Fair Tonight and Monday.

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STINGING COLD WAVE SWOOPING DOWN UPON CITY

Will Make Washington Shiver for Twenty-four Hours.

CHARITY WORKERS BUSY WITH POOR

Hundreds Are Cared for—Appeal Is Issued for Funds.

Where There Is Skating

There is skating today on the bird pond at the Zoo Park, where early this morning volunteers cleared the snow off the ice.

Skaters also are on the two artificial ponds at the Soldiers' Home grounds near the Park road gate.

There is no skating at the Tidal Basin or on the Potomac.

Bitter, biting cold that will hold Washington shivering in its grip for at least twenty-four hours, will swoop down on the Capital tonight following the brief respite this morning when the thermometer climbed to 21 degrees above zero, the highest point it has reached since Thursday.

Before the city has had time to recover from Friday night's intense cold and the snow last night, the thermometer again will begin flirting with the zero mark, though it will not actually reach that point, according to indications.

Suffering Is Great.

Trains are delayed today, suburban cars are having all sorts of troubles, and charity workers and all the gospel mission attaches have been kept busy owing to the suffering among the poor, that will be greatly intensified by the ability of the cold wave to "come back."

While hundreds of poor were being cared for, others who are unaffected by weather conditions spent the morning in gayly sweeping the snow off ponds and every available skating space in the city's environs, to enjoy the sport that the Weather Man seldom provides for the Capital's young folk.

The weather forecaster meanwhile gathered information which discloses that the United States is in the grip of a general cold wave of unusual proportions, and he translated all this to mean that Washington is to have another bitterly cold wave for twenty-four hours.

The thermometer will not go quite as low as it did on Friday night, when the lowest point reached was 5.7 degrees, it is said. But it will approach 8 degrees, and tomorrow it is not expected to rise above 18 degrees. There will be no more snow, the bureau predicts, but neither is there any sign of a break in the cold wave.

Appeal for Funds.

Suffering entailed by the extreme cold, followed by the cold last night, resulted in an appeal for funds from the Associated Charities and from the Citizens' Relief Association. The appeal, signed by heads of both bodies and Milton F. Ailes, chairman of the joint finance committee, follows:

The Associated Charities and Citizens' Relief Association are today standing between many a family and the gaunt figure of want. These city-wide charities are ministering to hundreds upon hundreds of sick folk, little children, the widowed and the aged. They are seeking to do for these what you would wish to do could you hear the cry for help.

Yesterday the visitors of the society reported 108 applications, representing 423 individuals. This does not include scores upon scores of other families under the constant care of these organizations at the present time.

The coming of extreme weather is bound to greatly intensify the suffering of those poorly clad, poorly fed, poorly housed, with small power of resistance to sickness or the elements.

Will you not help, and help quickly?

CORCORAN THOM,
President Associated Charities.
MICHAEL I. WELLER,
President Citizens' Relief Association.
MILTON F. AILES,
Chairman Joint Finance Committee,
923 H street northwest.

Requests for shoes were added to those for clothes as a result of the snowfall. Charity workers were relieved

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WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.
Fair tonight and Monday, colder tonight; lowest temperature tonight about 8 to 10 degrees; light to moderate west and northwest winds.

TEMPERATURES.

U. S. BUREAU.		AFFLECK'S.	
8 a. m.	17	8 a. m.	17
9 a. m.	18	9 a. m.	17
10 a. m.	19	10 a. m.	20
11 a. m.	21	11 a. m.	23
12 noon	23	12 noon	26
1 p. m.	24	1 p. m. (in sun).	55
2 p. m.	24	2 p. m. (in sun).	56

TIDE TABLE.
Today—High tide, 10:20 a. m., 10:40 p. m.; low tide, 4:27 a. m., 4:43 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 11:12 a. m., 11:34 p. m.; low tide, 5:18 a. m., 5:39 p. m.

SUN TABLE.
Sun rises..... 7:19 | Sun sets.....4:54

Hurt in Gas Blast

CAPT. A. A. MAXIM,
Governor of Home for Soldiers and Sailors, Who Narrowly Escaped Death Today.

VETERAN SOLDIER HAS CLOSE ESCAPE IN GAS EXPLOSION

Inmates of Home for Soldiers and Sailors Panic-Stricken by Blast.

An exploding gas stove in the basement of the Temporary Home for Soldiers and Sailors, Third and C streets northwest, partially wrecked the structure, and seriously burned Capt. Alphonso Maxim, governor of the home. Captain Maxim had a narrow escape from death. One of the bolts struck the side of his head, and his face and arms were burned.

