

STONE INVITED BY SENATE COMMITTEE TO MAKE STATEMENT

Attorney General Asked to Appear at Public Session and Clear Up Matters Now Under Discussion.

SENATOR WHEELER INTO CONTROVERSY

Attempt to Get Second Indictment Against Him Said to Be Chief Reason Nomination Is Being Held Up.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 28.—Attorney General Stone was invited today by the Senate judiciary committee to appear before it at a public session and make a statement relating to the controversy which is delaying his confirmation as a Justice of the Supreme Court.

The principal subject of discussion was the effort of the Justice Department to secure a second indictment here against Senator Wheeler, democrat of Montana, already under indictment in Montana on a charge of accepting money for practicing before a government department.

The attorney general took with him copies of his correspondence with Senator Walsh, democrat of Montana, who is Senator Wheeler's counsel. These letters containing an outline of the new legal proceedings, had been kept heretofore in strictest confidence.

The decision to throw the doors of the committee open to the public was unusual, the rule being that matters relating to Presidential nominations must be kept secret.

The open session was proposed in the committee by administration senators who said the plan had the approval not only of the attorney general, but also of President Coolidge.

Attorney General Stone told a committee today that the Justice Department was fully determined to go ahead with its new case here against Senator Wheeler, of Montana.

Mr. Stone declared the case to be brought here is wholly independent of the Montana proceedings in which Senator Wheeler is already under indictment.

"The principal acts were performed at the capital," Mr. Stone said. "Much of the evidence is documentary in character, and is located in the Interior Department."

"The case could not be submitted to the grand jury without developing Senator Wheeler's connection," he said.

Because of this he had directed that in all fairness Mr. Wheeler should be given an opportunity to explain before the grand jury.

Numerous overt acts, the Attorney General said, had been committed in the District of Columbia and he added that the evidence could not be reviewed without giving the impression of a possible connection by Senator Wheeler with these acts.

He asked that Senators McKinley, of Illinois, and Keyes, of New Hampshire, republicans, and Harrison, democrat of Mississippi, members of the committee, be named as conferees.

UNDERWOOD BILL AGAIN IS GETTING ATTENTION

Senate Asked to Appear Conferees to Meet With Committee Appointed by House to Consider Bill.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 28.—On motion of Senator Underwood, democrat, of Alabama, the Underwood bill authorizing the lease of Muscle Shoals today was laid before the Senate with the request of the House for the appointment of conferees to consider the bill in conference between the Senate and House.

The Alabama senator declared that since the ranking members on the Senate agriculture committee who under the custom, would constitute the conferees, were opposed to the bill, and the senate's action in passing it, they could not reflect the sentiment of the Senate in conference.

Question of Bobbed Hair Still Keeps Men Arguing

London, Jan. 28.—Arguments for and against bobbed hair are prolific, and have agitated the minds even of learned professors. Lecturing to members of the London College of Physiology, Professor H. J. Harper Roberts said: bobbed hair evidently came to stay. Its advantages were threefold; it was becoming to a certain type of woman, it made for freedom, and it was easy to dress and wash. The disadvantage was that it exposed a sensitive part of the neck, which often broke into a rash for about a month afterwards.

A beauty specialist, Dr. Jacques Brettman, takes exactly the opposite view. He condemns the modern craze for bobbed and single hair, and says many women have told him they wish they had not been bobbed.

"Man's ideal woman is still the ideal of the ages," Dr. Brettman says, "a woman with flowing hair over her shoulders. When she bobs her hair she cuts just so much from our conception of her. In our eyes it enhances the beauty of very few women."

Frederick A. Siebold, Jr., Takes Own Life

(By the Associated Press) Chicago, Jan. 28.—Frederick A. Siebold, Jr., once planner and builder of hotels and amusement places, and formerly owner of a steel construction company at Miami, Fla., killed himself with a shot gun as his wife whom he had called listened on the telephone.

Got Rich Quick



Raymond J. Bischoff made too much money for investors in his brokerage office. Federal officers investigated and now Bischoff is on his way from California to Chicago to answer to charges of operating a "con" game. He is charged with robbing 6500 persons out of \$3,000,000 in an oil swindle.

BUILDING UP THE JR. O. U. A. M. MEMBERSHIP

Councils All Over the State Are Engaged in Their Task.

