

COUNTRY IS IN GRASP OF COLD WAVE

Weather Predictions Indicate Even Greater Drop in Temperature Before Tomorrow Morning.

Ice Forms in Northern Connecticut and Whole Country Shivers—Mercury Drops 22 Degrees.

Those economical persons who packed away their overcoats with the intention of using them next winter will have to make a visit to the storeroom tonight. Weather observers announced the ill tidings today that we're going to have a frost tonight.

"Colder tonight with frost," is the message of those who study the heavens, to persons in Bridgeport and the neighborhood of the city. Straw hats won't do at all this evening.

Unusual weather conditions were recorded last night and early this morning, when the thermometer reading slipped and slipped until it had fallen 22 degrees. Passengers in trolleys and buses shivered miserably.

At 6 o'clock last night Weather Observer William Jennings recorded a temperature of 61 degrees above zero. The mercury lost its hold on that peg during the night and at 5 o'clock this morning it showed 39 degrees. At 6:30 o'clock it had dropped to 33.

Greater changes will be experienced tonight, according to the weather sharps.

"Unseasonably Cold," Weather Man Predicts

Washington, May 27.—Killing frosts throughout the lake region and the middle Atlantic states broke May weather records of many places last night and promise unseasonably cold weather for the next 24 hours. Reports to the weather bureau this morning indicate heavy damage to fruits and vegetables throughout the section, particularly in the interior of New York.

In the parlance of the weather bureau experts, "a strong high area" over the lake region which arose to block the path of warm winds from western Canada, was responsible for the early summer phenomenon. While frost is probable again tonight in the lower lake region, New England and the middle Atlantic states, warmer weather is promised Friday in the path of fair weather from the Ohio valley and lower lake region.

While ice was being formed on standing water and frozen in places in the east, warm showers were playing over the central valleys.

Ice Formed Near Winsted

Winsted, May 27.—Ice a quarter of an inch thick formed in places in New Boston last night, according to reports received here today. At Norfolk the thermometer registered 32 degrees. There was a heavy frost in and some of the higher localities the ground was frozen. Growing vegetables and fruits are believed to have suffered to some extent.

New York State Shivers

New York, May 27.—Unseasonably cold weather prevailed last night over a large part of New York state. In the eastern section the freezing point was not reached, but in the hill counties and in those bordering on Lakes Ontario and Champlain there were severe frosts. At Watertown and Lockport the mercury was down to the 25 mark. Early vegetables and tender fruits suffered severely.

Pittsburgh Feels the Cold

Pittsburgh, May 27.—The frost that visited western Pennsylvania last night did little if any damage to orchards and gardens, because they are well advanced.

Much Damage in Ohio

Youngstown, O., May 27.—The northeastern part of Ohio and Pennsylvania were visited by a heavy frost last night. Reports received indicate that thousands of dollars damage was done to fruit and growing vegetables.

Better Chilly in Philly

Philadelphia, May 27.—The thermometer in this vicinity went as low as 44 degrees during the night. The weather bureau said this was a record for low temperature on May 27.

Unusually cold weather was general in Pennsylvania. Hazleton reported that ice formed on the mountain tops.

Vermont Crops Injured

Rutland, Vt., May 27.—Ice formed here during the night and fruit trees were damaged considerably. An unofficial temperature of 26 was recorded.

WATCHING CIRCUS PARADE, BOY OF 7 IS HIT BY AUTO

Waterbury, May 27.—While crossing Bank street this morning to reach a place of vantage to watch a circus parade, George Jeannety, aged 7 years, was run over by a jitney automobile, one of the wheels passing over the boy's head. He was taken to St. Mary's hospital, where it is said his condition is serious. His scalp was torn almost completely off and the skull may be fractured. Frank DeMaria, driver of the jitney, is being held by police.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICIAL WON'T SANCTION STRIKE

Local Union's Attitude Towards Arms Works Strikers Is Endorsed.

