

THREE DEAD AND 2,500 HOMELESS BY THE HIGH WATER

Gale and Tidal Wave on the Coast

Snow Ties Up Cities and Trains as Far West as Cleveland--Seventeen Persons Are Dead in New York Alone--Chelsea, Mass., Flooded--Philadelphia Traffic at Standstill.

Sea Sweeps Over New York Battery

New York, Dec. 27.—The work of repairing the damage wrought by the storm of the last two days was taken up today in half a dozen States. Millions of dollars damage has been done by the blizzard and tidal wave that have buffeted the East and the Atlantic coast.

Gigantic efforts are being put forth by every railroad and telegraph company to bring order out of chaos. Conditions are being slowly remedied.

It is feared that the death list will mount considerably higher, as the details of the storm's effects arrive. Fresh reports of the havoc today show that the storm is the worst that has been experienced since the New York blizzard of 1888.

In New York city alone today 7,000 men are working with might and main to clear the streets of the banked snow. Many of these have been laboring constantly for 24 hours. Trains, delayed from two to 15 hours, began arriving early today on the various lines entering New York. The Pennsylvania lines, as far as Washington, the New York Central, and the New York, New Haven and Hartford roads were the principal sufferers, and at places traffic on these lines was practically abandoned during the storm, while all energy was devoted to clearing the right-of-way.

Reports received today from New England paint the storm as the worst of many years. Lives are reported lost in the 14-foot tidal wave which did immense damage. Many Massachusetts cities were in darkness last night.

In Philadelphia the situation was almost as serious, all surface traffic being blocked and the steam road service demoralized. Five thousand persons spent Saturday night in the Broad street station, and last night

the situation was almost as bad. In Greater New York today dozens of automobiles and taxicabs were claimed by their owners and drivers who had been forced to abandon them in the streets, unable to plough through the snow-drifts. Hundreds of belated passengers today made their way into New York from hotels and farm houses in the outlying districts, where they had been forced to take refuge when the blizzard tied up all traffic. Throughout New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Maryland the full extent of the damage was sustained. From all sources stories of suffering and tremendous loss came today in a steady stream.

In the Hudson river many vessels at anchor have been dragged perilously near shore.

In Long Island sound the situation is even worse, a record-breaking tide having added to the storm's effects.

Damages to scores of coasting vessels, big and little, were reported today.

The full force of the blizzard was felt along the coast. Ice caked ships from hundreds of miles to the north of New York to below Baltimore were forced to struggle to keep afloat and today limped into ports.

In the tenement districts of New York suffering was especially intense. Today every charitable organization in New York took up the task of alleviating the suffering of the poor. Facilities for feeding the homeless were arranged as well as the distribution of clothing and other supplies.

Many of the victims of the storm here were wayfarers who were struggling to make their way home. Exhausted, they fell and were overcome, to be found hours later, with no means of escape.

The New York Central's crack train, the Twentieth Century Limited, was 40 minutes late today and most of the other fast, New York Central trains from the West were an hour or more behind time. The Pennsylvania's fast trains were for the most part delayed from two hours up.

THE DRAMATIC CLUB TONIGHT

Seats Now on Sale at Brown's Drug Store.

The University Dramatic Club at Brown's opera house tonight. Students arrived this morning. The name of the play "El Indiano" or "The Indian" is a Spanish play translated into English. The name might be a little confusing. The inhabitants of the West Indies, and especially Cubans, were known as Indians to the people of Spain for many years. "The Indian" in this play is a Spaniard who has become very wealthy while engaged in business in Cuba. He goes back to Spain and seeks the love of a Spanish maiden of noble birth, whose parents desire a match to be made in order to repair the lost fortunes of the family.

The students showed in Sanford last night to a large and enthusiastic audience. It is hoped that the people will come out and give the college boys a good audience tonight. Show starts at 8 o'clock, ending at 9:30, in time for all who desire to, to attend the dance, which begins immediately after the show.

MISS TANKARD WINS.

Miss Mary Tankard was the winner of the beautiful doll given away Christmas eve night at H. G. Sparrow's store. The number drawing the congratulations of her many friends.

