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## FATAL FIRES MARK COLDEST WEATHER

### Two Burned to Death in Chicago.

## BIG STEAMER IS ICE-BOUND

### Temperatures at Zero and Below Prevail Generally.

## MANY TRAINS ARE LATE

### Fear of Broken Rails and Inability to Make Steam Causes Delays, but Tracks are Fairly Well Cleared of Snow.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—(Special).—Coincident with the arrival of the coldest weather of the season, two persons were burned to death and many others were driven in their scanty night clothing to the icy streets to battle with below-zero weather until they could find shelter.

At the same time the big Goodrich steamer Indiana crashed into the mountainous ice piling up in great hummocks off the municipal pier and stuck fast when the ice quickly froze up her path of entrance, so that there was no way of backing out.

### Temperatures Fall Generally.

Dispatches from all points chiefly west and northwest, tell of the most severe weather yet experienced. Temperatures fell to zero and in many cases far below and with steady north-west winds and all the country covered with from four inches to two feet of snow, there seems scant hope for any moderation in the frigidities for several days.

Small streams are frozen solid and the ice now extends out into the big lakes as far as the eye can see. It will take many days of bright sunshine and southern winds to break the hold Winter has fastened upon the country.

### Cold Signaled by Fires.

In Chicago and nearby cities the arrival of genuine Winter was marked by numerous fires. This was due to extraordinary efforts to keep houses warm and the extra heat sought out faulty flues and chimneys with results disastrous to the occupants of the buildings. The most disastrous of the fires, in loss of human life, was that which destroyed a two-story frame building shortly after 2 o'clock this morning. Carl Bottcher, aged 70, and Hans Thompson, aged 33, their escape cut off by flames eating away the stairway, attempted to get out through the attic, but perished.

Eleven other occupants of the building were burned and several suffered much from exposure to the zero weather, drenched as they were by streams from the fire engines.

### Firemen Work Under Handicap.

Firemen everywhere had much difficulty fighting the flames. The bitter gale from the spray from their fire nozzles and it fell and coated them until they had to be broken loose from the heavy armor of ice before they could navigate. They also experienced much trouble with frozen hydrants.

The "S. O. S." call from Lake Michigan shortly before daybreak this morning caused great activity in the lifesaving station. The calls came from the steamship Indiana, fast in the icebergs. She is carrying a crew of 75 men, but wireless communication with the boat says there are no passengers aboard. It is also announced that she has plenty of food and fuel for a siege, the only danger being that of capsizing in the action of the ice hummocks or being crushed by the grinding floes.

Tugs have been busy all day trying to break a path through to her, but the ice forms so rapidly that the work is difficult.

Trains from all directions are late, due to fear of broken rails and inability to make steam, but the tracks have been fairly well cleared of snow by gangs working night and day since the great storm set in.

## TEXAS HAS HEAVY SNOWFALL

### Seven Inches in Dallas Give Children Novel Experience.

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 14.—North and Central Texas tonight was in the grip of a storm which had assumed almost blizzard proportions. Dallas is covered by a seven-inch snowfall, an almost unprecedented occurrence here, while as far south as Waco a fall of more than an inch is reported.

Children in this city, virtually sleddless through successions of mild winters, rose to the unusual opportunities offered by the white mantle and commanded old rocking chairs upon which they scooted in grotesque curves through the city streets.

## MAN ADMITS KILLING GIRL

### Weldon Wells Says He Acted in Defense Against Mona Simon.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 14.—Weldon H. Wells, former Kansas City broker's clerk, tonight confessed to County Prosecutor R. P. Duncan that he shot and killed Mona Byron Simon in a room in a hotel here last Thursday night.

His statement, according to the authorities, says he killed the girl in self-defense. Wells was arrested in Huntington, Ind., early Saturday.

## FROZEN BODY OF RANGER IS FOUND

### R. M. CHRISTENSON BURIED IN SNOW ON SPRUCE CREEK.

### Man Is Believed to Have Gone Several Days on One Meal—Search Continues Since January 1.

LA PINE, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special).—The frozen body of Russell M. Christenson, Forest Ranger, buried in snow, was found yesterday by the searching party from Crescent, who had been seeking him since January 1. The man had been lost in the mountains since December 2, and apparently died about January 2. Before the body was found members of the searching party walked directly over where it lay covered by the snow.

