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## A FAMINE THREATENED

### MANY DEATHS EXPECTED IN ARMENIA FROM HUNGER AND EXPOSURE.

## FOREIGN FLEETS CONCENTRATING

### The United States Will Be Represented by Two Cruisers—The Powers Have Not Yet Been Granted Extra Gunboats in the Bosphorus—Estimated That in the District of Anatolia Alone \$50,000 of Property and 40,000 Lives Were Destroyed.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 25, via Sofia, Bulgaria, Nov. 26.—Now that the matters seem to be quieting down again here and in the Asiatic provinces, people are beginning to form estimates of the amount of damage done and the number of lives lost during the recent disturbances. Well informed Armenians estimate the losses through the events which have just taken place in Anatolia alone at \$50,000,000 and the number of victims at 40,000. Of course, these are Armenian estimates, but there seems good reason for believing that the property destroyed, the number of lives sacrificed and the terrible outrages committed, are far beyond anything hitherto estimated or described.

But this is not all. People competent to pronounce an opinion on the subject say that with the coming of winter there will be very many more deaths from exposure and famine and that even the prompt collection of relief fund, food and clothing cannot avert much loss of life and great suffering. Famine is threatened in a number of districts and there seems to be no way of preventing it.

Details have been received here regarding the outbreak at Marash on November 19th, showing that the massacres were of the most terrible nature. The missionaries declare that many hundreds of people were killed and that all the school buildings were burned to the ground by the rioters. The powers, instead of ordering their fleets away from Turkish waters, as the Sultan earnestly requests, seem to be determined upon keeping them in this vicinity for an indefinite period. A portion of the British Mediterranean fleet, it is reported, will soon leave Salonica bay for Smyrna, where the powers are mustering their fighting ships. The warships of Great Britain, expected to rendezvous at Smyrna this week, will consist of nine battleships, four cruisers and four smaller ships.

Italy's flag floats from two battleships, two cruisers and four small craft in the waters of Smyrna.

Russia has two cruisers on the way to Smyrna, in addition to a powerful fleet cruising in the western portion of the Black Sea.

The United States will be represented at Smyrna by two cruisers, and Germany has one small gunboat there, but it is thought that the German battleships are on their way there.

Austria, off Smyrna, has one battleship, two cruisers and two small gunboats.

Of course this not a "naval demonstration," so it is simply the concentration of the foreign fleets at a port agreed upon, apparently between the powers.

No process has been made in the matter of the application to the Porte of the representatives of Great Britain, Russia, Italy and Austria for permission for the passing through the straits of the Dardanelles and into the Bosphorus of an extra gunboat to act as an additional guardship for their respective embassies.

The impression prevails that if the Germans are not very soon granted the extra gunboats, they will pass the Dardanelles without the Porte's permission, even if they have to be conveyed through by the battleships stripped for action.

Indeed, nobody here can see how the powers can retreat from the position they have assumed without serious loss of prestige, especially as their demands are based on treaty rights, which are admitted by the Sultan and his advisers.

In a quarter it is said that the Sultan's objection to granting the request for extra gunboats is really caused by his belief that he cannot do so with impunity, in view of the objection raised by Russia to Austria's proposal on the subject, and that this constituted a difference of opinion among the powers.

A member of the diplomatic corps, to whom this view of the affair was submitted, said that if the Sultan actually thought there was any material difference of opinion among the powers he would do well to get rid of that belief as fast as possible.

News from the interior of Asiatic Turkey is more difficult to obtain than for a long time past, although it is rumored that Turkish operations against Zeitoun have commenced.

Another report says that negotiations for the surrender of Zeitoun are still progressing. The main trouble seems to be that the Armenians are afraid to trust the promises of the Turks that their lives will be spared if they surrender.

French Mission Destroyed by Chinese.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says that the French mission at Luhsiang have been destroyed by the natives of that vicinity, during the absence of the French gunboat which is usually stationed in those waters.

HOUSTON, Tex., Nov. 26.—Born at Houston to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fitzsimmons, a boy.

## A NEW CHURCH FOR WINSTON.

### The Marriage of Miss Sallie Thornburg and Mr. J. A. McMillan.

WINSTON, N. C., Nov. 26.—(Special)—The Methodists here will go forward at once in the erection of a new house of worship in West Winston. A building committee has already been appointed. T. L. Vaughan is chairman; J. B. Vaughan, treasurer; and R. E. Dalton, secretary. Bishop Duncan was requested to supply Centenary church with two pastors next year, the junior thereof to have special care of the interests of the proposed new church. Centenary church has 903 members, and raised for all purposes this year \$7,441.08.

