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BIG SNOWFALL THROUGH EAST

Storm Reaches Blizzard Proportions in Many Localities Seriously Delaying Railroad Traffic.

A MILE-A-MINUTE GALE OFF THE COAST

Slightly Lower Temperatures and Stormy Seas Are Predicted by the Weather Bureau.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The winter's first big snow storm swept through the northeastern part of the country today and in some places it reached blizzard proportions. Railroad traffic was delayed and street railroads service in a number of cities was hampered.

Off the southern New England coast a mile-a-minute gale was blowing, greatly endangering shipping. Several vessels were reported in distress along the coast from Cape Henry, Virginia, northward.

The storm developed Friday afternoon off the Georgia coast and moved rapidly northward. Snow has fallen in the Ohio valley, the lower lake region, the middle and South Atlantic states and in southern New England. It will continue tonight in New England and the lower lake region, but elsewhere, weather bureau experts say the weather will be fair with a tendency to slightly lower temperatures in the middle Atlantic states and the south.

Warning to shipping that the storm will be severe was ordered along the Atlantic coast from Eastport, Me., to Cape Hatteras.

Shipping Delayed.
New York, Feb. 14.—That the storm which whipped the Atlantic seaboard last night had extended out to sea was indicated by the receipt of messages from several lines stating they had been delayed and would not reach port until Monday or Tuesday. Included in the list were the Amerika from Hamburg; Compania from Liverpool; Savoie from Havre; and the St. Louis from Southampton.

The winter's first big snow storm pelted New York today. Beginning at 8 o'clock last night, it continued steadily this forenoon, delaying railway and street car transportation and hampering shipping.

Thousands of the unemployed were placed at work clearing the streets of snow.

Storm in Pennsylvania.
Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 14.—The first big snow storm to sweep across this section of the country this winter left a fall of seven inches in Philadelphia and as much as 18 inches in parts of Pennsylvania. Sleet and rain followed snow with the usual discomfort to transportation and slight disturbance of train schedules.

High Wind in New England.
Boston, Feb. 14.—There was blizzard weather along the New England coast registered 58 miles an hour. At Nantucket the velocity was 44 miles.

Utica, N. Y., Feb. 14.—Between midnight and 6 o'clock this morning 20 inches of snow fell in this city, and it continued at the rate of three inches an hour. There is no possibility of resuming transportation until the storm stops.

Williamsport, Pa., Feb. 14.—Covered to depth of twenty inches—the heaviest blanket snow in 10 years—northern Pennsylvania is now bound today.

Icebound Steamers Freed.
Chicago, Feb. 14.—With the shifting of the wind today, the lake steamers Arizona and Kansas, icebound within sight of the city for the last two days, were freed today and steamed to their docks in the Chicago river. Each boat carried a crew of about 40 men and a few passengers, none of whom experienced any discomfort.

Churches to Aid Homeless.
New York, Feb. 14.—New York churches will be opened at night to give the poor and homeless shelter and food. This was the plan decided upon today by 25 clergymen representing every denomination, who responded to the call of the Religious Citizens' league to consider the question of the unemployed.

There are more than 300,000 unemployed men in the city, many of whom are in need of immediate assistance. The cold wave's death toll in New York was increased today, when Robert McKinn of Bayonne, N. J., died of exposure while waiting on a railway platform, and the body of an unidentified man was found in a Third avenue hallway.

Heavy Snowfall in Ohio.
Cincinnati, O., Feb. 14.—The snowstorm which raged in southern Ohio for 36 hours, ceased during the night after a fall of 4.7 inches.

Tank Barge Driven Ashore.
New York, Feb. 14.—The British oil tank barge Navahoe, which arrived yesterday from London, dragged her anchor and drifted ashore at Quarantine today. Her position was not considered dangerous. She has a crew of 18.

CARPENTERS LEAVE BUILDING TRADES

Union Withdraws From Department of the American Federation as Result of Frequent Jurisdictional Disputes—Membership in Federation is Not Affected.

