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## EXTREME COLD PUNISHES POOR

In New York 2500 Men and Women Seek Shelter in The Municipal Lodging Houses.

### FREEZING WEATHER IS NOT YET OVER

Cold Wave Spreads Over Central and Eastern United States—Many Records Broken.

New York, Jan. 13.—Freezing weather that threatened to continue for another 24 hours overspread central and eastern sections of the country today. In New York the temperature had dropped to 10 above zero early today, and weather forecasters predicted still colder weather. In the northwest, below zero temperatures were common last night. At White River, Canada, 30 degrees below zero was reported. Other low temperatures early today were 14 degrees above at Cleveland; zero at Syracuse, N. Y.; 10 degrees above at Boston, 10 below zero at Quebec. Zero weather at Chicago probably will give away to a rise before midnight. Much suffering resulted from the extreme cold in New York, and 2500 men and women sought shelter last night at municipal lodging houses and charity organizations. At 2 o'clock this morning 1850 men had been given beds by the municipal lodging houses.

The coldest night of the winter in the Adirondacks was reported, the thermometer registering 14 degrees below at Utica and 23 below at Tupper Lake, N. Y. In Canada heavy snowstorms are reported, 14 inches having fallen at Montreal, where the thermometer registered seven degrees below zero. Hundreds of unemployed in Montreal have been given work removing the snow.

Along the Atlantic coast shipping suffered from the off-shore gale and in New York harbor early today the number of vessels towing and transferring freight was far below normal. Unemployed to Ice Fields.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—If cold weather continues for several days many idle men who are making Chicago their temporary headquarters will be sent to the ice field north of here to help in the harvest. "If the cold continues, we will send at least 6000 men to the ice fields," said W. K. Murray of the city health department.

Although the wetter bureau predicted a rise in temperature for the central states today, the thermometer continued to hover far below the freezing mark. At 7 o'clock this morning it was 13 degrees above zero in Chicago.

Municipal lodging houses and cheap hotels were crowded by the unemployed last night.

Railroads Handicapped. Amsterdam, N. Y., Jan. 13.—With the mercury down to 22 below zero in this city and six degrees lower in suburban towns, the Mohawk valley is in a grip of the most severe weather of two seasons. Railroad traffic is completely handicapped.

Coldest Since 1905. Watertown, N. Y., Jan. 13.—The coldest weather since 1905 was recorded here this morning, the official thermometer registering 28 below zero. Much lower temperatures were reported in outlying sections.

Much Suffering. Binghamton, N. Y., Jan. 13.—The thermometer reached 12 degrees below zero here this morning and a high wind caused much suffering among the poor.

Zero Temperature. Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 13.—The cold wave reached this part of the country during the night bringing with it the lowest temperature of the winter. In Philadelphia the weather bureau recorded eleven degrees above zero at 9 a. m., the coldest in two years.

Zero temperature was reported from different points in eastern Pennsylvania.

Will Get Warmer. Washington, Jan. 13.—The season's first visit of old-fashioned winter promised today to be hot lived. While the temperature reached zero and below in the north and central sections of the country, yet in the west an "area" was pressing for open and when it began to move eastward it was expected to displace the colder air.

Lowest in Three Years. Boston, Mass., Jan. 13.—A breath from the Arctic, which followed the St. Lawrence storm of yesterday, brought to New England today the lowest temperature in three years. St. Albans, Vt., reported a reading of 34 below zero. In Boston the mercury reached six below zero. The north-west gale blew a mile a minute on Cape Cod and nearly 40 miles an hour in other parts of New England. The maximum wind velocity was 73 miles in hour on Cape Cod.

32 Below Zero. Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 13.—The thermometer registered 2 below zero in

## AMUNITION RESERVE URGED BY GEN. CROZIER

Declares Army Would Be Unable to Supply Demand in Emergencies.

