and neither of the men wanted was generous enough to step forward and identify himself.

QUAKER CEREMONY AT RADICAL'S WEDDING. Boston, Dec. 26.—Miss Mary Peabody, a Radcliffe graduate, recently suspended from the teaching staff of the Cambridge schools because her name appeared in a list seized in a recent raid by officers seeking evidence of radical activities, was married to Leslie Hotson, a jurist at Harvard.

The Quaker ceremony was used at the marriage, which took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Anna May Peabody.

Mr. Hotson's parents, formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y., are Cambridge relatives of the bride, and more than 25 friends of the couple attended the wedding. They assembled in the parlor of the Peabody residence and set in silence, concentrating their minds on "beatific" words. After a few moments the bride and bridegroom stood up and the bridegroom took the hand of the bride and announced that he desired to have her for his wife. She then stated that she wished to have him for husband. A paper was handed to the bride, and they affixed their signatures. All those present attested the signatures and the ceremony was completed.

"ALIMONY CLUB" REDUCED TO THREE. New York, Dec. 26.—There were just three members of the Alimony club left in the Ludlow street jail on Christmas.

All the rest, and there were 33 yesterday, wilted at the last moment, paid up the back alimony and were given freedom outside by County Sheriff Knott.

But the three grim men refused to pay up and so will have to stay in jail until three months are completed. After that they are alimony-absolved.

Wives or no wives the three—an actor, a minister and a doctor—had a merry Christmas dinner and ate none the less heartily at the thought of their spouses alimoniless.

PAYS TO BE BORN ON CUNARD LINER. New York, Dec. 26.—"It pays to be born on a Cunard liner," says Frances Aura Astley who will know when she is old enough to be informed. Frances was born Monday on the Mauretania and when the ship reached here passengers related how the 503 persons in the first cabin made up a purse for her of \$700. Not content with contributing to the fund, F. L. Clingsmith, European agent for the Ford Motor company, presented the new baby with an order for a Ford car, handing the order to Frances' happy father, William F. Astley. The latter decided to raffie the driver and thereby he gained \$1,301 which he added to the other dot for Frances.