A pretty marriage was celebrated at Centenary Methodist Church at 4:30 this afternoon, the contracting parties being two of Winston's popular young people, Miss Sallie Thornburg and Mr. J. A. McMillan. The church was handsomely decorated, and the ceremony was performed with a ring by Pastor Turrentine, assisted by Pastor Caldwell, of the First Presbyterian church. Mr. J. M. Lentz was best man, while little Miss Kathleen Smith, eight years old, niece of the bride, acted the part of maid of honor. The newly wedded couple left on the evening train for a bridal trip to Beaverton, Canada, formerly the home of the groom.

Bishop W. W. Duncan left here today for Reidsville. He will preside over the Western North Carolina Conference, which opens there to-morrow.

A report received here to-day said that a man named Raper, living on Baxter Shenwell's farm, Davidson county, while intoxicated, beat his wife to death last Saturday.

The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, of this city, is awarded the prize for the best tobacco exhibit at the Atlanta Exposition.

The Methodist Protestant Conference, which closed its session at Greensboro last night, raised \$2,800 toward the erection of a \$5,000 building in Greensboro, to be used for a Methodist Protestant publishing house. Delegates were elected to the General Conference, which meets at Kansas City next May.

## THE ROCKEFELLER MARRIAGE

### The Multi-Millionaire's Daughter Weds Harold S. McCormick.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Miss Edith Rockefeller was married to Mr. Harold S. McCormick at the latter's apartments in the Buckingham Hotel at 12:30 o'clock to-day. The apartments where the ceremony took place were beautifully decorated with pink and white chrysanthemums placed against a back ground of palms. The bridal couple stood within a wish bone of white lilies and orchids, beneath a bell of the same flowers. The guests were composed only of the immediate relatives of the bride and groom.

The Rev. W. H. D. Faunce, of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church, assisted by the Rev. Dr. John Hall, of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, performed the ceremony.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride cut the cake and distributed it to her more intimate friends, who returned to the Rockefeller mansion, No. 4, west 54th street, where they were received by Mr. and Mrs. Rockefeller, on behalf of the groom and bride, and where the wedding breakfast was served. The bride and groom remained at the hotel.

## CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

### Its Work Practically Completed and Recess Taken Till Tuesday.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 26.—The Constitutional convention to-day reversed its action of a week ago prohibiting a homestead from being mortgaged after it was est off. The remainder of the day was spent in making minor amendments to articles on their third reading. The convention will finish its work this afternoon, except the formal ratification of the constitution. A recess was taken until next Monday in order to allow members to go to the Atlanta Exposition on Carolina Day, next Thursday.

At 7:30 to-night the Constitutional convention completed its work practically and a recess was taken until Tuesday, December 3rd, when it will reassemble and ratify the constitution after it has been put in order and revised by the committee appointed for the purpose, which will sit during the recess.

A great deal of work was accomplished during the day's session, the most important being the striking out of the section allowing divorces granted in other States to be recognized in this, where the marriage took place out of the State, and one or both of the parties was not a native or citizen of the State. Senator Tillman succeeded in getting that section in Saturday night, but when it came up on its third reading it was killed by a vote of 54 to 46. The new constitution goes into effect December 31st.

## SHORT COURT IN HALIFAX.

### It Met and Adjourned Without Trying a Single Case.

SCOTLAND, NECK, N. C., Nov. 26.—(Special)—Halifax Superior Court met and adjourned yesterday, Judge Boykin promptly opened court, charged the jury, and in the afternoon discharged all jurors for the week. The calendar was soon cleared without trying a single case. Such a short court has not been known in Halifax in many years, if ever in the history of the county.

The criminal court will be held next week with Judge Meares on the bench, and there will be more work than was found on the civil docket.

## THE M. P. CONFERENCE

### ITS ANNUAL SESSION IN GREENSBORO CLOSED MONDAY NIGHT.

### APPOINTMENTS FOR NEXT YEAR

### Six Days Crowded with Work and Several New Enterprises Instituted—A Publishing House to be Established at Greensboro—The New University at Kansas City—Interesting Statistics of the State Work—Next General Conference to Meet in Kansas City.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Nov. 26.—(Special)—The Methodist Protestant Annual Conference, which has been in session in Greensboro, N. C., the past six days, closed last night. The sessions were held in Grace church.