Durham, Jan. 28.—With the state council meeting of the Junior Order approximately seven months off, the councils in all meetings of the state are now engaged in the task of building up their membership in order that the goal for new members set for the state councilor, R. M. Gantt, might be attained during the present fiscal year.

Then thousands new members for the present fiscal year is the task that Councilor Gantt has set for the order in this state. Reports being received by him from many councils over the State are to the effect that great activity is being shown in adding to the membership and present indications make it apparent that the number of new members desired by the present state councilor will be secured with some to spare.

One of the cardinal principles of the order is the teaching of the Bible and patriotism to every boy and girl and Councilor Gantt is emphasizing this as one of the things in which every council and every Junior in the state should take an interest. The presentation of Bibles and flags to schools throughout the state which do not have them is also being stressed as an important feature of the work of the order. Numbers of Bibles and flags have already been presented to schools in all sections of the state by the order but others still remain without them. The order is doing much towards training the coming citizens of the state from the view point of religion and patriotism.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Unchanged to 4 Points Lower, Later May Be Carried up to 23.72.

(By the Associated Press) New York, Jan. 28.—Reflecting sales by the South and spot interests, together with disappointing cables, the cotton market opened unchanged to 4 points lower today. After slight improvement which carried May contracts up to 23.72 with the general market selling 1 to 4 points net higher, moderate reactions occurred.

Local pressure, based partly on light rains in the southwest forced May off to 23.63 in the first hour, but notwithstanding the declines the market appeared to have a fairly good undertone with further trade buying a feature on all days.

Opening prices were: March 23.35; May 23.68; July 23.92; October 23.81.

With Our Advertisers.

A drastic reduction sale of all coats and dresses will begin tomorrow (Thursday) morning at Robinson's. Mr. Robinson is remodeling his store room, and the ready-to-wear department will be moved to the second floor. If you buy before the removal, you gain.

Making "home, sweet home," is a job in which the Bell & Harris Furniture Co. boys are engaged in every day, and in which they take great delight.

If you will tell W. J. Hethcox of your plans for effecting a change of lighting fixtures in your home he will furnish you with a minimum estimate of what it will cost to do the job right.

Everything to keep the children warm at Fisher's and at clean up prices too—sweaters, booties, underwear, outing gowns, etc.

Small sugar cured picnic hams, only 20 cents a pound at the Cabarrus Cash Grocery Co.

Only four more days of the January Clearance and Big White Sale at the Parks-Belk Co.'s. See list in today's ad. of a few of the many big specials.

Very pleasant to take at Gibson Drug Store.

Says America Must Reduce French Debt. Paris, Jan. 28 (By the Associated Press).—Refraining from sentimental outbursts and treating the debt of France to the United States from what he characterized as a business man's viewpoint, Louis DuBois, former president of the reparations commission, declared at the conclusion of a long address in the chamber of deputies today that the United States must considerably reduce her claims against France, not only in equity and right, but also to safeguard her own interests.

AMENDMENT SEEKING FEDERAL CONTROL OF CHILD LABOR BEATEN

Either in Legislatures or by Referendum 13 States Already Have Disapproved the Amendment.

ONLY TWO STATES ACTED FAVORABLY

Sixteen Have Acted on Proposal and California and Arkansas Were Only Two to Vote for the Change.

(By the Associated Press) Chicago, Jan. 28.—Beaten in either the legislatures or by referendum in thirteen states, the proposed child labor amendment to the Federal constitution virtually has been defeated. The adverse action of the thirteen has rendered impossible the necessary ratification of three-fourths of the forty-eight states, unless some legislature reconsider. No move in that direction has been made.

Sixteen states have considered the Congressional proposal to amend the constitution, so Congress might legislate in regard to employment of children under 18 years of age. One or both houses of the legislature rejected the amendment in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, North Dakota, Kansas, Ohio, Washington and Delaware.

In Massachusetts the proposed amendment was rejected by a referendum vote last November.

California and Arkansas were the only states favoring the proposal.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Barring possible reconsideration, the child labor amendment to the constitution tonight had been defeated, the proposal having been rejected in either one or both houses of the legislatures or by referendum in 13 states.

Under the constitution the amendment would have to be ratified by three-fourths of the forty-eight states so that an adverse vote in 13 states would make this impossible.

Oklahoma, Kansas and Ohio today rejected the list of states finally rejected the amendment while similar action was taken in the senate of North Dakota and Washington. In Washington, however, the senate sent to the house a bill which would submit endorsement to the people in a referendum in 1928.