Washington, Jan. 13.—In event of a sudden threat of war, the army would be unable to supply its usual reserve of ammunition for small arms to meet the emergency needs of the navy. This situation was disclosed by Brigadier General Crozier chief of the ordnance bureau of the war department in a plea to the house military affairs committee for an appropriation with which to increase the army's ammunition reserve to 180,000,000 rounds. He said that at the end of the present year his bureau would have less than 170,000,000 rounds. Pointing out that practically the navy itself does not accumulate any ammunition reserve for small arms, General Crozier said the war department had notified the navy department that it would want the army to carry about 64,000,000 rounds of ammunition as a reserve for the navy and marine corps. "If there should be a sudden threat of war," he declared, "we would expect to need ourselves our ammunition up to 180,000,000 and we would have none to meet the emergency needs of the navy." General Crozier contended that there should be some where a reserve for the navy and marine corps to meet their emergency needs instead of looking to the army for its supply.

## STRIKE LEADERS SEEM RATHER DISHEARTENED

Because of the Cold Weather, Eviction Suits and Break in Banks.

Houghton, Mich., Jan. 13.—For the first time since the beginning of the copper miners strike last July, state troops did not patrol the strike zone today, the last company of militia having left yesterday. Because of the cold weather and the new eviction suits and a further break in the ranks of the union men, the strike leaders appeared somewhat disheartened today. Union stores throughout the district were crowded again today and numerous requests were made for increased fuel and food supplies.

## DIGESTION PRODUCED BY ULTRA-VIOLET RAYS FROM MERCURY LAMP

Paris, Jan. 13.—Professor Daniel Berthelot claims to have reproduced artificially the processes of digestion by the action of ultra-violet rays from a mercury vapor lamp on food substances contained in a quartz vessel.

## FIRST SWINDLING OF POSTAL SAVINGS BANK

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 13.—What is believed to have been the first case of successful swindling of the postal savings bank through forgery came to light with the announcement of the arrest of Phillip Nugent, alias Jack D. Lynch at Phoenix, Ariz., yesterday.

## Foot of Ice.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 13.—With a temperature of 14 degrees below zero, a foot of ice formed on the Hudson river here during the night.

## Convicts Wounded.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 13.—In an exchange of shots between two city detectives and William Smutser, said to be an escaped convict from Indianapolis, Smutser was perhaps fatally wounded here today. The officers were sent to a house to arrest Smutser and he was declared to have opened fire which the detectives returned.

## JOHN S. WILLIAMS THE COMPTROLLER

President Nominates Assistant Secretary of Treasury For Place.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The president sent to the senate today the nomination of John Skelton Williams of Virginia to be comptroller of the currency and ex-officio member of the federal reserve board. The nomination is expected to be sent to the senate today. Mr. Williams assistant secretary of the treasury in charge of the fiscal bureau, and Secretary McAdoo's first assistant in matters of government finance.

The office of comptroller of the currency has been vacant for several months. From time to time various reports have been afloat of opposition being brought to bear against the nomination of Mr. Williams. It was said that the so-called great financial interests were opposing him. There never has been recorded, so far as is known, any committee or through any official channel, any opposition to his appointment, though there are various reports of pending opposition to his confirmation by the senate.

Announcement of Mr. Williams' selection was made after a conference between President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo. It is understood that during the president's absence Mr. McAdoo had been sounding senators about the nomination and believes it will be confirmed. So far as known the president has made no other selections for the federal reserve board. Secretary Houston said today he did not plan to resign from the cabinet to become a member of the board.

## PRESIDENT IS BACK AT WORK

Finds Mass of Accumulated Work When He Arrives At National Capital.

### MANY APPOINTMENTS WILL BE MADE SOON

Commissions to Be Signed, Executive Orders And Congress Messages to Be Postponed.

Washington, Jan. 13.—President Wilson and his family arrived here at 7:30 o'clock today from Pass Christian, Miss., and motored to the White House for breakfast. It was 18 degrees above zero—an abrupt change from gulf coast temperatures—when the president stepped from his private car and he walked briskly through the station to the waiting automobiles. The trip north had been uneventful. The president greeted crowds everywhere but made no speeches. To those who begged him to talk he would always say with a smile: "I'm not in the habit of talking when I haven't anything to say."