The days were crowded with programmes of routine work, sermons, addresses and Christian Endeavor rallies.

Several new enterprises were instituted as the outgrowth of deep-seated and active interest in the mission of the Methodist Protestant church.

A publishing house is soon to be erected in Greensboro to be devoted to "Our Church Record" and to constitute a book concern.

Much interest is felt in a university site and building in Kansas City, Mo., and the conference will support, with the other Methodist Protestant conferences, the institution to the extent of \$500,000.

There are in the State 17,584 members; 208 churches, valued at \$144,737; 54 ministers; 39 preachers; 191 Sunday schools; 724 teachers; 9,715 pupils; 78 Christian Endeavor Societies; and 16 Junior Christian Endeavor Societies.

Rev. Walter A. Bunch, of Burlington, was elected President, Rev. C. L. Whitaker, of Enfield, Secretary; Rev. T. M. Johnson, of Henderson president of the Christian Endeavor Union.

Last Sunday was a memorable day for Grace church—the day on which it was dedicated. Rev. W. F. Kennett preached the sermon, Rev. Benjamin Stoud, of West Virginia performed the dedicatory service.

Next year the General Conference will meet in Kansas City. 19 delegates were elected to go from North Carolina. They are Revs. W. A. Bunch, T. M. Johnson, T. J. Ogburn, J. F. McCulloch, C. A. Cecil, L. L. Albright, T. T. Ferree, A. W. Lineberry, W. E. Swain, and Messrs. P. R. Harris, O. H. Cox, A. M. Rankin, R. L. Pickens, J. C. Roberts, J. M. Hadley, W. P. Rickett, J. L. Ogburn, J. Norman, Willis. The preachers were stationed as follows:

W. A. Bunch, president.  
Alamance, W. F. McDowell.  
Asheboro to be supplied.  
Asheboro and Cedar Falls, C. A. Cecil.  
Buncombe, J. R. Savage.  
Burlington, J. G. W. Holloway.  
Cleveland, J. H. Morton.  
Chatham, W. W. Amick.  
Catawba, W. D. Fogleman.  
Caldwell, un-supplied.  
Davidson, N. M. Modlin.  
Flag Springs, J. R. Betts.  
Flat Rock, T. J. Ogburn.  
Forsyth, J. F. Dosier.  
Greensboro, J. S. Williams.  
Greenville, C. L. Whitaker.  
Greenville and Spring church, H. S. B. Thompson.

Gibsonville, A. W. Lineberry.  
Guilford, C. A. Pickens.  
Henderson, T. M. Johnson.  
High Point, W. R. Lowdermilk.  
Haw River, C. E. Raper.  
Halifax, H. L. Powell.  
Ivey, O. P. Routh.  
LaGrange, W. E. Swain.  
Lincolnton, W. F. Kennett.  
Liberty, J. H. Hutton.  
Littleton, C. H. Whitaker.  
Mecklenburg, I. I. York.  
Monroe, G. H. Austin.  
Mooresville, J. N. Garrett.  
Mt. Hermon, W. F. Ashburn.  
North Greenville, Wm. Porter.  
Orange, W. M. Pike.  
Pee Dee, J. B. Tarleton.  
Randleman, E. A. Plyler.  
Randolph, G. F. Milloy.  
Roanoke, W. L. Harris.  
Saxapahaw, J. D. Williams.  
Stanley, W. C. Lassiter.  
Surry, W. C. Hammer.  
Tabernacle, J. E. Hartsell.  
Tar River, W. O. Davis.  
Uwharrie, J. R. Walton.  
Winston Station, L. L. Albright.  
Winston, J. H. Stowe.  
Wadesboro, H. D. Garmon.  
Westfield, J. L. Johnson.  
Yadkin, A. L. Hunter.

## CARTRIDGE FACTORY HORROR

### Seven Corpses Already Recovered From the Ruins.

MADRID, Nov. 26.—Sixty-two bodies of which thirty-two were the remains of women, have already been recovered from the ruins of the Cartridge factory at Palma, Island of Majorca, which was blown up yesterday. It is said that the explosion was caused by a workman who had been dismissed.