Indianapolis, Feb. 14.—By a referendum vote the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America decided to withdraw from the building trades department of the American Federation of Labor, it was announced at union headquarters here today by William L. Hutchison, first vice-president.

It was explained that the action would go into effect immediately, but that it in no way would affect the membership of the carpenters' order in the federation of labor.

The main reason given for the withdrawal is the jurisdiction disputes which arose between the carpenters and the sheet metal unions. The members also contended that they were not given representation in the department in proportion to their strength. There have been a number of disputes between the unions over the placing of sheet metal in buildings where it is used in place of lumber. The carpenters contend they should have jurisdiction over the placing of sheet metal under such conditions, but the sheet metal workers declare it is part of their trade.

VESSELS STRANDED ON COAST FLOATED

Steamer Katherine Park and Unidentified Vessel Saved On Wind's Shift.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 14.—The British steamship Katherine Park, Captain Cott, from New Orleans for Hamburg, with cotton, which went ashore near Cape Charles in a blinding snow storm and high northeast winds late yesterday, floated unassisted early today when the wind shifted to the north-west and the vessel passed in the Virginia coves for Norfolk at 8:30 o'clock. The Park came in for bunker coal under her own steam and is apparently uninjured. An underwriter's survey will be made on the vessel before she proceeds.

An unknown steamer which was reported ashore in last night's storm near Cape Henry was reported "off and gone" by the Cape Henry weather bureau early today. There was no identification of the steamer.

The United States revenue cutter Onondaga, which went to sea last night to assist the steamers reported in distress on the Virginia coast, is now returning to port.

The passing in of the Katherine Park clears up the wreck situation on the Virginia coast following the severe storm of last night. The weather today is cold and clear with high winds and rough seas continuing.

CONFERENCE FOR SOCIAL SERVICE HAS OPENED

Suprisingly Large Attendance Considering Unfavorable Weather Conditions.

Special to The Gazette-News.
Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 14.—The conference for social service preparation for which has been in progress for some time, was auspiciously opened here yesterday with an attendance that was a suprisingly large in view of the very severe weather conditions that the participants had to brave in getting to Raleigh. The visitors were welcomed by Governor Craig, who is honorary president. President Clarence Poe presided. In welcoming the members of the conference Governor Craig declared that the large attendance under such adverse circumstances gave great promise of achievement in the lines of work for which the conference stands as a model for other days when something like ideal conditions in social service would exist.

Following the address by president Clarence Poe, there were a series of most profitable addresses. W. J. Shuford, Hickory, member of the state board of agriculture, talked interestingly of the importance of community survey—a sort of diagnosis before treatment,—as he explained his idea.

Lieutenant Governor Daughtridge spoke on the subject of things needed for rural development.

J. K. Green, state lecturer for the Farmers' Union, talked of community life in country districts.

The conference heard with a great deal of pleasure an address by Horace Kephart, author of "Our Southern Highlanders" on "Development of Our Mountain People." His address was discussed most interestingly by Supt. A. C. Reynolds of the Cullowhee Normal School, who has devoted so many years of educational work in the very heart of the mountain region of the state.

Yesterday afternoon the visitors to the conference were the guests of The Women's club for an informal reception in the club building.

Governor Craig issued a requisition today on the governor of Tennessee for H. M. Arlington, Madison county, who is wanted for larceny. The fugitive is being held for the Madison authorities by the authorities of Washington county, Tenn.

MINERS' UNION IS UNDER FIRE

Operators Endeavor to Show Western Federation "Fostered and Fathered by Red Socialism."

HANCOCK WITNESSES CLOSELY QUESTIONED

Counsel For Miners Vigorously Objects to Line of Questioning Before Congress Committee.