NO PRAYER MEETING.

There will be no prayer meeting service at the Methodist Church tomorrow evening, on account of the Christmas entertainment Thursday evening for the benefit of the Sunday school.

GROWING TOWN IS BELHAVEN

Daily News Man Writes of the Improvement There.

A few days ago a Daily News representative had the pleasure of visiting the bustling town of Belhaven. If you have never visited this place you have missed a great treat. One would be surprised at the growth of this town within the past four years. Belhaven is located on Pungo river, only about ten miles from the mouth of Pamlico river.

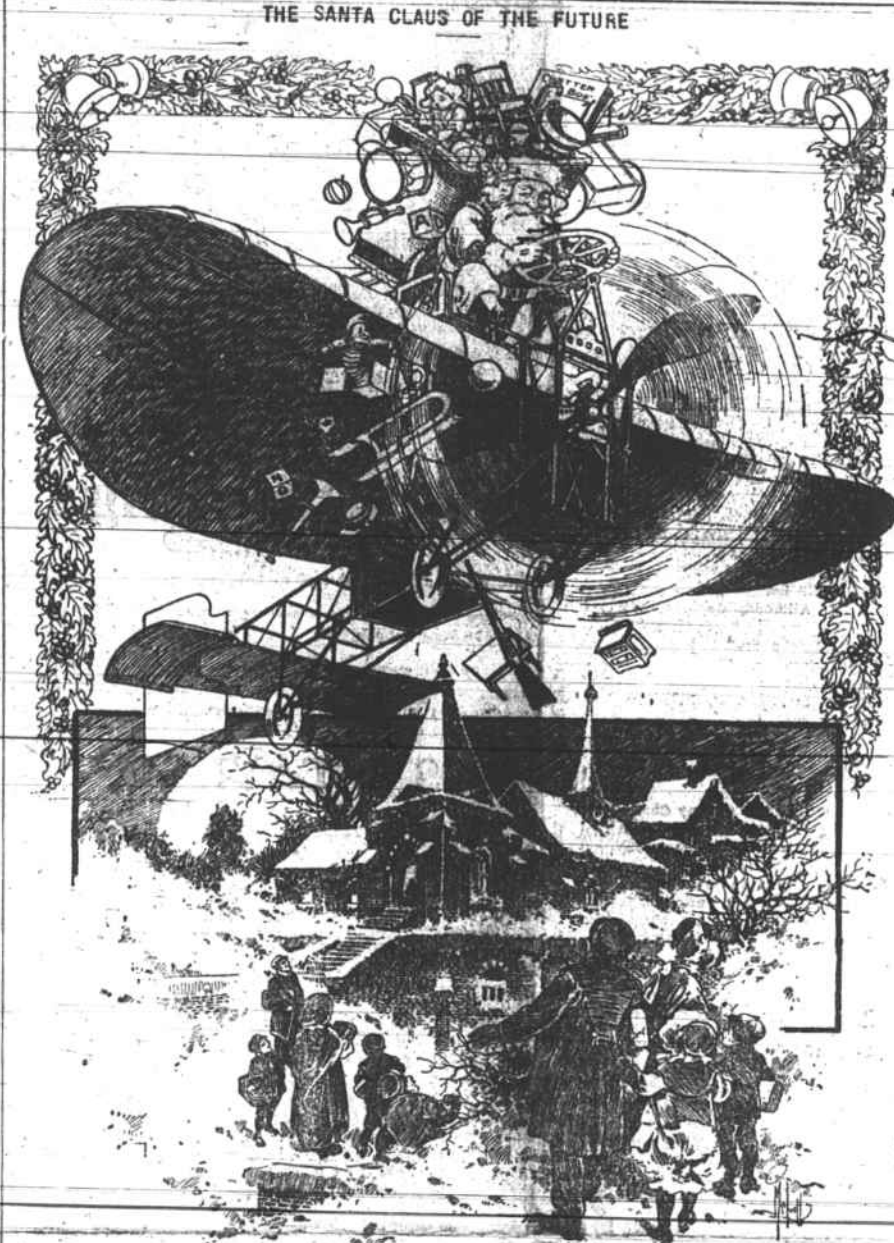
The town has just had its water front dredged, and can now boast of an excellent harbor. They have just completed a canal from the river to Main street. Boats drawing from five to six feet of water can easily go back and forth on this canal. It is a great thing for the commerce of this thriving town.

