

COLD WEATHER NORTHWEST. News in Northern Michigan Suffering. Railroads in Indiana Blocked by Deep Snow Drifts.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 3.—Investigation of conditions in the "Thumb" district of Michigan, that part of the State north of Port Huron to Saginaw Bay, comprising three counties, made over the long distance telephone by the News to-day, shows that there are upwards of 100,000 people storm-bound in the villages, towns and hamlets of the district. All the towns north from Port Huron to Port Austin and Harbor Beach, except Star Line Junction, are suffering from an alarming shortage of coal, with little or no wood supply available. Fortunately, there is no lack of provisions reported in these areas, but suffering for want of fuel is inevitable in many places unless the Pere Marquette succeeds in opening its line in a few days.

MENTAL SCIENCE HEALER.

Trial of Mrs. Helen Wilman-Frost at Jacksonville, Fla.—She Treated Persons for Troubles of All Kinds.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 3.—The trial of the mental science healer, Mrs. Helen Wilman-Frost, who is charged with devising a scheme to defraud divers persons of their money by means of a new science, brought out very little new evidence to-day. A letter from an Indiana woman was read and put in evidence in which she stated that she had been in the hands of Mrs. Wilman-Frost for some time, and that she had been cured of her troubles by using her mental treatment. To this reply was sent by Mrs. Frost's direction, to the effect that she would take the case for four dollars per month.

MISSISSIPPI RACE TROUBLE.

A White Man and Two Negroes Killed. Whites Searching for Other Negroes With Intention of Lynching.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. DODDSDALE, Miss., February 3.—A white man and two negroes are dead and others are searching for other negroes, with the avowed intention of lynching them, as the result of a difficulty to-day on the Eastland plantation, two miles from this place. John Eastland, a wealthy plantation owner, and Albert Carr, a negro hired hand, were killed by Luther Hobert, who is a shouting scrap which grew out of a difficulty between Eastland and Hobert. The tragedy occurred on Eastland's plantation and when news of it reached Doddsdale, the posse was immediately organized. When the posse arrived at the plantation further shooting occurred and John Wilmer, a negro, was killed. Hobert escaped and poses from Greenville, Indiana, Cleveland and other points are searching for him and two other negroes, who it is charged were implicated in the shooting. The killing of Eastland, the negroes will probably be lynched if captured.

A FOUL MURDER.

Lee Shelton Confessed Charge of Killing and Robbing Wm. Shell.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. CHARLOTTE, N. C., Feb. 3.—A special from Bakerfield, N. C., says that Lee Shelton, of Madison county, who was jailed there Monday on charge of killing and robbing William Shell about January 27th, has admitted his guilt. There was much excitement over the arrest and it was expected the prisoner would not reach jail alive, but no actual attempt at a lynching was made. Shell, who had been shot in the back, was found dead in a field in a few days. Shelton claims that he killed Shell because he was afraid of him. No money was found on the dead man's body.

MARYLAND SENATORSHIP.

Leader Rayner Selected by the Democratic Caucus to Succeed McCombs.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 3.—Eighty-nine of the ninety Democratic members of the Maryland General Assembly met in caucus to-night and after parleying for more than three hours, selected leader Rayner for the United States senatorship, to succeed Louis E. McCombs, the present incumbent. Thursday, at noon, Mr. Rayner, a well known Baltimore city lawyer, who achieved an international reputation as the leading counsel for Admiral Sibley during the naval court inquiry, will be elected by the members of the General Assembly in joint session to the United States Senate.

You Know What You Are Taking When You Take Grove's Chronic Chill Cure. It Cures the Chills that other Chill Tonics Don't Cure.

POLITICAL DEBATE IN THE SENATE.

Long Discussion on Provision for a Loan of \$4,600,000 to the St. Louis Exposition.

NO DECISION WAS REACHED. Tillman Declared It a Steal—Cockrell Claimed Money Would be Refused. Lodge Pleaded for Economy—Governor on Rivers and Harbors.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—After almost allowing the amendment to the Urgent Deficiency appropriation bill providing for a loan of \$4,600,000 to the St. Louis Exposition to go through without any discussion whatever, the Senate to-day changed its tactics just as the vote was about to be taken and entered upon a debate on the loan provision which continued for about four hours and which was still in progress when the Senate adjourned for the day.

The debate was precipitated by a point of order made against the amendment by Mr. Bailey, who supported his point with a speech based on the theory that the national government was not, and should not be, bound to guarantee the success or failure of any exposition. He was supported by Mr. Lodge and Mr. Ekins, while speeches were made in support of the amendment by Messrs. Allison, Cockrell, Spooner, McCombs and others.

Mr. Tillman said he wanted to say something on this "loan or gift," the Mr. Bacon said that it was not likely that the government would ever get anything back. In the course of his remarks he said: "South Carolina had a share of the steal that had been secured by other states, but she had not helped to get it. What he meant was that this expenditure of money was unlawful and unconstitutional."