UNION WILL SUPPLY MEN TO FILL PLACES

Special Meeting, Arranged For Tonight, Has Been Called Off.

International Vice President Geo. Thornton of the Bricklayers and Plasterers' union, arrived in this city this morning and assumed control of the situation that has arisen as a result of the walkout at the Bridgeport Arms plant.

Following a conference with local union officials today, he decided to back the decision of the latter to the utmost. A special meeting of the union that had been planned for tonight to deal with the situation has been called off, as the local union men are determined to stick by their guns.

According to the decision this morning, the agreement between the Stewart Co. and the men who walked out has been broken, and the union will not sanction the work. Two hundred men will be imported to work on the job by Vice President Thornton, as soon as they can be obtained.

On the job this morning there were 115 men. Superintendent Griest declared the work is progressing, and that no demonstrations have been made.

The announcement of some hold carriers who walked out with the bricklayers, that they have a union and want their demands met, isn't considered seriously by the union officials. At the Arms plant, Superintendent Griest said no attention will be paid to these men and that 80 per cent. of the full force is on the job now. He declared as many as can be used for the bricklayers are working and that there are two men to take every place that became vacant.

UNIDENTIFIED BODY FOUND FLOATING IN WATERS OF HARBOR

Workman of About 30 Years is Picked Up Off Farist Steel Works.

The body of a large, smooth-faced, middle-aged man of about 30 years of age was found floating in the harbor off the extreme point of the Farist Steel works property early this morning. It was caught upon a rock while floating with the tide, when John Krause, of 150 Stratford avenue, employed at the steel mills, saw it and pulled it ashore with the aid of Fred McCruden, a superintendent at the mills, living at 76 Washington Terrace.

The body had been in the water between three days and a week and during that time had received several cuts and abrasions about the face. It was by Medical Examiner S. M. Garlick to meeting with obstructions after immersion.

The body is about five feet, eight and one-half inches in height, weighs about 160 pounds and shows an age of approximately 30 years. The face bears several old scars. On the left side of the jaw is a deep depression of an old wound.

Want to Shift Home For Babies; "Will Deteriorate Values"

Thomas Walsh, clerk for the Connecticut Co., and other citizens called at the city hall today to protest against the "baby farm," which Superintendent of Charities Gordon has established in Laurel avenue.

The home about which the complaints are made is one maintained by the city for dependent or neglected children until the probate court can pass on their cases or until their parents can be located and made to support them by the charities department. The number of these dependent children is so large the all can not be accommodated at Lakeview home. This home was formerly in Anson street but Superintendent Gordon recently had it moved to the Laurel avenue location.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR COL. MACDONALD HELD IN NEW HAVEN

New Haven, May 27.—The funeral of former Insurance Commissioner Theodore H. MacDonald was held in Dwight Place church today. Men prominent in business, political and social life of Connecticut attended, and there were delegations from various bodies with which Mr. MacDonald had been identified. The casket was opened for a brief period prior to the service. The interment was in Grove Street cemetery.

FRENCH AERIAL RAIDERS FIRE GERMAN AMMUNITION PLANT; ZEPPELINS CLOSE TO LONDON

GARLICK GIVES POLICE CLUES IN MURDER HUNT

Medical Examiner Believes Dismemberment Was Done By Skilled Hand.

DETECTIVES WORK UP NAUGATUCK VALLEY

Hunting For Information as to Mysterious Looking Vehicles.

Medical Examiner Samuel M. Garlick has notified the police department that in his opinion the person who dismembered the corpse the torso of which was found buried near Yellow Mill pond, was one thoroughly familiar with the human anatomy, or, at least, one used to dismembering animals.

He points out that the condition of the torso indicates that the limbs were sawed off below the joints, an easier method than cutting through the joints; that the head was severed with sure, clean strokes; and that the dismemberment in general has the aspect of a professional dissection.