It was officially announced this evening that seventy corpses has been recovered from the ruins at Palma and that out of the twenty-four injured persons taken to the hospital the majority are expected to die as a result of their injuries.

The queen regent has sent ten thousand pesetas to be distributed among the families of the victims of the disaster.

## WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The revenue cutters Woodbury, Dallas, Dexter, Hamilton, Crawford and Colfax have been designated by the President to patrol the coasts of the United States during the season of severe weather to render service to vessels in distress.

## HE WILL SUE THE HOTEL.

### Cartwright Will try to Recover the \$850 He Lost.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—(Special)—The Metropolitan Hotel has been unofficially informed that Mr. J. M. Cartwright, who sometime ago claimed that he had \$850 stolen from him while stopping there, has brought suit to recover the amount and that the case has been entrusted to Mr. E. F. Aydette, an attorney of Elizabeth City.

Mr. Selden, the proprietor of the Metropolitan, says he is fully convinced that Mr. Cartwright and the stranger who took Mr. Cartwright's hand satchel containing the above claimed amount prepared this scheme beforehand to swindle the hotel out of \$850. Since the affair Mr. Selden has made enquiries as to who this Mr. Cartwright is and the nature of his character. So far very little has been learned for all correspondence has been very brief from the other side without much information. One letter described him as a very ignorant illiterate man, that at one time he had been elected sheriff of his county (Camden) but failed to serve for "some unknown cause." Then the writer fell into a meaningless strain without saying anything good or bad about the man.

The facts in the case as given by the proprietor of the hotel are as follows: "About 6 o'clock in the morning of the day of the occurrence, two men came into the hotel and one of them enquired the price of breakfast and a room, stating that he only wanted the room for a few hours as he was going over to Baltimore. The prices being given he registered his name 'J. M. Cartwright, City.' While he was registering the stranger with him called to the porter to check the baggage, which was composed only of a hand satchel, held by Mr. Cartwright. The porter checked the baggage and the stranger took the check. The stranger and Mr. Cartwright went up to the room assigned to Mr. Cartwright, for the stranger never registered. After an absence of about thirty minutes the stranger came down alone, went out, but soon returned with a valise newly purchased. He took it to the clerk's desk and asked for it to be checked. After receiving the check he went back to Mr. Cartwright's room. They remained in the room probably twenty minutes when they came down together, Mr. Cartwright going into breakfast and the stranger going up to the clerk's desk asking for his baggage. He presented a check and was given two and satchel, the two checks corresponding. He had been gone only a short time when Mr. Cartwright came out and asked for his baggage, and on presenting his check was given the valise which was empty. Mr. Cartwright then declared that the valise was not his, that his baggage consisted simply of a hand-satchel which contained \$850, and when told that the stranger had taken it he was apparently overcome with grief and said that he had been robbed of all the money he possessed."

Detectives were given the case and Mr. Cartwright returned that evening to North Carolina.

Hon. Harry Skinner, of Greenville, passed through here to-day for Baltimore, where he will be married to-morrow to Miss Elle Monteiro. Cardinal Gibbons will perform the ceremony.

Rev. W. E. Edmondson arrived here last night. He was called by the Navy Department to give cause why his leave of absence should be extended. This morning he went before the board of physical examiners and the board decided that the climate on the western coast was injurious to an asthmatic and that the time petitioned for was advisable.

Admiral Kirkland arrived in Washington this evening. Unless he shall request an investigation of his conduct by a court of inquiry in order to secure a personal vindication it is not likely that any further action in his case will be taken.

Dr. Stephen B. Weeks, of the Educational Department leaves to-night with his family for Pasquotank county to visit relatives.

Mrs. Louis H. Clements, of Salisbury, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Louis D. Wine, at 1717 Q street N. W. She will remain here for a few weeks.

Dr. Lewis H. Battle, who has been visiting relatives in Raleigh, has returned to the city.

Mr. H. A. Gudger, of the Department of Justice, leaves to-night for Asheville.

H. R. Thorpe and T. W. Jones were among the arrivals to-day.

## CUBA'S AUTONOMY DEMANDED.

### Policy of Spain Condemned by a Republican Mass Meeting.

BERCELONA, Spain, Nov. 26.—A sensation has been caused here by the action of the Republican leaders who have decided to call a great mass meeting for the purpose of condemning the policy of the government in Cuba. It is proposed to issue a manifesto demanding autonomy for Cuba as a sure means of concluding the war on the island.