Fifteen state legislatures have acted upon the congressional proposal to amend the constitution so that Congress might legislate in regard to employment of children under 18 years of age, while in Massachusetts the proposed amendment was rejected by referendum last November.

California and Arkansas were the only states favoring the proposal, while the amendment was rejected by one or both houses of the legislature in the following states: North and South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, North and South Dakota, Kansas, Ohio, Washington and Delaware.

In Wyoming the senate voted to postpone indefinitely a resolution of ratification.

While it is possible in some states for the legislatures to reconsider, no move in that direction has been made and in several instances the vote has been so large against the amendment that reconsideration apparently would be futile.

WANTS ARKANSAS TO FOLLOW NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOLS

Arkansas Governor Praises North Carolina's School System.

Raleigh, Jan. 28.—"I have a great state, one of which I am proud. It is not necessary for me to state that Arkansas has the only diamond mine. It would be useless for me to rehearse that Arkansas has a good food production, and is a great timber state, that Arkansas is making progress at a rapid rate, but my whole heart's desire is to make the school situation better in the state and to make Arkansas another Carolina."

That is the boast given North Carolina by Governor Tom J. Terrill in welcoming the Southern Forestry Congress when it assembled for its recent annual session at Little Rock, Arkansas, according to J. S. Holmes, state forester of the North Carolina geological and economic survey, one of the representatives from North Carolina attending the meeting. That the governor's words were not merely oratorical, said Mr. Holmes, was proved by his endorsement of the aims of the Congress as set forth in a bill to inaugurate a system of forest fire prevention, reforestation and state forests, which is to be organized largely along the lines of the forest fire prevention service of North Carolina.

Mr. Holmes, who retired as president of the Congress, is now a member of the executive committee. Its membership is composed of a number of forestry experts, large land owners and representatives of lumber interests in all the southern and several of the southwestern states. The newly elected president, who will serve for one year, is H. L. Tigham, of Marion, S. C., who has large timber interests. The program of the recent meeting, said Mr. Holmes, included papers from a number of authorities on such subjects as reforestation, timber management, forest fire prevention and paper making in the South.

Boarding houses in Japan are required to place out sides their doors a list of their boarders names for all to see.

DAUGHTERS TO ENCOURAGE HISTORICAL RESEARCH

U. D. C. to Offer a Total of Thirty Prizes This Year.

(By the Associated Press) Fayetteville, Jan. 28.—A total of thirty prizes are being offered this year by the United Daughters of the Confederacy for the purpose of encouraging historical research, according to an announcement recently made by Mrs. John H. Anderson, state historian. Mrs. Anderson stated that this is a larger number than has ever been offered before and she urges that all essays and reports be in her hands not later than September 15th.

The chapter prizes offered, according to Mrs. Anderson, are as follows: Mrs. M. G. Kinding, a loving cup, given by Mrs. S. A. Kinding in memory of her mother, for the chapter submitting the best historical report along all lines.

The Julian S. Carr prize of \$20, offered by Clairborne Carr in memory of his father, General Julian S. Carr, to the chapter doing the best historical work in the schools of the town or county.

The William Rufus Cox prize of \$10, offered by Colonel Albert Cox in memory of his father, General Cox, to the chapter sending in the greatest number of original essays in this year's historical contest.

The prize of ten dollars offered by Mrs. Eugene Glenn, in memory of her father, Wallace Lumpkin, of Georgia, to the chapter sending in the greatest number of "records of their Confederate ancestors. Chapters must keep a carbon copy of the records.

In addition to the chapter prizes twenty-five prizes are offered for essays. Among those offering prizes in this department are: Mrs. T. T. Sprunt, \$25; Mrs. Mary Bennett Little, \$20; Mrs. H. A. London, \$10; The Margaret Cromwell prize of \$10 offered by Mrs. Jack-Battle, Daniel Morrison; Mrs. Mary Parker Battle, the Frank M. Parker prize; Joseph Daniels, \$20; Miss Georgia Hester, \$10; Colonel Benjamin Cameron, \$25; \$10 for the best paper on General Robert F. Hoke; The New Bern chapter, \$10; Mrs. Alfred Williams, \$10; Mrs. J. A. Yarborough, \$10; Frank Spruill, \$10; Mrs. E. E. Moffit, \$10; the Battle of Bentonville chapter, \$10; Mrs. J. Harper Irwin, \$10; the Burlington chapter, \$5; the Ranson Sherrill chapter of Newton, \$5; the Wilkes Valley Guards chapter of North Wilkesboro, \$10; Mrs. Mary Parker Battle, \$5; Mrs. J. E. Kirkman, \$10; D. B. Coltrane, \$20; Mrs. J. E. Dickerson, \$10; Mrs. Sydney Cooper, \$10; the James B. Gordon chapter, Winston-Salem, \$10.