Mr. Spooner remarked that the senator from South Carolina had put himself on record as participating in a steal. "What I mean," declared Mr. Tillman, "is that the Congress takes money from the people and gives it away for expositions it amounts to a steal, and what I want to know is, how far are we to go and how much longer are we to participate in this steal?"

Mr. Tillman besetted. "Steals," interrupted Mr. Spooner. "Yes, steals," said Mr. Tillman, defiantly. "Mr. Bacon said that as he intended to vote for the amendment, he did not want the impression to go out that it was in the wrong."

He thought the appropriation a proper one. In reply to a question from Mr. Bailey, he said that he did not endorse the principle, and that if the practice of giving aid to expositions was not to be continued, it would be necessary to have a bill of what had been done in the past, he considered it not out of place to make the appropriation.

Mr. Allison suggested that better security should be given than the amendment requires, and made an argument for what he called business methods. He called attention to the fact that the bill provided for a loan of \$4,600,000 in the treasury. "Where is the money coming from? Are we going to take it from the treasury and make it grow?"

Mr. Cockrell said there could be little doubt that the money would be refunded, as the provision gives a lien on the entire proceeds. "I want it distinctly understood," he said, "that this is not a gift, but a loan, which I believe will be returned."

THE WAR CRISIS IS NEAR AT HAND.

Patience of Japanese Government is Becoming Exhausted by Russia's Delay.

THE SITUATION VERY GRAVE.

Naval and Military Movements by Russia at Port Arthur—Authority is Given by Viceroy Alexieff to Open Hostilities if Necessary.

By Cable to the Morning Star. TOKYO, Feb. 3.—A specially called conference of the cabinet, elder statesmen and military and naval officers was held to-day at the residence of Premier Katsura. The meeting is believed to have been of much importance, though no details of the discussion have been given the public. Possibly it foreshadowed energetic action on account of Russian procrastination.

Although the government continues to insist that the situation is not as grave as it is, the time is near at hand. The time in which the Russian reply will continue to be a factor in the situation is narrow.

The patience of the government is becoming exhausted and if the expected answer is deferred many days longer, the issuance of an ultimatum will become inevitable.

The Japanese feel that the existing conditions have entailed them to a more prompt reply and are bound to infer that the St. Petersburg government is determined to yield, without utilizing the time to advance its preparations for war.

Russia's Movements. PORT ARTHUR, Feb. 3.—In response to the Japanese war measures important naval and military movements have been effected here. The Russian squadron heretofore inside the harbor, consisting of the battleships Retvizan, Peresviet, Carevich, Orel and Sevastopol, and the cruisers Preobrazhensk and Gaidamak, the sloop of war Zabyaka, four gunboats and the torpedo boats, have been ordered to the outside fleet, consisting of the battleships Krobitza, Petropavlovsk and Potiava, the cruisers Diana, Pallada, Askold, Varyag and Boyarin, and the torpedo gunboat Baklanov.

Simultaneously the third brigade of Siberian rifles and two batteries of artillery were ordered to the island destination from Liao-Yang, south of Mukden.

Altogether about 8,000 troops have departed, leaving 10,000 men at Port Arthur. The Russian fleet, which is being fortified.

To Declare War. LONDON, Feb. 3.—A dispatch to Reuters Telegram Company, from St. Petersburg, dated yesterday and forwarded by way of the frontier, says that Viceroy Alexieff authority to declare war and open hostilities on his own responsibility if circumstances render it necessary.

The dispatch adds that an imperial manifesto declaring war is expected if the Japanese government does not accept the conditions proposed in Russian terms. "And yet," it is asserted, "will be Russia's last word."

The Russian Note. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 3.—The statement printed abroad stating that the Russian note is held back while M. Kurino, the Japanese minister, communicates its substance to his government, is untrue.

The Associated Press is semi-officially assured that the Russian response will not be sent before February 5th, at the earliest.

It is interesting and somewhat alarming feeling, but beyond the decided Russian military activity there is little definite news.

The Foreign Office has given him an intimation of the nature of the reply. The Japanese legation is without advice indicating its attitude towards the situation in Japan, but it is admitted that the long delay in the response, coupled with the reports of Russian military activity, are doubtless creating the impression of gravity of the situation in Japan.

The strain here is manifested by the continuous semi-panic condition of the Bourse. The speculators still hope for a change, but they show a more skeptical tone.

ST. PETERSBURG, February 3.—The Seoul-Pusan railroad has been occupied by Japanese troops, according to a dispatch from Vladivostok, which says that the Japanese have taken 2,000 rifles and 100,000 rounds of ammunition to Seoul for the protection of the delegation, and that they are building barracks for the accommodation of cavalry.

Escaped an Awful Fate. Mr. H. Higgins, of Melbourne, Fla., writes: "My doctor told me I had consumption, and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a new trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery, and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life. To those who are afflicted with all that Throat and Lung diseases by R. B. BELLAMY, Druggist. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free."

WILMINGTON POSTOFFICE CONTEST.

Seizure Discussed in Washington Against Organization Recommendations.

