

THE WEATHER.
Rain Sunday; Monday probably fair, somewhat colder; moderate variable winds, mostly south and southwest.

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FAMINE FOLLOWS SNOW IN DENVER

Cripple Creek Mining Camp in Desperate Circumstances.

HOUSES DESTROYED BY WIND

Trains Are Seriously Delayed in Kansas—Food Sent to People on Snow Bound Train in the Rocky Mountains.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 6.—Drags carrying sleighs filled with milk cans and wagons laden with provisions, drawn by four and five spans of horses to-night were breaking what had begun to be a serious coal and provision famine because of the more than three feet of snow which covered the city and blocked traffic for more than three days.

Street cars were manned for a short distance on one line and many men and some women returned to their homes for the first time since the storm began.

Reports from the State tonight indicate that Cripple Creek, high in the mountains, is in a critical condition due to the blizzard which struck that gold mining town last night and this morning. The power plant has burned and the town is in darkness save the light from candles and coal oil lamps. Fifteen feet of snow covers the district. Six business houses were destroyed by the wind and scores of other dwellings and business houses were damaged.

A train which left Cripple Creek for Colorado Springs on Thursday is snow bound at Summit, one of the highest points in the traversable section of the Rocky Mountains. A relief party left Colorado Springs today on snow shoes and skis carrying provisions and it is hoped that they will be able to reach the train and get enough food to the crew and passengers to maintain life until they can be rescued.

Many reports of missing men were received in Colorado Springs today from mountain points and rescue parties led by United States forest rangers have gone in search of the missing.

Railroad traffic in the State was much better today and by tomorrow it is believed the schedules will become much nearer normal in all directions.

SNOW IN KANSAS

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 6.—A heavy snow storm today blanketed Northwestern Kansas and drifts were piled high by a stiff northwest wind. Only local trains were operating on several roads.

UTAH SNOWBOUND

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 6.—Trains due here yesterday from the East did not arrive until today. Several West-bound trains are stalled on Sherman Hill, Wyo.

AT GOLDSBORO DECEMBER 11TH.

University Glee Club and Orchestra (Special Star Correspondence.)
Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 6.—Goldsboro people consider it fortunate to be on the list for a visit from the University Glee Club and Orchestra, a combination of 25 exceptionally gifted young men in songs and musical renditions, which will appear in the Messenger opera house in this city Thursday evening, December 11th.

DEBATE IS CLOSED

On Hensley National Holiday Resolution.

Congress Will Probably Vote on Question Monday—Only Few Voices Raised Against It During Argument.
Washington, Dec. 6.—With only one or two voices raised against the Hensley National Holiday resolution, which would authorize the President to accept the suggestion of Winston Churchill, first lord of the British admiralty, for a world-wide abandonment of naval construction for one year, the debate on the resolution was brought to a close today in the House. A vote will be taken Monday.

REBELS SELL A MOUSE: AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS

Fear Huerta Government is Preparing Some Sinister Surprises in Connection With the Projected Advance on Mexico City by the Constitutionalist Forces—Plan More Concerted Defense of the Southern States of Republic.

Juarez, Mexico, Dec. 6.—The feeling spread among rebel leaders today that the Huerta government was preparing some sinister surprises in connection with the projected march of General Francisco Villa's army toward Mexico City.

Some belief was expressed that the Federalists had an object in evacuating Chihuahua and other isolated Federal garrisons where it was impossible for them to do much more than defend themselves, and that this object was to permit a more concerted and energetic defense in the central and southern States, where forts are more numerous and communication among them is easier.

General Villa's intention to augment his present army by scattered bands about Torreon and Saltillo and to mass a solid force of 20,000 or more on the march to Mexico City, would place the rebels in a unique position.

Heretofore, they have been scattered while the strength of the Federalists was also divided by their having to garrison the northern cities.

As the rebels gain territory the relative positions of the Federalists and rebels will be reversed, the latter having to protect what they have won while the Federalists will have to fight for aggressive fighting. Further south, too, the comparatively undisciplined rebel forces will probably have to contend with greater numbers and superior fighting machines.