Dr. Garlick said that the decapitation was done in such a manner as to leave enough hair at the back of the neck to show that the woman had dark brown, straight hair. But these clues are meagre at best, and the police are seeking further light on the movements of mysterious appearing vehicles reported to have been in the vicinity of the discovery, several months ago.

With Superintendent Griest's aid, Captain Arnold and Detectives Hall and Simon actively engaged in tracing every suspicious circumstance in the vicinity of the City Ice and Coal Company since last summer, it has been found that two heavily covered motor vehicles were seen near the spot during the past winter. One of these was seen to stop in the neighborhood of Connecticut avenue and Baldwin St.

Three men were occupying it and they made several trips between the buggy and a vacant lot. Their movements were so suspicious that notification was given to the police by a resident of the district. When the police arrived they had gone.

Investigation at the time failed to disclose any reason for their actions, and search in all neighboring lots has been made there to-day without trace of any excavations being found.

But a short time prior to the Connecticut avenue visit by three men, another trio had been observed on Stratford avenue. It was to-day learned from the police records that three men from Derby were then held for investigation. They had hired a livery wagon from Thomas's stables in Derby and drove to this city. Though no satisfactory explanation was given for their presence at the time, and though they disclaimed ownership of a large .38 calibre revolver found in the buggy, they were released when Chief O'Dell of the Derby police stated that they bore good reputations in that city.

To-day Captain George Arnold accompanied by Detective Hall went to Derby to discuss the matter in further detail with the men, who were to be located by the Derby police.

Close vigilance is also being made at the City Ice and Coal yard property where special watch has been put on the big steam shovel. The more sections of the body may pass unobserved into the Yellow Mill pond, now being filled.

ACCUSES DOCTOR OF DUPLICITY IN SCHUTTE CASE

That Dr. W. S. Douglas of Greenwich claims to be engaged to Mrs. Anna R. Schutte, whose conservator he is, although Mrs. Schutte already has a husband, was the startling testimony offered this morning in the civil superior court where Mrs. Schutte's appeal from the Stamford probate court is being heard.

Mrs. A. V. Mattern, sister of Mrs. Schutte, made this statement. She said Dr. Douglas told her he was engaged to Mrs. Schutte. When asked what she thought of Dr. Douglas as a conservator, Mrs. Mattern said she preferred not to express an opinion. She testified that Mrs. Schutte was addicted to excessive use of intoxicants and for that reason was sent to Dr. Givens' sanitarium in Stamford last year.

Before Mrs. Mattern testified the principals and lawyers had a conference with Judge Shumway to see if an agreement could not be reached but the attempt was not successful. Mrs. Schutte wants the court to revoke the order which placed her in charge of a conservator, but her relatives say she is not competent to manage her own affairs. The case is not yet finished.

DOUBT WHETHER MINE OR TORPEDO HIT NEBRASKAN IN STATE DEPT. REPORT

Messages From American Diplomats in England Are Uncertain—President Gets News of Explosion, But Maintains Silence—Captain Reports That Flag Had Been Hauled Down At Dusk.

Washington, May 27.—Messages received by the State Department today from Ambassador Page and Consul General Skinner in London and Consul Frost in Queenstown failed to say definitely whether the steamer Nebraska had been torpedoed or had struck a mine.

One of the dispatches said the Nebraska's American flag had been hauled down five minutes before she was struck, although her name was painted on her sides in letters six feet high.

The American naval attaché in London has been sent to Liverpool to examine the wreckage of the Nebraska. Consul General Skinner's message follows:

"Greene, master of American steamer Nebraska, in wireless address to me via London, reports: 'Nebraska passed Fastnet rock Tuesday 4:38 p. m. from Liverpool bound for Delaware Breakwater, in ballast. At 8:36 p. m. when steamer was about 48 miles west half south from Fastnet, she experienced violent shock followed instantly by terrific explosion, bursting hatches and throwing hatch beams, cargo derricks and twisted iron into air, filling lower hold forward completely with water. Crew immediately took to boats.'

