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BITTER STORM STRIKES NORTH-EASTERN STATES Blizzard Ties up Traffic in Many Cities ---Another Storm Expected Tomorrow.

SNOWFALL HEAVY IN MANY PLACES

Number of Persons Have Met Death as a Result of the Cold—New England Isolated.

7000 MEN ARE AT WORK IN NEW YORK STREETS

Business Practically Suspended in Philadelphia, Where Snowfall Is One of the Heaviest in City's History.

A CHRISTMAS blizzard has tied up traffic this morning in the cities in many eastern states.

It is believed conditions will be normal by Tuesday night, when another storm is expected from the west.

Many persons have met death; five in Philadelphia, a dozen in New York. The fatalities in New England are not reported.

In Philadelphia business is practically at a standstill. The city is suffering from a shortage of milk.

Washington did not suffer severely, but on account of traffic conditions in the north, President Taft decided to postpone his engagement to speak in New York. The storm in New England is worst in New Bedford, Providence, Fall River, Newport, Pawtucket and Woonsocket.

In New York city 7000 men are cleaning the streets. The surface lines are blocked and the result is heavy traffic on the subway.

PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 27.—Philadelphia is still in the grip of the blizzard. General business is tied up, railroad traffic and street car service is in bad shape. The snow fall is one of the heaviest in the city's history.

Many trains were stalled and the Pennsylvania railroad announced last night that eight trains had been held at Piquette, Pa., 25 miles west of the city, for five hours. Among them were the Pennsylvania eighteen-hour train from Chicago for New York; the Manhattan express from Chicago for New York; and other fast trains.

Two cars attached to the leading train left the track and this was responsible for the holding of the trains. The passengers were well taken care of. The eighteen-hour train left Piquette at 4 o'clock and was followed by the other trains.

The storm began Saturday and all day and early Sunday morning the local street railway company abandoned all traffic. Cars were abandoned by their crews in all the sections of the city and passengers were compelled to remain in the cars until daybreak. Snow plows and sweepers plowed outside and the snow which fell slightly thawed and then froze in layers removed by gangs of men with picks and shovels. Thousands of loaded automobiles and other travelers were obliged to spend the night in railroad stations.

Not only travel cars, but many automobiles and other vehicles had to be abandoned.

While in a few sections the electric light wires are in trouble there is a surprising lack of wire trouble throughout the city.

President's Plans Changed. Washington, Dec. 27.—On account of uncertain traffic conditions due to the storm, President Taft cancelled his engagement to give a speech in New York city, which was originally scheduled for Saturday.

WATER FAMINE IN ASHEVILLE DUE TO "BREAK" IN PIPE LINE

As a result of a great tree being hurled by the force of the fierce storm of Saturday night across the city's 16-inch gravity water main at a point one mile this side of "Rock Cut," 14 miles distant in the mountains from Asheville, the city yesterday and last night was up against a serious water famine, with additional grave danger from fire on account of lack of water and exceptionally cold weather. Drinking water was simply at a premium. The trouble at "Rock Cut" was not learned here until 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, although the city officials, including Mayor Campbell, the members of the board of aldermen, the water superintendent, the city plumber and all assistants in those departments exhausted every known recourse to learn just where the trouble was.

When the indicator in the water superintendent's office began to show low water yesterday morning, efforts were made to ascertain the reason. Attempts to connect with the intake over the city's private telephone line proved futile, the storm and the high wind during the night having put the line entirely out of commission. With the water in city mains running lower and lower, and finally with the indicator showing no pressure, with water entirely off and people calling every few seconds to know what the trouble was, efforts were made to connect with Black Mountain that a runner might be sent seven miles across the mountain to the intake to learn the cause of no water.

Quick Work. It was found that both telephone and telegraph lines to Black Mountain were down and the situation at the intake more desperate. Assistant Wood made request of the dispatcher's office at the Southern railway station for assistance, and the call was quickly and cheerfully responded to. A message was sent Black Mountain through the dispatcher's office routed via Charlotte and Greensboro in ten minutes came the wire reply that Black Mountain had been reached and that a messenger had started for the intake. This was cheering news and the belief then obtaining that the trouble was an ice jam at the intake, it was hoped that some word would be soon coming about the trouble. In the meantime, however, the line walkers were started over the line.

Through the bitter cold on the long 20 miles tramp over the pipe line and through the mountains, to locate the trouble it, perchance, it was on the line.

Special Train Offered. The office of the Asheville division of the Southern came to the front prominently in the city's emergency. The division officials tendered to the city anything that it might want. A special train for a run to Swannanoa or Black Mountain with crews of men if need be, were placed at the disposal of the city. The morning hours were spent at an afternoon came, but not a word from the intake or any point along the line. Communication was obtained with Black Mountain but nothing was known there of the trouble—and in the meantime 30,000 people were without water.