Noon tomorrow has been fixed by General Villa for his entry into Chihuahua, the State capital evacuated by the Federalists a week ago. Villa tonight was encamped about 30 miles north of the city.

Word came from the vicinity of Ojinaga, on the Texas border, that General Huerta and the other Federal officers and troops who fled from Chihuahua were moving slowly and that many of the civilians accompanying them were on foot.

BASNIGHT IS FIRED

Newbern Postmaster is Summarily Discharged.

R. A. Nunn, Representative of Basnight's Bondsman, is Placed in Charge—Consummation of Long Controversy.

(Special Star Telegram.)
Newbern, N. C., Dec. 6.—As a culmination of the postoffice wrangle which has been in progress in Newbern for the past eight or nine weeks, Postmaster Jesse S. Basnight, who was placed in charge of the office in June, 1910, was this afternoon dismissed by the Postmaster General for insubordination and R. A. Nunn, representing the American Bonding Co., of Baltimore, who were on Mr. Basnight's bond, was placed in charge of the office.

The action is the culmination of a long controversy between the postmaster, who is a Republican, and Night Clerk R. E. Smith, a Democrat, which has brought to the department counter charges filed by Basnight and Smith against each other. It was alleged by Smith that the postmaster ignored the civil service rules by appointing a Republican youth not of age to a vacancy in the postoffice.

Basnight claimed he was ordered to the place, which was a promotion, because of his long service in the postoffice. When the postmaster learned that these charges had been filed against him he ordered the postoffice inspector to charge Newbern to investigate the case, it is alleged, Basnight discharged Smith.

Subsequently the postoffice Department sent a telegram to Basnight ordering him to restore the clerk to his position. This telegram was ignored entirely by Basnight, according to Senator Simmons, who took up the case in behalf of Smith. A second telegram was sent to the postmaster demanding an explanation, whereupon Basnight replied that he had acted within his rights under the law which he claimed gave him the privilege of choosing his assistants as he saw fit.

Then the Postoffice Department sent a primary demand to Basnight that he reinstate Smith and gave him until today to do so. Basnight, according to Senator Simmons, paid no attention to this demand. Postmaster General Burleson ordered that the postmaster be summarily removed.

Charged With Insubordination. (Special Star Telegram.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Third Assistant Postmaster General Roper said late tonight that the department had issued orders directing Postmaster Basnight, of Newbern, Basnight, in addition to charges preferred against him by R. E. Smith, a clerk in the office, was charged with insubordination in that he has positively refused to re-instate Clerk Smith when ordered to do so by the department. The letter carrying the formal dismissal will reach Newbern Monday morning.

RALEIGH GETS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Score in Game at Chapel Hill is 29 to 6. (Special Star Telegram.)
Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 6.—The football game between the Raleigh and Wilmington high schools for the State championship was played at Raleigh today before an aggregate attendance of 1,000. The result was 29 to 6 in Raleigh's favor.

From the first it was seen that Raleigh had the stronger team. In the first few minutes of play Bowen, of Raleigh, took the ball over and before the first quarter was over Champion of Raleigh, scored the second. Bowen followed with a kick goal and with a drop kick by Bowen a few moments later, the quarter was called off, score 16 to 0.

Johnson scored the third touchdown for Raleigh, Bowen scored the fourth. Raleigh's team outplayed Wilmington. Although it was evident all through the game that Wilmington was outclassed, Wilmington boys played hard. Raleigh's team outplayed Wilmington's by an average of 10 pounds to the man and they were older and more experienced men. Wilmington had eight new men at the game. Thomas, Thompson, Grant and Hicks starred for Wilmington. In the last quarter Thompson took advantage of a fumble and got away for a 40-yard run for the only touchdown. No goal kicked. Score 29 to 6.

WALTER G. NEWMAN HAS STRUCK KALE

His Gold Mine at Gold Hill Running Rich

\$1,000 TO \$2,000 TO THE TON

Formal Applications from Winston, Dortch, Webb and Hammer Filed, the Latter With Many Endorsements.