"After standing by ship one hour returned on board and at 10:30 started for Liverpool. About 1:25 a. m. met two vessels sent by British Admiralty in answer to our wireless call. One has been in attendance ever since.

"I was dusk when the explosion occurred. Flag had been pulled down five minutes before. Steamer's name painted on both side of the ship in letters six feet tall. Had no warning and saw nothing."

Ambassador Page sent the following message:

"Admiralty have reported from Queenstown that the Nebraska is now on her way to Liverpool under her own steam and is being escorted. I am sending naval attaché to Liverpool to examine the ship, which it now appears was outboard from Liverpool to Delaware Breakwater when she was torpedoed."

The message from Consul Frost said the ship had "struck a mine or torpedo," but gave no details. As soon as the dispatches were received (Continued on Page 3)

BATTLESHIPS IN CRASH WHEN U. S. S. GEORGIA DRAGS ANCHOR

Newport, R. I., May 27.—The battleship Georgia dragged her anchors during a heavy gale that swept Narragansett bay last night and she was blown against the battleship Nebraska, carrying away a portion of the bridge and injuring some of the guns on the latter ship. Both vessels lost considerable side-gear.

Hundreds of officers and men of the Atlantic fleet were forced to spend the night ashore as the wind was so high that the launches could not put out to the ships.

Destroyer Has Trouble

Rockland, Me., May 27.—Engine trouble, believed not to be serious, developed on the destroyer Cushing at the close of yesterday's official trials. It was learned today. The builders decided to make an examination before completing the tests and the destroyer left today for the Fore River yard at Quincy.

WILL ORGANIZE CITY COURT ON FOURTH OF JUNE

DeLaney and Gray to Remain Prosecuting Officials of Tribunal.

Here are the officials of the next city court which comes in on June 4 as prepared and endorsed by the Republican machine:

Judge, Frederick A. Bartlett. Deputy-judge, Frank L. Wilder. Prosecuting attorney, Alexander L. DeLaney. Assistant prosecuting attorney, John P. Gray.

Clerk, E. Earle Garlick. Assistant clerk, Charles A. Hopwood.

There will be no change in the probate officers but Judge Bartlett will probably designate several official interpreters who will act during his term of office. These interpreters will be given the preference in all cases where the services of an interpreter are required.

Judge Bartlett and Deputy Judge Wilder were named by the legislature although it was freely predicted that Judge Wilder would be dropped this time in favor of some one else. On June 4 Judge Wilder will begin his fifth term as a city court official.

The other officers in the city court are to be appointed by Judge Bartlett, but the latter will consider the wishes of the Republican machine before making his announcements.

There never has been any question about the reappointment of Prosecutor DeLaney. A number of young Republican lawyers have sought the place of assistant prosecutor for this term of the city court but by allowing John P. Gray to retain the position for another term the Republican fixers rid themselves of the necessity of making a choice among the many aspirants and prevent the ill feeling which is sure to ensue if one of the younger men were named.

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Huge Chemical Factories Near Mannheim Are Subjected to Severe Attack by Eighteen French Aeroplanes Which Drop Many Bombs.

Shops Take Fire and Big Damage Results—Airmen in Flight More Than Six Hours in First Retaliatory Attack For Raids on Paris.

Paris, May 27.—A French aerial squadron composed of 18 aeroplanes, each one carrying fifty kilos (110 pounds) of projectiles, this morning bombarded a chemical factory at Ludwigshafen on the Rhine, opposite Mannheim. Heavy damage is reported.

Fire broke out in several of the factory buildings, as a result of this bombardment. This factory is one of the most important manufacturing of explosives in all Germany.

In Air For Six Hours The French aviators were in the air for six hours and covered more than 40 kilometres, (240 miles).

This expedition against an important German military establishment was the first French reply to the attempts of German aviators on the city of Paris.