## Spain Seeks Recruits to Cuba.

HAVANA, Nov. 26.—The steamship Alfonso XII arrived here to-day from Spain with a battalion of marines, consisting of thirty-eight officers and 850 men. The steamship also had on board five hundred recruits for the different battalions on the field. Upon landing, the newly arrived troops were reviewed by Gen. Arderius, the military commander here. The ceremony was witnessed by a large and enthusiastic crowd. A reception followed the review.

## STORM KING RULED

### WORK OF THE WIND AND RAIN IN NORTHERN AND WESTERN STATES.

### VERY GREAT DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

### The Gale in Ohio was the Severest Ever Known in that State—Thousands of Oil Derricks Blown Down and Several Villages Almost Destroyed by the Wind—Disasters Reported on the Lakes—A Fearful Velocity Attained by the Winds.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 26.—The wind storm which succeeded the four-inch rain fall last night did considerable damage in this city, but humanity escaped without injury. Many small buildings were wrecked and shade trees on the residence streets went down. The roof of the large public school building at Delaware and Walnut streets was lifted several inches and twisted around. A factory on Madison avenue was dismantled and a new Moravian church, on College street, was wrecked. The telegraph companies were sadly crippled. All the railroads are feeling the effects of the storm and trains are, as a rule, several hours late.

The telegraph wires along the railroads have, in many instances, been carried to the ground by fallen trees. No wrecks are reported.

Reports from every part of the State indicate that the wind of last night was unprecedented in violence and much damage was done.

At Marion it blew in the large plate glass front, wrecked small buildings and carried away awnings. The total loss will be quite large.

At Sullivan, the brick block of J. P. Stratton, in course of construction, was partially wrecked and carried down with it the two-story brick block occupied by Thomas Whitman, grocery and queensware.

At Elwood the new Hockman & Davis business block was blown down and the roof was blown off the new Clyde window glass house. The loss at Elwood will reach \$35,000.

Terrific Gale in Michigan.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 26.—Last night's deluge was followed this morning by a terrific gale that wrecked chimneys, plate glass windows, signs and trees in all parts of the city. No serious damage was done, however, and as yet no marine disasters have been reported. The wind reached its maximum, 75 miles per hour and the highest, with one exception, ever recorded at the weather bureau office here at 8 this morning. Two electric towers were blown over and a horse killed by stepping on a live wire. The water in the Detroit river has fallen five feet since yesterday and only the regular ferries are running. Three vessels are aground at Grosse Point, and many others are lying to, waiting for the water to raise.

Northern and Western Michigan points report heavy snow storms and trains badly delayed.

## Storm Widespread in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 26.—The storm of last night was widespread in its effects, the entire State bearing evidence of the fury of the wind this morning. For three hours the velocity ranged from twenty-three to twenty-five miles per hour. The maximum being reached at 2:30 a. m., when a velocity of thirty-eight miles was attained, according to the local weather bureau.

The north congregational church in North Columbus, in course of construction was totally demolished, and at the Panhandle railroad shops great havoc was created, buildings being moved from their foundations, and in some cases demolished. The telegraph companies are in a sorry plight. Their poles are practically down in every direction and for a considerable time to-day all communication was cut off.

## Many Thousand Dollars Damage.

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 26.—The damage done by the storm in this city will foot up many thousands of dollars. The roof of Music Hall, one of the largest structures in the city, was loosened, and many buildings wrecked. The roof of a shed fell upon John Zimmerman, of No. 19 Marquard street, injuring him so badly that he will probably die.

Special dispatches from the Ohio fields show that hundreds of oil derricks were blown down and general havoc wrought throughout the entire section. The loss cannot yet be estimated, but it will be very heavy.

## At Niagara Falls.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Nov. 26.—The Cataract is greatly augmented by the force of the west wind which attained a velocity scarcely paralleled here. The suspension bridge was subjected to a tremendous strain and it was feared that some of the cables might part. The Erie freight sheds were blown down for a distance of 225 feet.

Thousands Derricks Blown Down.

BOWLING GREEN, O., Nov. 26.—The Standard Oil Company report 1,000 derricks blown down in this field by last night's storm, and state that its loss will reach \$150,000. The loss to private operators is enormous. Wires are down everywhere. The village of Cygnet, in this county, was almost entirely blown away.