Hancock, Mich., Feb. 14.—"We cannot recognize the Western Federation of Miners because it is socialistic in its aims and tendencies and because it is made up in this district largely of socialists," declared A. F. Rees, of counsel for the mining companies at the congressional strike investigation today.

The statement was made in explanation of a question asked of a witness to which A. W. Kerr, of counsel for the copper mine strikers objected on the ground that it was part of an effort to show that the strike was "fostered and fathered by red socialism."

It was the same question asked yesterday of another witness: "Are you a member of the Finnish Socialist society?"

Jahn Jauhainen, the witness, was told that he need not answer the question unless he desired. He replied, however, that he did not belong to the society. Mr. Kerr objected vigorously to the line of cross-examination.

"Is there anything degrading in a man admitting that he is a socialist?" asked Congressman Switzer.

"No," replied Mr. Kerr. "But these questions are being asked simply to confuse the issue."

Mr. Switzer expressed the opinion that if witnesses belonged to organizations which had for their object the overthrow of the government the committee ought to know it.

Chairman Taylor agreed with him, but doubted whether a witness could be forced to answer questions along these lines without infringing on his rights under our form of government.

Puanhainen testified as to conditions in Quincy mine in which he had worked as a trammer. He said the ventilation was poor and heat on the lower levels terrific.

MRS. KENNEDY WILL GO ON MISSIONARY CRUISE

Widow of Philanthropist Will Visit Foreign Colleges Aided by Husband.

New York, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Emma B. Kennedy, widow of John S. Kennedy, banker, railroad builder and philanthropist, will leave on a cruise March 17, calling at missionary stations and to which her husband gave millions of dollars. She has chartered the yacht Alberta for a cruise of two months in the Mediterranean.

Mrs. Kennedy will take with her six guests, Rev. Dr. John Henry Jowett, pastor of the Fifth avenue Presbyterian church, and Mrs. Jowett; Rev. Dr. A. Woodruff Halsey, a secretary of the Presbyterian board of foreign missions, and Mrs. Halsey; Rev. Dr. A. F. Schauflier, superintendent of the New York city mission, and Mrs. Schauflier.

One of the longest stops will be made at Constantinople, site of Roberts' college to which Mr. Kennedy left \$2,000,000 and the Bible house, to which he gave \$10,000. At Beirut is the Syrian Protestant college, to which Mr. Kennedy bequeathed \$25,000 and in which Mrs. Kennedy is deeply interested. Another call will be at Smyrna, where there is a school of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions to which Mr. Kennedy left \$20,000.

WORKERS CONTINUE TO TELL GRIEVANCES

Hancock, Mich., Feb. 14.—Workers in the Michigan copper mines continued to voice their grievances against the operators yesterday at the congressional inquiry. Testimony was given by two former employees of the Mass Mining company that they had lost their jobs because they complained of conditions under which they worked and were unable to get work in neighboring mines because they were members of the union.

Dr. Thomas P. Chesborough has returned to the city after a few days' visit, on professional business, to Richmond, Va.

Kills Herself At Sea By Ashes Of Husband

"Going to Look For My Beloved" Writes Widow of San Francisco Banker and Leaps From Deck of The Funeral Ship.

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Chas. H. Wood, wife of the late clubman and banker of San Francisco, who died at Agra, India, December 5, jumped overboard from the steamer Iyo Maru the first night out of Singapore, while enroute to Hong-Kong with her husband's ashes. This information was received here today with the arrival of the trans-Pacific liner Tenyo Maru.

Prior to leaving Singapore, Mrs. Wood had arranged with Mrs. Esther Richardson, a friend at Hong-Kong, to obtain passage for her on the Tenyo Maru from Hong-Kong to San Francisco. When the Iyo Maru put into Hong-Kong Mrs. Richardson learned of Mrs. Wood's death and received from a captain a letter addressed to her which was found in Mrs. Wood's state room. The letter said: "After all I shall not reach Hong-Kong and see you, for I am going to look for my beloved. I cannot live without him."