(Special Star Telegram.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—The Walter George Newman gold mines at Gold Hill, N. C., are producing gold ore that runs from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per ton and nuggets of gold which have been assayed in New York at from \$700 to \$970 each, is the statement made by Mr. Newman at the Raleigh Hotel tonight.

"I have sunk shafts 300 feet deeper than any one has ever attempted to go before," said Mr. Newman. "I have found veins of gold unequalled in this country. I told Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Williams that I would guarantee to mine over a million dollars worth of gold by November 15th, of next year, and I will do even better than that."

"No, I am not selling stock," continued the man who has made millions, lost it all and again climbed to the top of the financial circles. "There is not a dollar's worth of stock for sale. I am going to work beginning myself and I positively refuse to allow any one else to get control of the property. The property is open for inspection and I will gladly demonstrate to any one who comes to Gold Hill that what I say is true."

Edwin Gregory, of Salisbury, son-in-law of Senator Overman, is the attorney and one of the board of directors of the Gold Hill property. Mr. Gregory has been in New York for several days and returned to Washington today and was in conference with Mr. Newman and several New York financiers.

After a visit to the Treasury Department where he conferred with Director of the Mint Robert S. Lyden and Assistant Secretary Williams, Mr. Newman said the government at his request were sending a mineralogist to Gold Hill to look into the remarkable discovery which Newman claims he has made.

Re-establish Charlotte Assay Office. Mr. Roberts assured Newman that if the gold content of the ore was produced in the past three weeks, the amount would be sufficient to establish the Charlotte Assay Office.

When the statistical questions are answered during the session of the North Carolina Episcopal Church, South, on Monday, it will be shown that the number of local preachers in the Conference at this time is 36, a total church membership of \$4,149, the total net increase in membership during the past year having been 2,026. During the past year 1,094 infants and 2,472 converts were baptized. The number of Epworth Leagues is 126, the number of Epworth League members 4,991; the number of Sunday Schools 639, the number of Sunday school officers and teachers 6,008; the number of Sunday school scholars 66,556.

METHODISTS ADVANCE STAND ON TEMPERANCE

Conference Takes Position for Nation-Wide Prohibition and for State Law to Prohibit Delivery of Liquor in North Carolina—Busy Day at Oxford—Rumors of Changes. No Change, However, Expected in Wilmington.

(By Mamie Bays.)
Oxford, N. C., Dec. 6.—The report of the committee on temperance adopted by the North Carolina Methodist Conference today expressed the opinion that the sentiment for law enforcement and Nation-wide prohibition is growing throughout the bounds of the North Carolina Conference and that the officers of the law, State and Federal, are becoming more active in the enforcement of prohibition laws.

The report recommended as the next necessary step to be taken, that which would prohibit railroads, express companies and other carriers from shipping intoxicating beverages into this State, and delivering the same. It called attention to the fact that Macon, Burke, Rutherford, Avery and Mitchell counties have such laws, and recommended that the next General Assembly be petitioned to make such law State-wide, and expressed the further opinion that the time has come to fight for Nation-wide prohibition, especially in view of the fact that 70 per cent of the United States is now dry territory, nine States are prohibition States, and that 68 per cent of the population is living in the dry territory.

The report endorsed the extension of the American Anti-Saloon League in declaring for an amendment to the Federal Constitution prohibiting the manufacture, sale, exportation and transmission of intoxicants and urged that congressmen be called upon to support the same. The report also urged the passage of the Webb bill and the enactment of the Search and Seizure law by the General Assembly of North Carolina.

Another report of the committee on temperance, adopted by the conference, was that of Rev. R. L. Davis, appointed superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of North Carolina. This report was highly commended and it was recommended that Rev. R. L. Davis be appointed superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of North Carolina.

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There are in this Conference 754 societies and 739 houses of worship. The value of the houses of worship is \$2,212,325. Amount of indebtedness, \$137,824.55; the number of pastoral charges 193; the number of parsonages 175-12. The value of parsonages is \$411,913.71. The indebtedness on parsonages is \$26,849.31. The number of districts in the Conference is nine and the number of district parsonages nine.