Christenson is believed to have lived about seven days, although he had with him but one meal, a few matches, and no gun nor ax. After eating Christmas dinner with his partner in their lower cabin he started for the upper cabin, a distance of eight miles. He did not return in three days, as agreed, and two days later his partner gave the alarm at Crescent, after hunting along the trail a few miles and finding Christenson had wandered off.

The searchers were unable to follow Christenson's trail in the snow at all times, but finally narrowed the search down to a thicket. No tracks could be found leading away from this place, so a careful investigation was begun.

It is believed that Christenson became exhausted and his faculties numbed, and that he lay down in the snow to take a sleep. His skills were lying under his body when found, in a spot within five feet of where the tracks ended on the bank of Spruce Creek.

## GERMANS DESTROY MAIL

### Norwegian Is Forced to Throw 700 Sacks Overboard.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—A Reuter dispatch from Stockholm says: "The captain of the Swedish steamer Ingeborg, belonging to the Thule line, who has returned to Gothenburg from England, states that his steamer was stopped in the North Sea by a German submarine, and that he was compelled to throw into the sea all the mail from entente countries, consisting of 700 sacks."

"Otherwise," he said, the German commander threatened to take the ship to Germany."

## DAVIS OBELISK PLANNED

### Memorial at Durham, N. C., to Be Raised at Cost of \$150,000.

DURHAM, N. C., Jan. 14.—A monument to Jefferson Davis soon will be erected at Fairview, Ky., birthplace of the Confederate president, "by the women and men of the Southern Confederacy," at a cost of \$150,000. General Julian S. Carr, millionaire manufacturer, has announced here. The monument, an obelisk, will be 350 feet high.

Officers of the United Confederate Veterans are co-operating with General Carr in promoting plans for the memorial.

## NIGHT FLIGHTS ARRANGED

### Searchlights to Aid Airmen at Hempstead Aviation Grounds.

HEMPSTEAD, N. Y., Jan. 14.—To enable members of the First Signal Corps and First Aero Corps to fly at night, searchlights of more than 1,000,000 candlepower each have been installed at the aviation field here. The lights will illuminate an area of more than four miles.

The officers of the Government aviation squad are arranging a flight to Washington to witness President Wilson's inauguration.

## POPE TO KEEP HANDS OFF

### Prayers for Peace to Continue, but Diplomatic Moves Avoided.

PARIS, Jan. 14.—"It is confirmed that Pope Benedict has firmly decided not to participate now in any action tending toward peace that might appear to favor the central powers rather than any other nation," says a dispatch from Rome to the Temps.

It is pointed out that there is a difference between religious manifestations and prayers for peace and the purely diplomatic action of the United States, Switzerland and other neutrals.

## GOOD SAMARITAN MAY DIE

### Man Found Asleep in Gutter Slashes Benefactor With Razor.

MARYSVILLE, Cal., Jan. 14.—(Special).—Emil Olson may die as the result of having acted as Good Samaritan shortly before daylight today.

Olson found R. L. Bolton asleep in a gutter and took him home and put him to bed. Bolton woke up, grabbed a razor and slashed his benefactor's throat. A surgeon took six stitches in the wound and it is announced Olson has a bare chance for recovery.

## ADMIRAL DEWEY IS BETTER

### Physicians Say Danger of Complications Has Passed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—There was a marked improvement in the condition of Admiral Dewey today.

His physicians announced that danger of complications, resulting from the cold, had passed.

## MUCH LEGISLATION IS STILL TO COME

### Few Important Bills Presented as Yet.

## MEASURES BEING PREPARED

### Work on Appropriations in No Form for Introduction.

## BUSY WEEK IS IN PROSPECT

### Bills on Rural Credits, Prohibition, Roads, Insurance, Irrigation, Elections, Public Utilities and Many Other Topics to Come.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special).—Regardless of the fact that considerably more than 100 bills have been introduced at the present session of the Legislature, the lion's share of legislation of paramount importance is still to make its appearance in the two Houses.