The members of the home were panic-stricken following the explosion, and it required the services of the matron and several attendants to quiet them.

An oversupply of gas in the stove, which was lighted by Captain Maxim, caused the explosion. The moment the match came in contact with the gas, the stove burst into a thousand pieces, shaking the building from basement to roof, jarring pictures from the walls, and breaking a score of windows.

Stood Over Stove.

Captain Maxim stood directly over the stove to ignite the gas, but in some miraculous way escaped the full force of the explosion. A heavy iron bolt shot toward his head and struck him near the eye. Owing to his close proximity to the heater at the time the piece of metal had gained but little force when it struck its target. The governor was thrown to the floor, where he was found a minute afterward by Private John Dalzell, now a member of the home.

Private Dalzell called to the matron, who in turn notified a physician. An examination of the injured man was made. At first it was thought that his sight had been injured, but it was stated this afternoon that his eyes were not injured.

All Were Asleep.

The explosion occurred shortly after 6 o'clock this morning. All the members of the home were in bed at the time. A moment afterward, the soldiers and sailors, many of whom are veterans of the civil war, leaped from their beds while pictures tumbled from the walls. The building began trembling, and the occupants feared that it would fall in. They made a rush for the halls, but were met by the matron and attedants, who assured them that there was no danger.

Captain Maxim is one of the best-known veterans in Washington, and has had charge of the Temporary Home for Soldiers and Sailors for several years. He is known throughout the Grand Army of the Republic, and has done much toward making the home of which he is the governor, a comfortable place for war veterans.

Schooner Partially Destroyed by Fire

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 7.—The three-masted schooner, Arthur J. Quillin, was destroyed by fire last night, at the piers of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company. The vessel was loaded with acid, and the fire is believed to have resulted from an explosion.

The crew was awakened at midnight when fire was discovered by a watchman, and escaped without injury. Half a dozen tugs went to the schooner's aid, and saved her from destruction.

Warships Cleared For Action in China

TIENTSIN, Jan. 7.—There is a panic among the inhabitants of Ching Wang Tao, owing to the arrival of the rebel transports. The loyalists have fortified the hills, and also the city of Tang Ho.

More British troops are proceeding eastward today, and neutral warships in the offing are cleared for action in readiness for any emergency.

LAWMAKERS PAY TRIBUTE TO LATE SENATOR ELKINS

Prominent Assemblage in House of Representatives to Hear Eulogies.

LAUDED AS FRIEND AND AS STATESMAN

Congressmen and Senators Unite in Honoring Memory of Pioneer West Virginian.

To Stephen B. Elkins, constructive statesman, soldier, lawyer, banker; to Elkins, the man, and to Elkins, the friend, was paid the tribute of the Nation's lawmakers today.

Not one phase of the many-sided brilliant character of the man was dismissed without words of praise and love. Each of the five Congressmen from West Virvinia—Davis, Brown, Littlepage, Hamilton, and Hughes—paid their tribute to his memory. Minority Leader James R. Mann spoke of his marvelous constructive statesmanship. Congressman William Sulzer of New York named him a safe councilor, a wise and consistent champion, a man of clean thought and clean speech.

Knew Elkins in Senate.

In the galleries and on the floor were men who had known the Senator for many years before his death on January 5, 1911. There were Henry G. Davis, Nathan B. Scott, Charles J. Faulkner, and Stephen B. Elkins, jr., former Senators from West Virginia. There were former Governor Atkinson and American Minister Northcott, of Venezuela, among those in the audience.

With Congressman Brown in the chair, Mr. Hughes presented the first eulogy. He talked of Elkins as the man who had developed the resources of New Mexico and West Virginia and of Elkins, the financier.

"Elkins, the financier," he said, "induced the wilderness to become habitable, caused the mountains to give up their wealth, and finally, becoming one of the leaders of the financial world, Elkins carried into his private life qualities which have associated his name with the progress of many of the most productive parts of the country, and yet Elkins, the man, was loved the best."

Congressman Davis declared that Elkins' life must have been lived under the motto "that no man is born into the world whose work is not born with him."

"His intelligence, industry, will power, and tact, with his powerful physique made him a born leader of men," he said.

Reviews Railroad Legislation.