The list of subjects assigned for these essays covers a wide range, and the prizes offered, in most instances, are given in memory of friends or relatives. In announcing the prizes offered Mrs. Anderson stated that all manuscripts submitted must be typewritten and there is no limit placed on the number of words in State contests.

NORTH CAROLINA POULTRY AT NEW YORK SHOW

Blue Ribbons Won by Boys and Girls of the Poultry Clubs.

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 28.—A record of winning prizes before established by farm poultry grown and finished by rural club boys and girls was made by poultry from North Carolina at the Madison Square Garden Poultry Show in New York City last week, reports Allen G. Oliver, Poultry Extension Specialist for the State College of Agriculture. Mr. Oliver has just returned to Raleigh from New York where he attended this show, bringing with him four first ribbons, one third and one fifth ribbon. These ribbons were won by farm grown poultry and exhibited by extra boys and girls under the leadership of Mr. Oliver. The winnings were made by representatives of the Wyandott, Leghorn and Sussex breeds grown in Anson, Wake and Catawba counties. One first place went to Norris Jeffrey, of Wake County, with an entry of Sussex poultry. Catawba county won three first ribbons and the third and fifth places went to Anson county.

Mr. Oliver states that credit for the showing made by these club birds must be largely given to the county agents of the extension division who have worked with the young folks in developing good flocks of pure bred birds. The entries competed against the world and some of the best known fanciers of birds of the country had their birds on exhibit. Over 5,700 birds were shown, states Mr. Oliver, and more would have been entered except for the fowl plague quarantine which prevented many shippers from sending their birds to New York.

Mr. Oliver expressed himself as highly gratified at the fine showing made by these club boys and girls, stating that the good work with poultry in this State is beginning to bear fruit.

TEN-CENT MOVIE SHOWS FOR YOUTHFUL PATRONS

'Goody Good' Pictures to Be Barred From Children's Programs.

New York, Jan. 28.—Will H. Hays had good news today for child motion picture fans throughout the country. He announced from the offices of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, of which he is president, that 3500 reels of first-class films of special appeal to girls and boys will be shown, with the co-operation of theatre owners, on Saturday mornings during this year at an admission price of 10 cents.

Each program is to consist of a full-length picture, a one- or two-reel comedy and a one-reel semi-educational subject, was said. It was emphasized that these will not be the "goody good" type but interest-compelling pictures.

May Wheat Above \$2.00 Mark.

(By the Associated Press) Chicago, Jan. 28.—May wheat went above the \$2.00 mark shortly after the opening of the Board of Trade today. General buying by commission houses after the opening absorbed immense profit taking sales, which quickly sent the initial values upward.

For some reason which no one understands, whispering cough is always more dangerous to girls than to boys. It is the only disease of which this can be said.

BILL PROPOSES THAT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT LAWS BE ABOLISHED

Such Bill Presented to North Carolina Legislature by Rep. Wade—Has Support of Clarence Darrow.

NOTICE NECESSARY TO GET LICENSE

Bill Would Make It Necessary for Couples to Post Notice 15 Days Before Getting Marriage License.

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 28.—Capital punishment would be abolished in North Carolina under a bill introduced in the House today by Representative Wade, of New Hanover. The measure is said to be one sponsored by Clarence Darrow, noted criminal lawyer.

Representative Whitaker, of Guilford, sent forward a measure which would require 15 days' notice of intent to the register of deeds before a marriage license could be obtained. A bill also was introduced which would make the use of nitroglycerine or other high explosives in robbing a bank a felony.

A joint resolution introduced in the Senate this morning would require the state auditor to obtain within ten days statements from all departments and institutions of the state as to the amount paid in salaries and he number of automobiles and the prices paid for each. The information would be for the finance committees of both bodies in framing financial legislation. Senator Howard sent forward a measure providing for the creation of additional emergency judges for a period of eight years. A number of local bills were also introduced and the body adjourned until tomorrow.

Bills Introduced in the House.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 28.—The following house bills have been introduced: By Connor: Relating to settlement of disputed county liens.