The people of Belhaven know a good thing when they see it, for now they realize the importance of a good school system. They are erecting a \$20,000 public school building. This is one of the nicest school buildings in the State. It is built of brick and will have all the modern improvements and conveniences.

Belhaven can boast of two of the largest mills in the State. The Cooperage plant employs hundreds of men. The Roper Company, which is also a large manufacturing company, has a very large pay roll. These

They have the nicest hotel that can be found anywhere in the State. They have many stores built of brick, and the merchants carry as good a line of merchandise as can be found anywhere. They have four physicians and two railroad depots.

Belhaven is noted for its fine residences, among them being the handsome and costly residence of Mr. J. A. Williams.



THE SANTA CLAUS OF THE FUTURE

CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT CAN'T BE HELD IN UTAH

So Declares Governor

The Chief Executive Declares That Laws Prohibit Contest in Mormon State—Climate Would Hurt Jeffries.

New York, Dec. 27.—Gov. Spry of Utah, spry as his name, arrived in this city yesterday morning from Philadelphia. The chief executive of the Mormon State declared that he not only believed the climate of his State would be injurious to Jeffries in case the latter chose to fight there, but added that the laws of the State would prohibit the fight, and he would have to forbid the holding of the contest.

"I had no idea that Utah was considered seriously as the battle ground for the championship contest," said Gov. Spry, "until the articles of agreement were signed, and then I believed the interested parties were playing one State against the other with financial gain as their object."

"I have recently been informed of the state of affairs and that the promoters have hopes of staging the fight in Salt Lake City, but I will say that, much as I personally would like to see the battle take place in our State, the law will not sanction it and I as Governor must forbid it."

"The laws of the State must be obeyed, and I shall follow them to the letter."

The Governor added that he did not believe there was one chance in a thousand of the championship contest being held in Utah, and concluded:

"I've followed sports to some extent, and I do not believe Mr. Jeffries high struts after his long layoff. It would greatly affect his condition."

That's about all Utah's Governor had to say about the Jeff-Johnson fight. But notwithstanding what Jack Gleason and Gov. Spry seem to think about the matter, "Tex" Rickard keeps reiterating his declaration that the fight will be held in Utah. The following Associated Press re-

A CONGRESSMAN WHO DOES THINGS.

The Winston Sentinel has the following to say of Congressman Small: The Sentinel has referred before to the work of Congressman John H. Small in the way

of securing things for his constituents. He is a splendid example of the member of Congress who does things. If more Representatives from this section would do as Mr. Small has done instead of wasting their time with abuse of Mr. Taft and kindred topics the result would be significant, to say the least. Mr. Small's constituency in the First Congressional district have known for some time that he is ever on the alert and takes advantage of every opportunity to promote their interests.

It is gratifying to know that his work is of such a character as to attract the attention and comment of the press, not only in this State but throughout the country.

XMAS FESTIVAL.

The Sunday school of Zion Episcopal Church, Bunyan, will have their annual Christmas festival next Thursday night at the church.

MISS MAYO WINS.

Miss Lottie Mayo won the lovely prize at the Gem Theater last night, being a cut glass bowl. There will be another drawing this evening.

port shows how the talkative "Tex" feels about the matter: Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 26.—"It can be positively said that the Jeffries-Johnson contest will be held in Salt Lake," declared Tex Rickard today soon after arriving here from the East. "I have been assured by the leading business men of the city," he continued, "that there will be no official interference with the fight, and on that assurance I am going ahead with the preliminary arrangements."

Rickard said the contest would be held in the Salt Palace "sawyer track," the capacity of which would be enlarged.

So you pay your money and you take your choice.