Attorney-General Brown now has in his possession facts, or rough drafts, for between 30 and 40 bills that will be presented by members as soon as they come from the Attorney-General's office and members themselves already have hinted at between 30 or 40 more bills which they have in mind.

### "Bone Dry" Legislation Yet Due.

While one rural credits bill has been presented, other bills now in course of preparation at the Attorney-General's office will be introduced on that subject in the near future. "Bone dry" legislation is still to come, regardless of the fact that a bill on that subject already has been introduced. Some road bills are in, but the committee on highways is busy with additional work along this line and several bills to make up the road code still are to come. The insurance code has not yet made its appearance, but has been the subject of daily meetings of the insurance committee.

Irrigation measures are still to come. Bills to provide for the machinery of elections under the 6 per cent limitation amendment also are in course of preparation.

### Appropriations Not Prepared.

Several of the recommendations in the Governor's message which, it is understood, will take concrete form in the shape of bills still are to be heard from. None of the general appropriation bills are in and none are in any form for introduction.

Other bills will come in relative to public utility legislation, grade crossing legislation, amendments to school laws and amendments to the law relating to (Concluded on Page 5, Column 2.)

## JAPANESE BATTLE CRUISER BLOWN UP

### TSUKUBA DESTROYED AND 100 MEN KILLED OR INJURED

### Fire on Board Reaches Magazine While War Vessel Is in Harbor of Yokosuka.

TOKIO, Jan. 14.—The Japanese battle cruiser Tsukuba was destroyed by an explosion today in the harbor of Yokosuka. Fire on the Tsukuba caused the magazine to blow up.

One hundred and fifty-three members of the crew of the Tsukuba were killed and 157 injured, many of them seriously. Numerous members of the ship's company were rescued from the water. Most of the officers of the cruiser were ashore.

The cause of the explosion is not known.

The Tsukuba was laid down in 1905 and displaced 13,750 tons. She was 440 feet long and was armed with four 12-inch, 12 6-inch, 12 4.7-inch and four 3-inch guns, three 3-pounders and five torpedo tubes. Her complement was 817 men. The Tsukuba was sent to Hampton Roads in 1907 at the time of the Jamestown Exposition.

Yokosuka is an important naval station 13 miles south of Yokohama.

## FIELD MSS. IS DONATED

### Original of "Little Boy Blue" to Be Sold to Help Wounded.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—The original manuscript of the late Eugene Field's poem, "Little Boy Blue," has been contributed to the Allied Bazaar by Slason Thompson, who was an intimate friend of the poet. Mr. Thompson said it had been his most prized possession.

An upset price of \$500 was placed on it. The bid was raised to \$575 tonight and is expected to go much higher before the bazaar, which is for the benefit of the allied wounded and which closes a week hence.

## LID CLAMPED ON CHICAGO

### New Chief of Police Launches Campaign for Sunday Observance.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—A campaign to stamp out violations of the Sunday closing law in Chicago was launched today by Herman F. Schuetler, recently chosen Chief of Police. A squad of policemen escorted by a detective in citizens' clothing was assigned to visit suspected cafes, purchase meals and attempt to obtain liquor.

More than a dozen arrests resulted.

## RICH MAIL CARRIER SUICIDE

### Man Who Made \$300,000 on \$1200 Salary "Tired of Life."

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Martin L. Henry, who clung to his job as a mail-carrier at a maximum salary of \$1200 a year since 1882 although he had amassed a fortune estimated at \$300,000 by investments in real estate, committed suicide tonight by inhaling illuminating gas at his home after leaving a note which said: "I am tired of life."

## DRIVER OF AUTO IS SLAIN AT NIGHT

### James Brusco Gives Himself Up.

## SLAYER CLAIMS SELF DEFENSE

### Victim Dies Soon After Being Rushed to Hospital.

## WOMAN IS CHIEF WITNESS

### Dead Man's Brother and Sister Are Held Following Party at Which Liquor Is Said to Have Been Partaken Of.

James Brusco walked into the Police Station about 2 o'clock this morning and surrendered to Desk Sergeant Wendorf and Patrolman Kilgus.