Mr. Thos. J. Pence in his Washington correspondence to the Raleigh Post said yesterday: "The Postmaster General discussed with the President his recommendations of postoffice appointments that have perplexed the administration, and among this number was the Wilmington contest. The recommendations of State Chairman Rollins has not yet been received, and no action will be taken until he arrives. Speaking of the Wilmington case, the Star said this afternoon: 'The recommendations of the organization is awaited by the President.'"

"It is probable that a decision as to the Wilmington postoffice contest will be reached at the meeting of the Republican State Committee in Greensboro Friday. Mr. Rollins has written here that he will not decide upon a recommendation until after he confers with some of the leaders. At Greensboro he will meet National Committeeman Robinson and some of the other leaders from the east, whom he will discuss to this and other matters that are demanding his consideration."

Assistant Postmaster T. E. Wallace has the almost unanimous endorsement of the Republican organization, both local and State, and it is said that Mr. Rollins is inclined toward his appointment. The recommendation of whom ex-Governor Russell is backing, but it is thought he will be for his law partner, John H. Gore, Jr. Although Miss Dancy announces that she is still a candidate, it is thought she is being considered by the organization."

Rose Hill Corporation. The Rose Hill Manufacturing Company, of Rose Hill, is chartered to manufacture fruit and berry crates and also to have the right to make all kinds of furniture. The capital is \$300,000 and W. H. Fussell, J. O. Mallard, T. R. Hatcher, George W. Boney and Jesse Fussell are among the incorporators.

Bushville, Ind. Messrs. ELY BROS.—I have been a great sufferer from catarrh and hay fever and tried many things, but found no permanent relief until I found in Ely's Cream Balm about eight years ago. It has been a great blessing to me since. (Rev. R. M. BENTLEY, Meigs Co., W. Va.)

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—The man who called here this morning," said the secretary, "that you promised him something." "Well," answered Senator Sorghum, "and out what it was, and then assume the responsibility of promising it over again."—Washington Star.

—Concord Times: It is not in the power of any mortal to estimate the value of the life of any human being, but a Philadelphia judge is said to have ruled that the life of a rich man is worth more than that of a poor one.

Cotton and Naval Stores. MONTHLY STATEMENT. RECEIPTS. For month of January, 1904. Cotton. 17,321. Spirits. 2,000. Rosin. 1,500. Turpentine. 4,000. Total. 24,821. EXPORTS. For month of January, 1904. Cotton. 15,000. Spirits. 1,500. Rosin. 1,000. Turpentine. 3,500. Total. 21,000.

SENIATOR HANNA

Seized With a Congestive Chills, But His Condition is Not Alarming.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Senator M. Hanna had a setback late this afternoon which for a time considerably alarmed his family. He was seized with a congestive chill. Members of the family were on hand at its first outbreak and by the prompt application of mustard plasters and hot water the attack was prevented from becoming serious, and later it was stated that the senator's condition was again almost at his normal state. The past few weeks, Dr. Rixey to-night said: "Senator Hanna's condition is not alarming and I hope he will be out in a week or ten days."

REGARDING PANAMA. Correspondence sent to the Senate in Response to Senator Gorman's Request. By Telegram to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The President sent to the Senate to-day a mass of correspondence in response to Senator Gorman's resolution regarding Panama. The circumstances under which forces were landed are given by the President in detail, but orders by the war and navy departments concerning the war workings of such departments, and which constitute a part of the records of the offices of military and naval intelligence, are withheld, on the grounds that the disclosure of confidential matters would be incompatible with the public interest.

Better Than Gold. "I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I used Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters will cure all the troubles that are due to a weak, run-down system. No other medicine can take its place in our family. Try them. Only 35c. Satisfaction guaranteed by R. B. BELLAMY, Druggist."

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.) STAR OFFICE, January 30. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing. ROSIN—Market firm at \$3.45 per barrel for good strained. TAR—Market firm at \$1.40 per barrel for good strained. CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at \$2.50 per barrel for hard, \$4.25 for dip, \$4.25 for virgin. Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at \$2.50; rosin firm at \$1.45@1.50; tar firm at \$1.60; crude turpentine firm at \$2.00, 3.50@3.50.

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(Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.) COUNTRY PRODUCE. PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 57c; extra prime, 90c; fancy, 95c; per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 75c; extra prime, 80c; fancy, 85c. Spanish 95c. CORN—Firm; 57c@60c per bushel for white. N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16c@15c per pound; shoulders, 12c@12c, sides, 12c. EGGS—Firm at 28c per dozen. CHICKENS—Dull. Growns, 25c@28c; springs, 10@23c. TURKEYS—Firm at 12c@13c for live.

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RECEIPTS same day last year—57 cases spirits turpentine, 1,308 barrels rosin, 871 barrels tar, 124 barrels crude turpentine.

MARKET STEADY AT 15c PER POUND FOR MIDDLING. Same day last year, market firm at \$4.00 for middling. Receipts—728 bales; same day last year, 844.

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