"May I trouble you to forward my things to Mr. Wood's sister, Mrs. Charles Mussum of San Francisco?" Mrs. Mussum and her husband were at the pier yesterday when the Tenyo Maru arrived, expecting to meet Mrs. Wood. Some hours later Mrs. Mussum received a letter that had been written by Mrs. Richardson enclosing Mrs. Wood's letter to her and relating the circumstances of Mrs. Wood's fate.

MORSE OFF TO GERMANY TO THE BATHS SAYS SON

Departure of Financier at This Juncture Surprise to Wall Street.

New York, Feb. 14.—Charles W. Morse, the former banker, who sailed yesterday for Germany, expected to be gone a month to take the baths, according to a statement today by his son, Harry Morse. The financier's plans have been topics of speculation for weeks, particularly since it became known that he still was active in trying to force congress to investigate the circumstances of his conviction after the failure of the Bank of North America.

A meeting of the advisory committee of the bank's stockholders will be held Tuesday. The suit of Morse's sisters against the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad has been looked upon as another movement toward his vindication on the charges on which he was convicted and served part of his sentence at the Atlanta penitentiary. His going abroad at this time occasioned much surprise in Wall street.

London, Feb. 14.—Sudden outbursts of insanity on the part of two heads of families were responsible today for the death of nine persons at Harlesden, Northwest London, and at Tonbridge, Kent.

In the first case Walter Jonston, an official of the Harlesden Street Car company, strangled his wife and three children, then hanged himself to a gas bracket.

James Standen, proprietor of a large laundry at Tonbridge, shot his three children as they lay in bed and then sent a bullet through his own head.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE IS FELT IN CANADA

Quebec, Feb. 14.—An earthquake shock was felt all over the city and district of Quebec at 5:40 a. m. today. The shock was violent enough to waken hundreds of citizens.

Messages from Levis, Baie St. Paul and L'Islet recorded the same disturbance. No damage was reported.

New York, Feb. 14.—A local seismograph recorded a faint earth tremor at about 5:40 o'clock this morning. These tremors have occurred daily, it was said since the earthquake of last Tuesday.

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OPENS ATTACK ON WITNESS

Defense in Gore Case Begins Effort to Impeach Witnesses Against The Blind Senator.

LAWYERS SUDDENLY ALTER THEIR PLANS

W. F. Fisher, Oklahoma City Lawyer, First to Give Evidence This Morning.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 14.—Instead of calling Senator Gore to the witness stand when court opened for the third day's session of the trial of the \$50,000 damage suit brought against Gore by Mrs. Minnie Bond, defense counsel decided to call other witnesses in the effort to lay grounds for the impeachment of several of the plaintiff's witnesses. The first witness today was W. F. Fisher, an Oklahoma City lawyer.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 14.—Senator Gore, as a witness in his own behalf in district court here today, denied charges of improper conduct made by Mrs. Minnie E. Bond, who is suing him for \$50,000 damages, and declared that the suit was the result of a conspiracy concerted by his political enemies at a coterie of disappointed office-seekers.

Sensor Gore was called as the first witness today. Half a dozen witnesses testified for the defense yesterday to alleged incidents tending to show that the senator was the victim of a plot. One witness asserted that James T. Jacobs, who is expected to testify as the most important witness for the plaintiff in rebuttal, admitted to him that the whole affair was a "farce up" and several told of threats to "get" the senator. It was stated today that the advisability of the senator making a direct plea to the jury had been considered by his attorneys. Whether this plan would be followed was not announced. Besides Senator Gore, 15 witnesses summoned by the defense are waiting to be heard.

MRS. ROCKEFELLER NOW AT POCAHONTO HILLS
New York, Feb. 14.—Mrs. John D. Rockefeller returned to her home at Pocahonto Hills from Cleveland yesterday. She was so feeble that she was carried from the train. Mr. Rockefeller met her with a closed automobile.