The officers say Brusco, admitting stabbing Garnet E. Stark, declared Stark and his brother, Charles Stark, had attacked him.

Garnet E. Stark was fatally stabbed at 11 o'clock last night and his own brother, Charles A. Stark and the latter's wife, Mrs. Elsie Stark, were being held at the police station at 1:30 o'clock this morning pending investigation of the story of the killing as told by the woman, who accuses an Italian, whom she names as James Brusco.

The stabbing took place at Milwaukee street and South avenue, Sellwood, while the party were in an automobile driven by Garnet Stark.

## Man Dies in Hospital

Immediately after the stabbing the police were notified and the wounded man was rushed to Sellwood Hospital, where he died a few moments after arrival. His own machine was used to carry him there, a bystander volunteering to drive the car.

Motorcycle Patrolmen Ervin and Tully first investigated the affair, returning to the police station with Charles Stark, who is being held on a charge of drunkenness, and his wife, who was hysterical several hours following.

Mrs. Stark, who said Brusco was accompanied by his two sons, 14 and 16 years old, asserted that the three Italians died immediately after the stabbing.

## Quarrel Starts in Auto.

Mrs. Stark told the officers that just before the stabbing she occupied the front seat of the machine with her brother-in-law, while her husband and the three Italians occupied the rear seat.

A quarrel arose between the persons (Concluded on Page 14, Column 3.)

## MAZAMAS SEE SUN RISE OVER HOOD

### PARTY OF 188 HAS IDEAL DAY ON LARCH MOUNTAIN.

### Snow Is So Hard Peak Is Climbed Without Snowshoes—All Return to City Praising Trip.

One of the largest parties ever to climb Larch Mountain made the ascent of that peak yesterday in time to view the sunrise over the shoulder of Mount Hood. The party included 188 Mazamas and friends, and was led by Roy W. Ayer and J. C. Bush.

An ideal day for hiking was reported by the climbers. The snow on Larch Mountain was found to be only about three feet deep, and so hard that walking on the surface was possible and snowshoes were unnecessary.

The party left Portland in three special cars Saturday night at 11:20 over the O-W. R. & N. The cars were side-tracked at Bridal Veil, and the hike to the mountain, a distance of 8 or 9 miles, was made from there. The trip was made by way of Palmer and the trail of the Bridal Veil Lumber Company. The summit was reached about 7 o'clock yesterday morning.

Owing to the perfect weather, the trip was reported to have been one of the most successful ever made by the Mazamas. Some beautiful views were obtained.

The return to Portland was made yesterday afternoon, the party arriving at 5:30.

## BRITISH SHIP NEWS HELD

### Tacoma and Puget Sound Representatives Get Admiralty Orders.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 14.—(Special).—Extreme care is now being taken by British representatives at Tacoma and on the Puget Sound to keep secret all sailing dates or positions of vessels flying the British flag. It is presumed here that orders from the Admiralty will cover the vessels of all the allies. The order is one of the new ones sent out since German submarines increased the number of vessels they were sending to the bottom.

Steamship owners, brokers, and dock employees have been cautioned to give out no information.

## DAY COLD BUT GLORIOUS

### Sunshine Woes All to Outdoor Pursuits in Portland.

It wasn't warm yesterday, for the minimum temperature was 23 and the maximum record was 43, but the air, well, the air was headier than any wine and the sunshine was as bright as joy. So Portland enjoyed the day, and held its collective head up, and took "long breaths," and was glad to be alive. Many motored, more walked, and others found sunny wind-sheltered places.

Today will be the duplicate of yesterday, a twin brother from the north, with a light wind, a clear sky and a snappy character, says the weatherman.

## Death Penalty Retained.

QUERETARO, via Mexico City, Jan. 14.—The attempt to abolish the death penalty in Mexico failed yesterday, when the constitutional convention approved an article providing for the death sentence for treason, patricide, premeditated murder, arson, piracy, highway robbery and certain military offenses.