Wiseacre among sportsmen are of

cleverly devised plan on the part of Gleason and Rickard to keep the fight before the public. July 4 is a long way off and, according to the promoters' ideas, it is essential that the match be kept before the public. What better method could be devised than the cross-bidding between the two partner-bidders as to where the big battle should take place?

\$141,250,000 HAVE BEEN GIVEN AWAY

During the Past Year

Similar Gifts to Charity, Education and Churches in the Last Seventeen Years Amount to \$1,000,150,000.

New York, Dec. 27.—The total public benefactions in the United States during the past twelve months was \$141,250,000, an amount just \$40,000,000 greater than any previous year in the history of the country, according to statistics compiled by a New York newspaper. The amount this year was over twice as large as was given away last year, following the panic of 1907.

The principal benefactors in 1909 have been the late John S. Kennedy, of New York, \$26,550,000; John D. Rockefeller, \$12,852,000, and Andrew Carnegie, \$6,056,511. Of the total amount given in 1909 over a third was given specifically for educational work.

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The Red Men Elect Officers

At the regular meeting of Tan Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Proprietor, H. G. Winfield; Sachem, J. J. Johnston; Senior Sagamore, A. C. Harrison; Junior Sagamore, N. L. Holton; Keeper of Wampum, T. W. Phillips.

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WINS BOX OF CANDY.

Mr. Augustus Bowers held the lucky number 15, the 150 box of Lowrey's candy at Dr. Hardy's drug store.

WOULD LIKE TO SHAKE DOWN JUICY PLUMS

Republican Line-Up

Adams, Logan and Brown Have About Cinched the Big Positions in Western Circuit, But a Lively Scramble is On.

STILL OUT IN THE COLD

Washington, Dec. 27.—North Carolina Republicans see some juicy plums on the trees, and would like to shake them down, but promised gifts not already given will remain in the White House until after the holidays. The slate for the western district, as it is now marked, now reads: Adams, for district attorney, to succeed A. E. Holton; W. E. Logan, marshal, and George H. Brown, collector, with the assistant district attorneyship in doubt, Charles French Toms, of Hendersonville, A. H. Price, of Salisbury, and Mose Harshaw, of Lenoir, being mentioned for the honor.

The Republican program has been changed many times since it was first made, during the last campaign or just after the presidential election. All sorts of things have happened to cause names to be taken off, substituted or put on. The original arrangements called for the eastern judgeship for Adams, the marshals for MacVey and the district attorneyship for Thomas S. Rollins, but the appointment of Judge Connor blocked this into a cocked hat. A new plan had to be drawn. All the while the leaders had to remember that three congressional districts would expect to be cared for, each getting a share of the pie.

If Adams Had Been Named. Had Adams been named for Judge then Rollins would have been the man from the tenth, but Logan, chairman of Representative Grant's district committee, is the man of the hour. Cowles will have the collectorship and the general impression here is that George H. Brown will be retained, although no one but the Congressman from the eighth can say, and up to this time he has not made his intention in the matter an open secret.

The fifth-where Judge M. Morehead roams and runs, tantalizing have the district attorneyship. Adams is to get the appointment. If former Senator Butler makes up his mind to keep him from being confirmed he may succeed, being a worker and mover of rare industry, resources and connections. Adams' friends do not seem to fear anything serious from this source.

Senator Dixon Took a Hand.

North Carolina Republicans were assisted in making their first slate by Senator Joe Dixon of Montana, who is a brother-in-law of MacVey. This native son of Alamance always shows an interest in the affairs of his old home State, especially in the progress of his party. Out in the Northwest, where old traditions do not count, he is a wheel horse. Here he has the ears of the White House whenever he demands it. But, a cog slipped in the Tar Heel camp, and his candidate, although a fit one, will not get the post.

Three young men—one not in years but in spirit—are in mind for assistant district attorney. Colonel Price, a brilliant Salisburyan, who held the position at one time, is one of the most likeable fellows in the State. Charles French Toms, a recent convert to the Republican faith, has done well at law. He was at the State University with Mr. Price. Major Harshaw is one of the characters of the Blue Ridge. He looks the part, and acts it. His mountain allies speak mighty well of him.