Reviewing the railroad legislation of the past twenty years, upon which Stephen B. Elkins left an indelible imprint, Minority Leader Mann spoke. He declared that Mr. Elkins gave promise of being an able and conservative legislator when he filed the first railroad rebate bill in 1893 and from that time until the bill to increase the power of the Interstate Commerce Commission was passed in 1910, Elkins was a pre-eminent power, he said, in the legislation of the country.

"During the legislation which preceded the passage of the Interstate Commerce Bill, Senator Elkins was always decided but good-natured. I came to have a strong personal affection for the weight and character of Senator Elkins. I came to know that he was a constructive statesman."

As a friend of Senator Elkins for many years, Congressman Sulzer spoke of the Senator's life and death. He hailed him as a man who had taken a prominent part in all of the great debates of his time, and as a man who had written lasting laws upon the statute books of the country.

Requiem Lines Read.

Requiem lines of appreciation written by former Governor Atkinson, who under rules of the House, could not present them on the floor, were read by the clerk.

"A tall cedar has fallen," wrote the governor. "His sun went down before it reached its zenith, and darkness settled upon thousands of admiring friends. His heart was a well of love and trust; he was an exemplar of the human side of religion; he was the sole architect of his great career.

"Senator Elkins was a noted man in early life. He was scarcely at his best when the end came, and when we buried Stephen B. Elkins in the place of his choosing a dark day dawned for West Virginia.

"In life he asked no compromise from those who opposed him, and dead there are no utterances of him save those that are good."

BRAVE SCOUTS RESCUE BOY AS DEATH BECKONS

Youthful Heroes Save Lad Who Had Broken Through Thin Ice.

USE "FIRST AID" TO RESTORE HIM

Norman Smith, Nearly Drowned, Not in Serious Danger Today.

A band of Boy Scouts yesterday proved themselves to be constituted of the stuff that heroes are made of.

They risked their lives in a blinding windstorm to save a seven-year-old boy—an amateur skater—from drowning in the deep pond near the old circus grounds at Fifteenth and H streets northeast.

Norman Smith, the youthful son of Clifford T. Smith and Mrs. Smith, of 651 G street northeast, ventured too far on the freezing ice which was rapidly coating the body of water. He struck a weak spot in the icy coating, and a moment later, shot downward and out of sight.

Companions Frightened.

Several companions were with him at the time, but they were so frightened they were unable to give assistance. They set up a call for help, and the Boy Scouts company, of which Harry Bishop, who lives in Florida avenue northeast, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, is a member, rushed to the rescue. Harry is but fourteen years old, but he retained his presence of mind.

With his companions who were hiking over the fields at that time, Harry dashed toward the pond. He picked up a long pole shaped like a shepherd's crook, and, as the youth disappeared under the water for the second time, walked out as far as the ice would permit and extended it. Harry was able to twist the clothing of the youth around the crook and drag him to the shore. The Smith boy was practically unconscious.

Gives First Aid.

The first-aid-to-the-injured lessons which have been given the Boy Scouts were put into practical use by the scouts. A part of the clothing was removed from the nearly-drowned boy, who was put on the ground, face downward. He was rolled about for a few minutes, and each scout removed a part of his clothing, which was given the Smith boy. He was carried to the home of Mrs. M. H. Hopwood, 1101 Florida avenue northeast, a friend of the Smiths. It was an hour before the youth finally regained consciousness.

The boy was taken to his home later in the evening. Today it was stated at the home that he is in no serious danger, although his shoulders were somewhat frozen.

Woman Implicates Others in Murder

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 7.—Mrs. Mary T. Godau, confessed murderess of her son-in-law, Fred Wasserleben, whose body, with two bullet wounds in the head, was found floating in a pond of water on the outskirts of the city a week ago, confessed last night that Tom Williams, was the man who assisted her to load the dead body in the wagon at the family home.

She has been shielding Williams, she said, because of fear. The mother-in-law, the wife, Mrs. Theresa Virginia Wasserleben, and the son of the murderess, Willie Green, with Tom Williams, will all be tried on the murder charge. The State expects to prove the plot was to kill the man for insurance.

Speaker Clark to Attend Big Banquet

Speaker Champ Clark has so far recovered from his cold that he will be able to leave his home tomorrow and will attend the Jackson Day banquet tomorrow evening.

"Mr. Clark is greatly improved today," it was stated by a member of the family at the residence, "and will be able to leave his home tomorrow and go to the dinner, without any question."