The number of churches damaged the past year was 17 and the amount of damage \$5,994.25. The insurance carried on church property is \$797,174; premiums paid \$5,416.07; losses \$5,994.25; collections on losses \$1,236.75.

Important Resolution. Rev. J. M. Culbreth presented the following resolution which was adopted by the Conference and will be sent to the General Conference as a memorial from the North Carolina Conference, this action having been taken by the Conference with the reference of the resolution to the committee on memorials to the General Conference: "Resolved, That the North Carolina Conference hereby memorializes the General Conference to take the necessary steps to require candidates for admission on trials the satisfactory completion of a course of instruction equivalent to that required by the commission on education for admission to the freshman class of an A grade college."

REDUCTION MADE IN PARCEL POST

New Rates to Take Effect the First of January

INCREASE FOUND LIMIT

Inter-State Commerce Commission Gives Postmaster General Permission to Make Changes Proposed by Him.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Important changes in parcel post regulations including general reduction in rates and increase in maximum weights, were approved today by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The revisions were made upon recommendations of Postmaster General Burleson, and in a majority of cases are effective January 1st, 1914.

Books are admitted to the parcel post; weight limits are increased in the first and second zones from 20 to 50 pounds, and in all zones beyond the second from 11 to 20 pounds; and rates are reduced in the third, fourth and sixth zones. The changes in rates to be in effect January 1st, 1914, follow:

To reduce the rates for the third zone from seven cents for the first pound and five cents for each additional pound to six cents for the first pound and two cents for each additional pound.

To reduce the rates for the fourth zone from eight cents for the first pound and six cents for each additional pound to seven cents for the first pound and four cents for each additional pound.

To reduce the rates for the fifth zone from nine cents for the first pound and seven cents for each additional pound to eight cents for the first pound and six cents for each additional pound.

To reduce the rates for the sixth zone from ten cents for the first pound and nine cents for each additional pound to nine cents for the first pound and eight cents for each additional pound.

It seems obvious, says a statement by the commission, that the service to the public will be promoted by these changes, provided the revenue from the service is not less than the cost thereof. Experience seems to show clearly that the revenue will not be less than the cost of the service.

Unique Method Of Raising Cash

STEAL COTTON FROM PLATFORM AND RESELL IT TO ORIGINAL OWNERS.

Gastonia, N. C., Dec. 6.—Skilful thieves have re-sold at least ten bales of cotton here in the last week, stealing the staple in daylight from the city platform. At least, this is the only tenable theory, since the cotton could be carried off. The way the trick is worked is, the thief comes at a time when the weigher is operating the scales at one end of the platform, drives to the other end, takes tags from bales already weighed and sold, loads them on a wagon, drives around to the scales, has the bales weighed and tagged again, and then makes the sales up town to a broker, who pays one more for cotton already ready.

OUTLINES

Secretary of State Bryan in an address yesterday advocated a more direct government by the people. Direct election of United States Senators is the first move toward a freer and easier way of amending the constitution, he said. Suffragettes at the close of his address wanted to know how he stood on that question but he eluded them.

The Hensley National Holiday resolution will probably be passed by Congress Monday.

STORM'S RESULTS

Fifty-three Known Deaths in Texas Floods

Water So Deep in Some Places That Boatmen Can Find No Houses. Overflow Scatters Families. Much Damage Done.
Bryan, Texas, Dec. 6.—Fifty-three persons tonight are known to be dead and scores of others are reported to have lost their lives in the floods of Central and South Central Texas. Three thousand have been driven to the upper floors of their homes or been compelled to seek refuge in trees, where they remained for hours before being rescued. Estimates of the damage generally center around \$4,000,000.

One of the deepest overflows was in the Brazos bottoms of this section, where the water tonight reported no houses visible. The floods tonight were beginning to pass out into the Gulf through the last 100 miles of their courses. In the remaining territory there are few important towns, but additional drownings in remote settlements are feared.