The president's face was a picture of health as he got back to his desk. Dr. Cary T. Grayson, U. S. N., pronounced him much better physically than he has been for many months and in fit condition for the strenuous work ahead. The president's desk was piled high today with accumulated correspondence, for Secretary Tumulty had permitted writing but the most urgent communications to be forwarded to Pass Christian. Appointments to be made, commissions to be signed, executive orders for consideration, to say nothing of the work ahead with congress—all were awaiting the president's attention.

## "LAUGH AND GROW FAT" PROGRAMS ON TODAY

Princess and Galax Theaters Are Offering Exceptionally Good Bills.

The management of the Galax theater assures its patrons today they may come to the theater this afternoon and "laugh and grow fat". The feature picture on the bill is "Alkali Ike's Gal", an Essany western comedy in two parts. Augustus Carney is the central attraction as this comical "Alkali Ike". Another picture on this bill that is said to be a real laugh producer is "A College Cupid", a Lubin comedy that depicts the real funny side of college life. It is followed by a Vitagraph drama, "A Christmas Story", in which the leading roles are taken by James Morrison, Tess Johnson, Charlotte De Felice and Ethel Lloyd.

## "CAT AND THE FIDDLE" IS COMING THIS WEEK

Best Attraction of Year Promised at Majestic Last of The Week.

"The Cat and the Fiddle" will be the attraction at the Majestic theater for the last three days of this week, beginning with the matinee performance Thursday afternoon. The leading comedy role in this merry, musical extravaganza is carried by Ed. Gillmore, who has been seen at the Auditorium here in 12 attractions, which will insure the high class of the production. The cast and chorus includes 20 people, and the management of the Majestic assures its patrons the best entertainment of the season in this production.

## CHICAGO LIVESTOCK.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Hogs: receipts 12,000; steady; bulk of sales, \$15 @ \$25; light, 7.25 @ \$23; mixed, 8.00 @ \$20; heavy, 8.00 @ \$22; rough, 8.50 @ \$10; pigs, 6.75 @ \$7.50. Cattle: receipts 5000; slow; steers, 6.65 @ \$9.40; Texas steers, 6.85 @ \$9.00; stockers and feeders, 5.00 @ \$7.50; cows and heifers, 3.60 @ \$7.75; calves, 7.50 @ \$11.75. Sheep: receipts 17,000; weak; native, 4.25 @ \$9.95; yearlings, 5.00 @ \$7.00; lambs, native, 5.75 @ \$9.25.

## ROYAL MAIL SHIP HAS GONE ASHORE

Position Reported Dangerous—Several Vessels Sent to Assistance.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 13.—The Royal Mail steamship Cobequid bound from the West Indies for Halifax with passengers and cargo went ashore today off Briar Island at the mouth of the bay of Fundy. Wireless dispatches reported her position dangerous. Several vessels immediately hurried to her assistance. The marine department sent the government steamer Landowne and two tugs to Briar Island and wireless advices said the three steamships Kronprinz and Lady Laurier were heading in the same direction. The Cobequid is a packet steamer of 2,974 tons. She left Grenada in the West Indies for Halifax December 30, stopping at several ports on the way. It was said that she carried a number of passengers.

## Unable to Reach Ship.

Montreal, Jan. 13.—Advices received here at noon by the Marconi wireless station said that rescuing steamers were unable to reach the stranded liner Cobequid at Briar Island because of the terrific storm which was lashing the Bay of Fundy. The ship carries a crew of about twenty.

## Schooner Sinks.

Vineyard, Haven, Mass., Jan. 13.—Three masted schooner John Paul of Ellsworth, Me., sank in Nantucket sound early today while in tow of the revenue cutter Achneset. A wireless message from the Achneset made no mention of the crew of the John Paul. It was thought here that with the westerly gale and high seas which prevailed there today the revenue cutter could have been accomplished only with great difficulty and danger. The schooner carried a crew of six men and was in command of Captain Hutchinson.

## TIDAL WAVE HITS JAPAN

TITANTIC DISASTER CASE BEFORE SUPREME COURT

Defense Argues Liability Act Applies Equally to The Foreign Owners.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Consideration of the Titanic disaster was taken up today by the Supreme court. The abstract questions of law before the court produced a sterner atmosphere than the senatorial inquiry into the disaster. Yet the mourning-trimmed attire of women in the spectators seats was a constant reminder of the world wide grief caused by the wreck with its loss of 1490 lives.