Saved From Death By Scouts

NORMAN SMITH,
Youthful Skater Who Broke Through Thin Ice and Was Later Rescued By Members of Boys' Organization.

EMPLOYES FORCED TO LABOR IN FUMES AND SMOKE AT YARD

Nearly Two Hundred Men Suffer Discomfort—Illness Frequent.

Declaring that the 172 men employed in the big foundry at the Washington Navy Yard daily suffer great discomfort from the escaping fumes of the great steel converters and from smoke not carried off by the present ventilating system, and asserting that this condition is a serious menace to health, representatives of these men today asked G. R. C. Cook, general mechanic of the foundry, to ask heads of the yard to remedy this condition.

That the men frequently are nauseated by the gases and that their throats are likely to become permanently affected by the daily breathing of the smoky and gas-filled air is the charge of the complainants.

Inspection Made.

Mr. Cook today said such a complaint had been made to him. He took a representative of The Times through the foundry, pointed out the two ventilators, which are said to be insufficient to carry off the fumes, and explained the operation of the converters in which melted iron is poured to refine it. The impurities come out in the form of smoke and gases and these the men breathe.

"I am perfectly willing to tell you that the conditions have been complained of, but I can not discuss them for publication. Anything meant for the papers must be given out by some one higher up than I am.

"I do not mind saying that the gases have made men sick, though I know of none off from work at the present time owing to sickness directly resulting from conditions the men complain of."

It was admitted by Lieut. Com. D. E. Dolean that the undesirable conditions exist. He said there will be no remedy until the new foundry to be built out of a $200,000 appropriation made last year, is completed.

Much Smoke Also.

"On Monday morning the smoke from the central heating plant in addition to that from the converters fills the room and envelops the men so that one can't see from one end of the room to the other," he said. "In summer time we can get rid of this by throwing open all the windows. Of course that is not feasible in cold weather."

The lieutenant commander explained that at present the only ventilation is from two fans at each end which fail to do much good and from lattice work trellis along the sides of the roof.

"When the trellis work is open," said one of the men, "the air sweeps down on our heads and threatens pneumonia. Even at that the atmosphere is often so stifling from the gases and smoke that we can hardly breathe. If the grating were closed it would be unbearable."

RELATIVES SILENT ON CONFESSION OF MINISTER RICHESON

Father May Not Know of It. Plea Expected in Boston Tomorrow.

BOSTON, Jan. 7.—Efforts of counsel and friends of Clarence V. T. Richeson, self-confessed murderer of Avis Linnell, his former sweetheart, to obtain direct communication with the father and brothers of the minister, have failed. Not a word has come from relatives of Richeson to indicate he may expect assistance from them at the trial.

The Richeson homestead is in Amherst county, Va. On a 900-acre farm, several miles from Amherst courthouse, the father, who several weeks ago declared he would end his life if he thought his son guilty of the crime, may still be ignorant of Richeson's confession. A heavy snowfall has made travel over the Amherst roads almost impassable. No one ventured to the homestead today to break the news, and there is no telephone connection with the farm.

Uncle Knows of It.

An uncle of the murderer, the Rev. W. A. Richeson, in Lynchburg today, declined to comment on the confession of his nephew. He did not appear to be surprised when he learned of it.

"Have you anything to say regarding the confession?" he was asked.

"I have absolutely nothing to say," he replied.

"Did the confession come as a surprise to the family?" was the next question.

"I have absolutely nothing to say," he again replied.

Richeson will be taken before the court tomorrow, and given an opportunity to plead guilty to the murder of Miss Linnell. The trial was to have been begun a week from tomorrow.

A simple country girl, pinning her faith to the minister who baptized her, and induced by him to come to Boston to pursue a musical education, was Avis Linnell, of Hyannis, on Cape Cod. Finally, in a physical condition that threatened to make impossible the marriage of the Rev. Richeson to Miss Violet Edmands, personal heiress to nearly a million dollars, Miss Linnell was given a drug by the pastor. She returned to her rooms at the Y. W. C. A., on Saturday night, October 14, and in the bathroom swallowed the drug, dying in twenty minutes from cyanide of potassium, which the minister had mixed into pellets, diminishing its strength by the addition of flour. But for the fact that she had made preparations, which indicated she expected the drug to alter her condition, the death would have been considered as a suicide.

Taken As Admission.