By Grant and Eare: Prohibiting punch boards and other devices of chance in Gates county.

By Kittrell: Providing for the election of a board of commissioners in Vance county whose term shall be rotatory.

By Kittrell: Relating to licensing dogs in Vance county.

By Dellinger: To provide for fire drills in the public schools.

By Horn: To place Mrs. Sarah Gillespie and Mrs. H. R. Raby on the pension list.

By Brown, of Stanly: Requiring the board of education and the road commissioners of Stanly county to make certain financial statements to the county commissioners.

By Brown, of Stanly: To prohibit shooting in Oakwood, a suburb of Albemarle.

By Davenport: Relating to executors' sales.

By Davenport: To provide for private sales by executors.

By Davenport: Relating to warrants of attachment.

By Madison: Relating to recorder's courts in Jackson county.

By Eure: To fix punishment for driving automobiles in Gates while intoxicated.

By Moss: Relating to the working of roads in Colfax township, Rutherford county.

By Johnson: Providing for the election of three highway commissioners in Currituck county.

By Dowlin: Relating to compensation for deputy court clerks in Warren county.

By Dowlin: Relating to fees of process officers in Warren county.

By Dowlin: For the protection of foxes in Warren county.

By Massenburg: To amend the Louisville graded school act.

By Tarkington: To exempt Camden county from the law requiring twelve months' grand jury service.

By Smith: To validate Southwestern improvement bonds.

Niece of Czar



The Princess Maria Pavlova, niece of the late Czar Nicholas of Russia, has opened a fashionable embroidery shop in Paris.

MEANS AND FELDER ARE BOTH EXAMINED AGAIN

Defendants Subjected to Vigorous Cross-Examination by Government Counsel.

(By the Associated Press) New York, Jan. 28.—Gaston B. Means and Thomas B. Felder underwent a vigorous cross-examination in their trial in federal court on charges of conspiracy to bribe government officials.

"Did you ever say, I have talked with Attorney General Daugherty and will see his deputy, Crim, in a few days and have the indictment thrown out?" the prosecutor asked Felder concerning the Cramer system mail fraud case.

"Did you say, 'This would have been done long ago if it hadn't been for the lawyers who have been saying I'm a fixer'?"

"I never had such a conversation," was Felder's answer.

Means, recalled to the stand, denied he ever had testified during last year's proceedings at Washington, that his diaries had been stolen.

"I testified they had been taken," he said, "not all of them, only some. I testified that men alleged to have been sergeants at arms of the Senate came to my house to get certain diaries."

Judge Martin Mantou, of the United States circuit court of appeals, and former Governor Thomas W. Hardwick, of Georgia, appeared as character witnesses for Felder.

Simon Herr, former partner of Joseph O. Kostner, Chicago alderman, who has figured prominently in the testimony, asserted that Kostner returned to Chicago after a trip to New York during which he had consulted with Felder.

Kostner told me that Felder said that \$10,000 must be forthcoming in the glass casket mail fraud case," testified Herr.

With objections to every question put by Prosecutor Todd the witnesses were allowed to testify as to another trip which Kostner made to New York.

After his return, said Herr, "he told me that the defendants in the Glass Casket case met in Felder's office with Felder's partners and a man by the name of Means, and that the sum of \$47,800 was turned over to a man named Spielberg, one of Felder's partners."

HEATING BY GAS HITS LEGAL SNAG

High Thermal Units Laws Factor in Retarding Progress.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 28.—Gas heated homes! No more coal dust! No more furnaces to stoke; No more ashes to cart out! No more sooty wafts and curtains! No more cussing when the bin is empty and the coal man can't make immediate delivery!

It will come some of these days. Dad will welcome it, for the average dad's idea of the nether world is built around furnaces. Mom will welcome it because it will mean a neater and cleaner home. And it will come some day.

Possibly the public generally does not know that State laws are in part responsible for the slow progress toward realization of these dreams. The price of gas keeps many a householder from using it as heating fuel. And the price of gas is materially affected by the State requirements as to heating standards or thermal units.

The following from the Gas Age-Record is interesting in this connection: "The only thing holding back the industry is the high heating standards for gas manufacture required in all States except Washington and Colorado. "The gas industry must be permitted to manufacture gas and other by-products from grades of coal not now considered desirable. This means a revolution in the technique of the gas business. It means new gasification machines and new methods. It means the product of gas in quantities not now visualized. It means the transportation of gas in many places over long distances. "Unless this is done the householder may be deprived of the benefits of cheaper gas."