This information was contained in the French official statement given out by the war office this afternoon.

TURKISH GUNBOAT TORPEDOED; TWO MERCHANT SHIPS SUNK IN GERMAN BLOCKADE OF ENGLAND

Paris, May 27.—A Turkish gunboat of the Aidin Reis type, was sunk in the Sea of Marmora within sight of Constantinople by a British submarine, according to an Athens despatch to the Journal.

The loss of the gunboat, following close upon the destruction of Turkish transports last week, has caused a deep impression in Constantinople.

Danish Steamer Torpedoed. South Shields, Eng., May 27.—The Danish steamer Betty was torpedoed by a German submarine in the North Sea yesterday and went to the bottom. The members of her crew were rescued and have been brought to the Tyne.

The steamer Betty was 281 feet long and of 1,267 tons net register. She was built in 1912 and was owned in Copenhagen. She sailed from Baltimore, April 11 for Copenhagen, where she arrived May 8.

Montreal Ship Sunk. Cardiff, Wales, May 27.—The steamer Morwenna of Montreal, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine at midday of Wednesday at a point 260 miles west by south of St. Ann's Head. One member of the crew of the vessel was killed and three were wounded. The others have been landed here.

The Morwenna was bound from Cardiff for Sydney, Cape Breton, in ballast. The British trawler Jaqueline picked up the crew.

ITALIAN ADVANCE NEARING TRIESTE

Geneva, Switzerland, May 27.—A strong Italian advance guard to-day crossed the Isonzo river after a sharp fight with an Austrian force and arrived before the town of Monfalcone, which is thirty miles from the Austrian seaport of Trieste. The first of the Austrian wounded are now arriving at the latter place.

The Italians also attacked at several points along the 40 miles of the Carnethian frontier. A battle between the Italians and Austrians now is raging around Ploekon and also west of the Praedil Pass in Austria.

RETREAT OF RUSSIANS HELD TO BE STRATEGIC

London, May 27.—Notwithstanding the superb weather, the contenders in the western arena of hostilities, realizing the terrible losses even an insignificant advance entails, have retreated, generally speaking, to the trench warfare of the winter and it is Galicia on the east; the Dardanelles and perhaps the Italo-Austrian frontier which are most likely to furnish spectacular developments during the next fortnight.

The Russians at last have admitted the extent of their retreat from the Dnieper to the San and while they profess that the Austro-German rush has been held up and that Przemysl is in no danger, they pay tribute to the impetus and spirit of the advance of their antagonists at the same time that they laud the smoothness of the Russian retreat.

London was but little disturbed at the raid last night of a Zeppelin airship at South End. Such raids have ceased to be a novelty and the result this time was similar to that of previous visits—that is, a few non-combatants were killed or injured and the material damage was slight.

WEATHER FORECAST Fair tonight with frosts; Friday fair, warmer in the interior; moderate northwest to north winds.

Latest Invasion of England By Zeppelins Causes Two Fatalities at South End, Forty Miles From London—Raid Made Under Cover of Clouds.

Citizens Routed From Beds at Midnight and Watch Destruction Wrought By Many Bombs—Woman and Child Are Killed In Streets.

South End, Eng., May 27.—Another Zeppelin airship raid was made upon this town last night. Two persons were killed by the bombs. One was Mrs. May Fabian, a visitor here, and the other a child, as yet unidentified. Several other persons were injured. The material damage caused appears not to have been heavy.

Some reports say that two and others that three Zeppelins took part in the raid. The uncertainty is due to the fact that at the time of the attack the sky was cloudy.

Bombs Rain in Town The noise of the propellers of the airships was first heard shortly before 11 o'clock. Then came at once the stock of the explosions as the bombs rained down from above. Some of the missiles were incendiary and threw out bright flares of light.

British aeroplanes went up in pursuit of the raiders but they were not successful in overtaking them.