At 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon a telephone message came that the trouble had been located; that a tree had blown across the big main near "Rock Cut." While relieved that the source of trouble had been found, nevertheless those familiar with the pipe line and that section of the country instantly knew what that meant—that the trouble was probably 14 miles from town; that men and tools and material must be sent at once. Efforts to find automobiles with sufficient carrying strength and capacity to haul material and men was attempted, while also arrangements were making for a special train. The automobile problem, composed of an engine and coach, were accepted from the Southern. Later it was found that better time could be made on No. 75 and shortly after 5 o'clock the force left Biltmore for Swannanoa. Arrangements in the meantime had been made for wagons at Swannanoa, and the force of men under City Plumber Ernest and Water Superintendent Francis was not long

in getting away after the arrival of the train. It was a drive of at least two or three miles through the mountains to the scene of the "break," and it was a cold, hard drive. They reached the scene before 11 o'clock and at once began the work of repair. It was about 1 o'clock this morning when the break was repaired and water again started through the pipe.

Trouble Well Handled. The foresight of the city officials made the task less arduous than it would otherwise have been. At intervals along the pipe line are placed joints and sections of the 16-inch pipe. One of these sections was not far from "Rock Cut." It was necessary, however, for the workers to cut the pipe at the break and put in a section with "sleeves." This work naturally required time and it was after midnight before the work was complete and water again started through the pipe.

The manner in which the officials of the town worked and bent every endeavor to locate the trouble and make speedy repair yesterday evinced their thorough interest and their capability. They left nothing undone. They realized the situation; realized that it was grave, and they measured up. As a precaution against fire a reserve supply that had been maintained in what is known as the old reservoir was carefully guarded. The new reservoir, with a capacity of 5,000,000 gallons, was emptied some time ago in order that inspection and repairs might be made in the big reservoir. Consequently in this emergency it was empty. Many people were naturally inquisitive by nature and were waiting for news, but it was one of those things over which no man had control and the situation was made the best of.

A Hard Night's Work. The men who went to the scene of the break returned to town this morning at 7:30 o'clock tired and cold. They found great stretches of the city's private telephone lines in the ground and it will require some time to repair this. At one point near "Rock Cut" the men leaped so far that it literally lifted the roof off a house while the occupants slept, and dropped the top of the house in a nearby field.

When the water came through the pipe early this morning it was consumed as fast as it came in. About 4 o'clock, however, some ten feet of water registered in the standpipe while the indicator showed 70 pounds. Shortly after daybreak the demand was so great for water that the ten feet in the standpipe were consumed and likewise all the water that came through. Today the situation is all right and plenty of water is to be had.

Incidents of Water Famine. During the late afternoon yesterday when the people of the town had been without water for several hours a procession of thirsty ones made their way to the fountain in Park square, carrying pitchers, pails and cans, and dipped up enough water to meet the emergency.

Just how many calls were answered at the water superintendent's office during the day is not known but those who stayed there to answer the telephone declare that the calls averaged several every minute. One man with a noticeably English accent asked about the water situation and when told that there was a break in the pipe and that the water was off became alarmed and inquired anxiously: "Why, man, what am I going to do for me bath?" The man said he was sure he didn't know.

The Asheville division of the Southern tendered equipment and men to the city in the emergency and the city officials appreciate the fact to the fullest.

The Battery Park hotel put into commission its emergency tank of water yesterday and the hotel's guests were well cared for.

Mayor Campbell, the members of the board of aldermen, and especially the water committee and the heads of city departments were on the job all day and worked desperately to locate the trouble and have it repaired as speedily as possible.

Committee Which Decided Against Dr. Cook At Copenhagen, Although Friendly to Him



FRANCIS CHRISTIAN, PRESIDENT OF THE SCANDINAVIAN SOCIETY

DR. A. STROMGREN, PROFESSOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN

MR. LONSDALE WITH THE BOOK OF RECORDS LEAVING THE DOOR AT COPENHAGEN

CAPT. C. H. RYDER, DIRECTOR OF THE METEOROLOGICAL INSTITUTE

CAPT. H. ADJUNGEN, DIRECTOR OF OBSERVATION

WOULD NOT CARE TO HAVE HER BACK

Brokaw Says He Has Learned Things About His Wife Since Friday.

New York, Dec. 27.—When the trial of Mrs. Mary Gould Brokaw's suit for separations and alimony was resumed Attorney Baldwin began a cross-examination of W. Gould Brokaw. Brokaw declared he never accused his wife of flirting with Dr. Chapman, Dr. Fou and with doctors at the sanitarium in Paris; neither had he ever taxed her with wrongdoing. He still had a kindly feeling for his wife, in fact was still fond of her.

"Would you be willing to live with her again?" asked Baldwin. "I might under certain conditions," was the reply.

"Do you want your wife to come back to you?"

"Since Friday," replied Brokaw, "I have found out something and now I would not care to have her back." The answer caused a mild sensation.

SPECIAL INTERESTS MADE ATTACKS

Gifford Pinchot, Chief of the Forestry Department, Makes Interesting Statement.