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## MISSING AUTOIST'S BODY IS RECOVERED

### Dog Dragging Human Bone Gives Clew.

## LONG SEARCH COMES TO END

### Suspected Companion Now on Way South on Stretcher.

## IDENTIFICATION IS CERTAIN

### Mystery of Clyde Armour's Death Is Partly Solved in New Mexico.

### Brothers Think Fellow-Traveler Killed Him.

SANTA FE, N. M., Jan. 14.—The body of Clyde Armour, who disappeared October 23, while on an automobile trip, was found today near Glorieta, about 20 miles from here. A human bone, dragged by a dog to a ranch-house, led to a search, which resulted in the discovery of the mutilated body, which was identified by means of a receipt for automobile repairs.

E. W. Blacett, who was said to have left here with Armour, was arrested at Friday Harbor, Wash., in connection with the case.

## Shotgun Found Beside Body.

Beside the body was found a shotgun from which one shell had been fired. A widespread search had been conducted for Armour, instituted by relatives, who enlisted the help of officers of Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, Arizona and California. A reward of \$1000 had been offered for the recovery of the body.

Blacett, after Armour's disappearance, is charged with having sold the dead man's automobile and with having forged Armour's name.

## Name Clearly Established.

In addition to the receipt, the name C. D. Armour was found inside of his coat and vest pocket. Armour's watch was found in a pocket. A coroner's jury, summoned to the spot, found that the body was that of Armour, but did not attempt to say how the young man came to his death.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 14.—Albert W. Blacett, 23 years old, accused of the murder of Clyde Armour, near Santa Fe, N. M., left today for his home, the Chief of Police of Albuquerque for New Mexico.

Blacett, when arrested January 1 at his home at Friday Harbor, Wash., attempted suicide by shooting himself with a shotgun. In granting the requisition last Thursday for his removal to New Mexico, Governor Lister imposed the condition that the prisoner should not be made to take the trip until doctors said he was physically able. The physicians decided yesterday that he could safely travel.

## Prisoner Carried on Stretcher.

He was brought here on a steamer from Friday Harbor and transferred on a stretcher from the wharf to a south-bound train.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Jan. 14.—Clyde D. Armour left Sioux City early last fall in an automobile for an overland trip to Fresno, Cal., and was accompanied by his mother to a point in Nebraska, where she was taken ill and completed her journey by train.

Armour, arriving in Denver, picked up a stranger as a traveling companion, supposed to be Albert W. Blacett, whom he met in a hotel lobby. The two went to a room in New Mexico, a short distance north of Santa Fe.

## Armour Impersonated by Another.

Peculiar messages received by relatives of Armour from points in New Mexico, and later his failure to appear in Fresno, resulted in a widespread search for his body and the offering of a reward for its discovery. The investigation by Armour's brothers revealed the tourist had been impersonated at Albuquerque, N. M., and evidence obtained led the brothers to believe that Armour had been slain by his traveling companion, who could not then be found.

FRESNO, Cal., Jan. 14.—Mrs. Mary Armour, mother, and Mrs. M. L. Sawyer, sister of Clyde Armour, whose body was found today near Santa Fe, N. M., were informed here tonight of the finding of the mutilated body. Mrs. Sawyer said that she and her mother would not take any steps to obtain the body until the return of her husband from Friday Harbor, Wash.

## SNOW BRINGS TRAIN WRECK

### Red Lights Obscured by Blizzard and Rear-End Crash Results.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 14.—The heaviest snow storm in years was held responsible tonight for a rear-end collision here in which one man was killed and four injured, two possibly fatally.

Train officials said the snow blotted out the red signal lights.

## Schooner Laden With Fish Sunk.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 14.—The Nova Scotia schooner Harry Adams, loaded with fish from St. John's, N. F., for a Mediterranean point, was torpedoed in the Bay of Biscay, according to cable advices received here tonight. The crew took to the boats and landed yesterday at Ferrol, Spain.