The real contest, if present ideas prevail, will be over this place. Cowles and Grant are already in the field, and Morehead may enter.

Out in the Cold. Two grand old war horses, Thomas Settle and Elwood Cox, are still out in the cold. The diplomatic positions have been filled and the South got nothing.

FAITHFUL DOG DEAD.

Fritz, who has been the faithful companion of his master, Mr. George O. Morton, passed away last night

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BOX PARTY.

There will be a box party given at the Statesboro schoolhouse on the evening of December 31. The public is cordially invited to attend.

AFTER KILLING SAMUEL BAKER WAS LYNCHED

Pennington is Hanged

Baker Was on His Way to a Christmas Tree With Wife and Children When Shot—Wife Wounded Assailant.

RIDDLED WITH BULLETS

Devon, W. Va., Dec. 26.—A murderer Christmas eve, followed by a lynching, the first in Virginia in a year, took place at Hurley, a small town in Buchanan county, Virginia, not far from the State line.

Samuel Baker, a brother-in-law of George Meadows, who was killed by Howard Little, the notorious sextuple murderer, now under sentence to die, was shot and killed by Henry Pennington. Mrs. Baker was also shot and wounded, and Wyatt Meadows, who was with the Baker, received a bullet from Pennington's pistol. Pennington was in turn wounded by Mrs. Baker, who got his pistol from him. He escaped and in a fight with officers was again wounded, this time so seriously that it was feared he would die. In this condition he was swung up by an armed mob of 100 men, his body being riddled with bullets.

Wife's Shot Fails.

Pennington, who had been drinking, picked a quarrel with Baker and shot him while the latter was on his way to a Sunday school Christmas tree with his wife, his two children, and Meadows. Seeing that he had killed Baker, Pennington started to run away. Mrs. Baker called after Pennington and implored him to help her take the body home.

The race worked, and Pennington went back to the spot where his victim lay dead. Bent upon avenging the dead, Mrs. Baker grabbed Pennington's pistol from his pocket and shot twice at him. Her aim was bad, but she succeeded in wounding him in the hand and thigh. Pennington recovered possession of the pistol, and then shot the woman and attempted to kill Meadows, who was running away. It is alleged, and the two children.

Pennington then fled, but was surrounded by a posse on the outskirts of the town. He was captured after an exchange of shots with the officers, who badly wounded him. Being too weak to stand the journey to the Grundy jail, 15 miles distant over mountainous country, Pennington was locked up in the constable's house, but about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon it was thought advisable to remove the wounded man to the H. W. Ritter Lumber Company's boarding house, where a guard was placed over him.

Riddled With Bullets.

At midnight a mob of a hundred men, friends of Baker, overpowered the guard and captured Pennington. Despite his condition, he was hung to a steam pipe running from the engine room to the machine shops, where his swinging body was riddled with bullets.

The body was cut down this morning. Baker, who was shot by Pennington, was a son-in-law of "Aunt Betty" Justice and a brother-in-law of George Meadows. Pennington was known to be a friend of Howard Little, and it is thought that the talk of a new trial for Little in Roanoke had much to do with his seeking a quarrel with Baker and for the sentiment as well which provoked the lynching that followed. Wyatt Meadows is a relative of George Meadows.

Despite For Little.

The murder of Mrs. Betty Justice and the Meadows family occurred several months ago. Howard Little was convicted of this murder and was sentenced to be electrocuted January 6.

He has been granted a 30-day respite by the governor, his attorneys claiming that his witnesses were intimidated by the friends of the Meadows family, and that he has been sentenced because of his previous bad reputation with no evidence other than circumstantial.

Baker's funeral was held today, but his wife was too badly wounded to attend.

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Laxative Bromo Quinine.
Harlie G. Sparrow—Toys and
Fireworks.
Garfield Clemmons—A Card of
Thanks.
Washington Drug Co.—Prescriptions.
J. K. Hoyt—Ladies' Shoes.