## Severest Gale Ever Known.

AKRON, O., Nov. 26.—The severest gale in the history of this city raged here from midnight until 5 o'clock this morning. The wind had a frightful velocity, and many persons sought safety in cellars. Many residences and factories were demolished or unroofed.

## The property loss will be heavy. No one was killed, so far as known.

### Light Snow in Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 26.—Last night's storm of wind and rain was followed by a cold wave, with light snow and a drop in the temperature from 63 degrees to 32. No damage of moment was done by the storm.

## Virginia's Oldest Conductor Dead.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 26.—Captain Merritt Birdsong, one of the oldest railroad conductors in Virginia, died at his residence in this city this morning. He had been running on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac road for twenty-five years. Captain Birdsong enjoyed the distinction of being the only railroad conductor in Virginia ever held up by train robbers. He was in charge of the train which Morganfield and Searcy held up at Aquia Creek, and robbed last fall.

## Much Damage in Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 26.—No loss of life has been reported as a result of last night's gale, but much damage was done among the Ohio river towns in Kentucky and Indiana. In Louisville several residences were unroofed, chimneys were leveled and awnings and signs demolished, but across the river the damage was more severe. At Jeffersonville many barns were wrecked and along Front street residences were unroofed and windows blown in.

The Arctic Springs, Captain Hoffman's coal fleet was wrecked and two of his doddlers sunk. Three shanty boats at Port Fulton were sunk and Captain Duffy's coal fleet was torn from its moorings and twenty-five coal boats lost.

## Heavy Snow in Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 26.—The blizzard which set in here early this morning, this evening subsided after six to eight inches of snow on the ground, badly crippling railroads and greatly impeding all lines of traffic. Telephone wires are broken in numerous places, and telegraph wires are down in all directions. No damage, however, has yet been reported in this city. It is learned that the storm raged violently throughout Missouri, Arkansas and Texas. In the latter State it swept over the ranches, covering them with snow several inches deep.

As it is, there is much suffering. The mercury has not fallen below the freezing point in this city or vicinity, nor has there been anything like a gale.

## Blizzard in Illinois.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—The blizzard last night and early this morning was one of the worst that ever struck this city. The wind blew a gale and railroad traffic was greatly delayed. The street car companies had to abandon some of their minor lines, devoting their energies to keeping the main lines open. Dispatches received here show the same state of affairs throughout Illinois. Quincy and Peoria reported a howling blizzard, impeding street and railroad traffic. At Fairbury, Ill., sleet caused considerable damage. On Lake Michigan the gale was very severe and the sea is running very high.

Up to 11 o'clock this morning the city was practically dead telegraphically. The storm utterly prostrated electrical communication of all sorts within the city limits. The heavy accumulations of sleet and snow broke down wires of all sorts. In the business district telegraph and telephone wires are under ground, but in the outskirts they are carried on poles. The weight was so great in many places that the poles were broken and went down with the wires. Even the heavy trolley wires were unable to stand the strain that were mingling in inextricable confusion with the telegraph and telephone systems, including the city police and fire alarm wires.

Altogether it was the most complete telegraphic isolation which this city has suffered in many years. Freight traffic from every direction by rail was practically blocked and all passenger service, including suburban trains, were much delayed even inside the city. Passengers on the Calumet Electric Street railway were snow-bound in a desolate portion of the city and some of them were compelled to remain last night in the cars, being unable to reach their homes in South Chicago.

## NO LYNCHING YESTERDAY.

### But They Came Near Having One at Abbeville, S. C.

ABBEVILLE, S. C., Nov. 26.—An unsuccessful attempt was made this morning by a mob of thirty or forty men to lynch the prisoners now in jail here charged with the murder of Narcissa Egwell, the young white woman whose body was almost cremated in the building burned near Hodges Thursday night.

The mob came to the jail and aroused the jailor, saying they had a prisoner under commitment. The jailor, suspecting all was not well, immediately left the jail through the back door and notified the sheriff, who summoned the Abbeville Rifles, who promptly responded.

The tread of the soldiers and the voice of Sheriff Nance were too much for the boys who were thirsting for blood, and they quietly went away.

## To Elect Mahone's Successor.

PETERSBURG, Va., Nov. 26.—A meeting of the Virginia State Republican Committee will be held in this city to-morrow night. A chairman will be elected and a man named for the National Republican Committee. Both of these offices were made vacant by the death of Gen. William Mahone.