New York, Dec. 27.—Gifford Pinchot, chief forester, declared in a speech here today before the University club, that special interests have made repeated attacks on the United States Forest service, and that the attacks have increased in violence in proportion as the service has offered effective opposition to predatory wealth.

RUSSELL B. GEYER ARRESTED TODAY

One Time Treasurer of Southern Pine County Club, Near Raleigh, Charged With Embezzlement.

New York, Dec. 27.—Russell B. Geyer was arrested today for the authorities of Moore county, N. C., charged with the embezzlement of \$85 from the Southern Pine County club, near Raleigh. Geyer was treasurer of the club. His alleged offense was committed a year ago. Geyer declared his accounts with everybody were square.

WOMAN BOMBED POSTOFFICE. IS THE DECLARATION OF MAN

And She Is Charged With the Stolen Money Was Found Under a Barn.

Birmingham, Mass., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Ella Miner, 35 years old, has been arrested for robbery of the Great Bend, Va., postoffice.

Her arrest followed the confession of a man who alleged that the woman disguised as a man, committed the daring deed. The money was found buried beneath a barn.

Selaya Is On Board a Mexican Gunboat.

Salina Cruz, Mexico, Dec. 27.—The Mexican gunboat, Guerrero, having on board Ex-President Selaya, of Hidalgo, who fled from Veracruz by way of Curcio Chelmsford, was docked here this morning. Accompanying Selaya were his wife and two children.

Girl Stole \$30,000 FROM HER FATHER'S BANK, IT IS ALLEGED, To Buy a Husband

Strange Story Revealed in Allegations in a Conspiracy Trial in Chicago, in Which a Number of Italians Are Involved —All Relatives of Robbed Banker.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—A strange story was outlined today in the opening trial of eight Italians accused of conspiracy with a 17-year-old girl, Angelina Schiavone, to rob her father, a widely known Italian banker. Prosecutor Fleming told the jury that Francesco Schiavone, an uncle of Angelina, three years ago told the girl to get all the money she could from her father's bank and bring it to him; he would save it for her and when she had a snug amount she

could marry his son, Michael. The girl was employed in her father's bank. It is alleged her theft aggregated \$48,000 before she was detected. When money from the bank was found in her possession she declared that being crippled she feared she would be unable to marry and so tried to win a husband with her father's money.

The defendants to the conspiracy are relatives of the banker. Angelina was indicted and will have a separate trial.

MADISON COUNTY BOY ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Twelve Years' Old Son of "Shad" Franklin Shot While Out Hunting on Laurel Creek.

News has been received here from Marshall, Madison county, of the accidental killing in the Laurel Creek section of the county Thursday of the twelve-year-old son of "Shad" Franklin and the wounding of two other persons. It seems that the lad's death was due to the accidental discharge of a shotgun which one of a hunting party which young Franklin was with was discharged. Only meagre particulars of the tragedy have as yet been received here.

Married From Engine. Augusta, Ga., Dec. 27.—Edward A. Springs was instantly killed when hurled from an engine, beneath the wheels, yesterday.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Asheville, N. C., Monday, Dec. 27, 1933. Partly cloudy, with light rain or snow showers.

FINNISH CRIME IN PITTSBURG

Body of a Boy Is Found in an Abandoned House, With His Throat Cut.

Pittsburg, Dec. 27.—Practically the entire detective force of Pittsburg is attempting the solution today of the death of James Lawrence Friel, a 14-year-old boy, whose body was found yesterday in an abandoned house in the north side, partially mangled, frozen stiff, and with the throat terribly lacerated with a knife. The crime undoubtedly is one of the most heinous murders occurring in this vicinity in many years.

Young Friel has been missing since December 13. No trace led to his discovery until yesterday, when a small boy, playing in an abandoned house, accidentally stumbled onto the body.

PENNINGTON IS HANGED BY MOB

Virginia Man Killed His Old Enemy and Wounded His Wife and Children.

Hurley, Va., Dec. 27.—Henry Pennington, who killed his old enemy, Samuel Baker, wounded the latter's wife, and two children was taken by a mob of one hundred and hanged to a steam pipe yesterday. The tragedy occurred while the Baker family was on the way to a Christmas entertainment.

MADRID'S OFFICIALS DEBT AMERICAN'S SON

Presumably, They Acted Under Government Direction—Consulate Will Take Cognizance.

Washington, Dec. 27.—A telegram received at the state department today was of an American citizen in Madrid who recently became insolvent and presumably under orders of the consular officials recently installed in Madrid, Madrid's successor. It is believed acted under authority of the consular officials.

The boy was not married. Arrivals at the consular office in Madrid were not reported.

Sensational Trading Today In Rock Island Common

New York, Dec. 27.—A startling market movement, that had all the earmarks of a "corner" came today when common stock of the Rock Island company, within five minutes of the opening, rose from 44 1/4 to 56. This is a net gain of 11 1/2 points, or 26 percent, in one day.

The Rock Island episode is the chief subject under discussion in the financial district. An investigation may be made by the government of the stock exchange. One hundred and fifty thousand shares of Rock Island common were traded in during the last hour.