Charles C. Burlingham, on behalf of the owners of the Titanic, the Oceanic Steam Navigation company, argued before the court that the American limited liability act applied equally to American and foreign ship owners. He said it established the maritime law of the United States to be universally applied in American courts as the expression by congress of the American conception of justice. He added this view of the statute had been authoritatively settled by decisions of the Supreme court. Under his contention the liability of the owner would be fixed by the salvage recovered, the freight and passenger money, amounting to about \$90,000. Claims for damage amount to some \$13,000,000.

## PAT BOHANNON OFFERED CONTRACT WITH FEDERALS

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 13.—"Pat" Bohannon, manager of the Danbury club of the New York-New Jersey League last year, said here today that he had been offered a contract in the Federal league. For several days it has been rumored the Pittsburgh club of the new league was trying to get the services of Bohannon and one or more members of the Louisville club in the American association.

## MASS MEETING TO PROTEST AGAINST PROPOSED TREATY

San Salvador, Republic of Salvador, Jan. 13.—A mass meeting took place here today to protest against the proposed treaty between the United States and Nicaragua by which the United States would obtain the exclusive right to construct any Nicaraguan isthmian canal and also a naval base in the gulf of Fonseca. Patriotic clubs are organizing throughout the republic to work against the American proposal.

## HORROR ADDED TO VOLCANIC ERUPTION

With Thousands Already Dead May Prove Greatest Disaster in the History Of the Nation.

## TWO ISLANDS ARE COVERED WITH ASHES

Help For Survivors Impeded—Refugee Gives Graphic Account of Eruptions And Quakes.

Tokio, Jan. 13.—A tidal wave added its terrors to the earthquakes and volcanic eruption which struck Kagoshima, in southern Japan, yesterday, according to official advices today. It is believed here that the Kagoshima disaster will prove to be one of the most serious in Japan's history. The loss of life and property increases with fuller news from the scene.

The full extent of the disaster could not be ascertained today, as all communication was cut off from the stricken district south of Kagoshima, 90 miles north of Kagoshima. Ashes to the depth of six inches have fallen in the seaport of Miyazaki on the east of Kagoshima. A postal employ who fled from Kagoshima states that the big postal building there collapsed during the earthquake and tidal waves, and that a great number of residences were ruined, killing many people and animals.

Navy and army departments are hastening succor and supplies to Kagoshima. Nagasaki, Japan, Jan. 13.—Indications today are that the death list from the earthquake and volcanic disturbances around Kagoshima will run into the thousands.

Kagoshima which is almost completely buried in volcanic ashes and stones had a population of 60,000 at the last census. The population of the adjoining island of Sakura, the center of the disturbance, is given as

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## CAMPAIN FOR FUNDS TO BE LAUNCHED TOMORROW

Y. M. C. A. Directors Meet Tonight to Arrange Budget and Plan Campaign.

There will be a very important meeting tonight of the board of directors of the Asheville Y. M. C. A. Supper will be served at 6:30 o'clock by members of the Ladies' auxiliary and there will be several invited guests at the supper. The business session will follow immediately thereafter. The principal business at this meeting will be to arrange a budget for the coming year and arrange for the annual campaign for funds to carry on the work. This campaign will be begun tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock and it is expected that a large number of the directors and members will participate. It is hoped that the campaign can be successfully closed by Friday night of this week.

## City News

Mme. Harriet Labadie will appear at the Asheville High school on February 13 in an interpretation of Ibsen's play, "A Doll's House." Mme. Labadie has been enthusiastically received in almost every state in the union and in foreign countries and her appearance here is being anticipated with much interest.

## Two of the best local basket ball games of the season are promised at the Y. M. C. A. tonight, when all of the four teams of class A will participate.

The teams of Newton and Cass, will play at 8:15 o'clock, and the second game of the evening, between the followers of Boling and Hammett, will begin at 8:50.

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