The confession of Richeson at the Charles street jail to his attorneys in writing, was made public yesterday. To many the wound which the minister inflicted upon himself in his cell on December 20, with tin from a marmalade jar, was a tacit admission of guilt. In the opinion of the prosecution Richeson did not attempt suicide. He did everything possible to prevent his self-mutilation from proving fatal, and the act was ascribed to religious fervor. This act may not save him from the death chair, as, according to legal authorities in a series of interviews, there is no question of any plea of guilt being acceptable to District Attorney Pelletier, other than that of first degree murder. According to the district at-

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BRYAN ON WAY HERE TO FORCE PRIMARY FIGHT

Nebraskan Due Today, and Report Says He Is Anxious for Battle.

WILSON BOOMERS ELATED BY STAND

Democrats Seem on Verge of Redeeming Their Fighting Traditions.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

A few hours ahead of the schedule that had been planned for him, William Jennings Bryan left Raleigh, N. C., on a night train last night, and was due in Washington this afternoon. It had been expected he would come tomorrow morning.

Putting two and two together, the Democrats assembled for the meeting of their national committee tomorrow, assumed that Mr. Bryan was hastening his arrival in order to have time to prepare for a big fight in the committee, in favor of the widest recognition of the Presidential preference primary.

This belief was strengthened by receipt of advices that in his Raleigh speech last night Bryan was vigorous and uncompromising in his insistence that primaries are the only means by which the rank and file may express preference for candidates.

Faces Complications.

Mr. Bryan lands in Washington to face a complication that no one except himself can straighten out. The Wilson people are demanding primaries, confident that they would make their strongest showing through this reflection of public sentiment. They count on Mr. Bryan to lead the fight for them.

But the enemies of Wilson are making desperate efforts to pry Bryan away from Wilson. They do not hope to induce Bryan to drop his fight for the widest possible use of the primary; but they are determined to drive Bryan away from any open, direct expression in favor of the Jerseyman.

To this end, they have circulated widely the story that six or seven years ago Dr. Wilson wrote a letter to Adrian H. Joline, of New York, demanding to know if means could not be devised to rid the Democracy of Bryan. The anti-Wilson people say they have this letter; and they demand to know how Bryan can fight the Wilson fight with that evidence of disloyalty staring him in the face?

Told of Letter.

Nobody in Washington has assumed to speak for the Nebraskan in this affair. But the story was given out today, that Bryan was told, several weeks ago, at Kansas City, of the existence of the Wilson-Joline letter; that the friends of Wilson admitted that it had been written; and that Mr. Bryan in substance assured them that Dr. Wilson's views in 1905 were of small present-day concern; the Wilson performances since that time were a good deal more convincing in Mr. Bryan's survey of the situation.

In short, the Wilsonites declare that Dr. Wilson had been assured, long ago, that Bryan would store up no grievance by reason of this letter of 1905. If this proves true, a deal of assiduous effort at creating friction will have been wasted without producing even a spark.

Prior to the arrival of Mr. Bryan this afternoon, it became plain that in his fight for primary expression, he will meet a determined opposition. First, it became noised abroad that Roger Sullivan, of Illinois, who hates Bryan with an unquenchable hate, would challenge Bryan's right to sit in the national committee meeting. On what ground could not be learned, for Bryan holds what is understood to be a perfectly regular proxy from the Nebraska committeeman. Some of the opponents of Bryan admitted that they could not imagine a ground on which Sullivan could make good in such a fight.

Not In Favor.

More serious than this Sullivan opposition was the developing evidence that the primary is not in high favor with many committeemen. Conservatives, and some not so conservative, were protesting against the innovation, and declaring that Mr. Bryan would not be permitted to force it into the party's policy, further than to allow those States which have general primary laws to elect delegates under these.

The good old Democratic franchise of mixing things when there is a chance of winning, seems to have been redeemed. Five months ago, it was commonest observation that the Democrats had played great politics during the Congress session; that they had employed their control of the House most effectively to strengthen themselves before the nation; and that the Republicans appeared to have seized upon the Democratic tradition of "when in doubt, do the wrong thing."

But now, how different! Democratic candidates are fighting each other with weapons that cannot fail to leave scars after the convention is past. Mr. Bryan and Mr. Underwood have become involved in a controversy of most serious character. Ohio Democracy is split about as badly as is Ohio Republicanism, between the Harmon and Bryan factions.

Even Missouri is suddenly discovered to have a big, serious schism, resulting from the Clark-Folk fight. They are getting out tomahawks and blunderbusses, lining up for a fine old-time

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An Appeal for the Suffering

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