Lethal "Gas Pistol" Cools New Weapon

New York, Jan. 28.—Discovery of a new weapon, known as a "gas pistol," was made by the police today with the arrest of a suspect in whose possession they said they found such a weapon, loaded with what was believed to be lethal gas.

The prisoner, who described himself as Elmer Low, was arrested while lurking in a hallway in Second avenue. The pistol was of German make. Inspector Goughlin, in charge of the detective bureau, said the shell in the pistol was one and a half inch in diameter.

Nominated to Be Postmasters

Washington, Jan. 28.—North Carolina postmasters nominated today include: Crumpton, Ike R. Forbes; Valdese, James B. Benfield; Elon College, Joseph C. McAdams.

SNOW AND SLEET ARE BROUGHT INTO STATE BY SEVERE WEATHER

One of Greatest and Quickest Changes in History of the State Took Place Early Tuesday Night.

23 DEGREE DROP IN SINGLE HOUR

Springlike Weather Followed By One of Coldest Days of Year.—Ice, Sleet and Snow Reported.

(By the Associated Press) Charlotte, Jan. 28.—Forcing the mercury downward with pummel-like speed, the predicted cold wave today had descended upon North Carolina bringing temperatures well below freezing, whereas for days most of the state had been experiencing springlike weather. Relief is forecast for tomorrow, but meanwhile the thermometer continued to descend.

Precipitous drops were reported in various points. In Charlotte the weather bureau reported a drop of 23 degrees in one hour, from 61 above zero to 38 above, and with the thermometer reading 22 above at 9 a. m., compared with 23 at 8 a. m. the descent continued. Greensboro reported a fall of 22 degrees in twenty hours, from 67 at noon Tuesday to 45 above today. Raleigh reported a drop of 49 degrees, Winston-Salem 44, and Salisbury 44.

Snow and sleet accompanied the drop in many places, with a slow rain that was falling early last night turning to ice in some sections. Sleet was reported from Wilmington while Raleigh reported icy snow-laden streets. Salisbury reported sleet.

Weather conditions were causing some delays in telegraphic and telephonic communications, according to reports received here.

Bitterly Cold in New York

New York, Jan. 28.—Colder weather with the thermometer falling between 3 and 5 degrees above zero today is the early prediction of New York weather observer. Later today the mercury was expected to rise to about 20 degrees, bringing some relief from the icy winds that swept the Middle Atlantic and New England states yesterday. More snow and higher temperatures are expected tomorrow.

The Metropolitan district awoke this morning under a blanket of four inches of snow that had been flung down on a northeast wind which at times attained a velocity of 40 miles an hour. The gale coursing down New York and New England coast swept across New Jersey and other Atlantic States.

Four thousand employees of the street cleaning department battled against snow drifts today and 12,000 additional men were to join their forces. From 8 a. m. when the first train which soon turned to sleet and then to snow fell, the mercury dropped from 27 degrees to 6 above at 10 o'clock last night.

Throughout New York State and the east the cold fingers of winter gripped towns, cities, hamlets and rural districts. Philadelphia last night reported the worst blizzard of the winter.

BOOTH TARKINGTON FREED OF PLOT STEALING CHARGE

Woman's \$500,000 Suit Against Author Thrown Out of Court.

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 26.—Booth Tarkington, author, won a \$500,000 damage suit opened against him here today without even appearing in court.

He was sued by Miss Maud Greenwood, of Palestine, Tex., who alleged that he had stolen her plot for one of his film works. The Superior Court threw out the case.

Cold Wave Spends Force in Northwest and Middlewest

Chicago, Jan. 27.—The brunt of the latest cold wave to descend on the northwest and middlewest has been spent and warmer weather is anticipated tomorrow by the weather man, according to forecasts tonight.

While near zero or sub-zero temperatures prevailed throughout most of the northwest states today, the high wind which yesterday brought whiff of a swirling snowstorm had died down tonight.

In Chicago, 10 persons were rescued by firemen and policemen and carried into freezing temperatures when their homes burned.

Mellon Gives a Million

Wallington, Conn., Jan. 26.—Officials of the Choate School here tonight announced that Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the treasury, is the donor of a new library building, the cost of which will be approximately \$1,000,000. The gift was unolicited. It was added, "son of the United States treasury executive is a student at the preparatory school