

ICY WINDS, FROZEN CLOUDS AND SNOW CLAD MOUNTAINS; KING WINTER IN ASHEVILLE

Mercury Stood at Zero at Daylight Sunday - A Slight Raise Later.

CONGREGATIONS AT CHURCHES SMALL

Police Have Little to Report on Cases of Destitution, However.

Winter at its worst was all prevailing yesterday; overhead leaden clouds, frozen clouds, under foot streets swept immaculately clean by bitter north winds from the white-capping mountains, and the mercury standing as zero at daylight. The cold of Friday wide sweeping over a great section of the country had been whipped by the fierce winds into every nook and cranny not protected by steam pipes or red hot stoves, and many shivering all through the hours of the night waked to hear the carols of the nipping blasts and realized that though the grass showed green under the snow patches old King Winter reigned and his icy fingers had reached into houses and gripped the city fast.

The streets in the early morning were deserted save for the milk wagons and street cars crawling with clucking brakes and "skidding" wheels on coated rails and church time brought out far less than the usual number and they mostly on foot for few cared to use carriages or automobiles, and calls of frozen pipes and exploded water backs excused many regular churchmen on the ground of necessity. It was a day like Friday save that the cold was a trifle more intense the cold was more general because it soaked into every unprotected place and besides every one was fully convinced that the weather was cold because this official assurance was given by the weather bureau from Washington—a notification not so desirable as would have been a notice on Friday which would have fully informed the public of the unexpected change which dropped the mercury 40 degrees between 4 on Friday evening and Saturday morning, the public giving little attention to the "fair and colder tonight and Saturday."

It was bitter cold all night and the surroundings lifted well. The big mountains loomed large in snowy outline and the wind caving over them picked up snow and whipped it against the rubicund faces of the quite considerable number of people who found the atmosphere most bracing, just as for a time, and every chimney sent up clouds of smoke. The ground was white generally and the pavements were slippery with powdered snow and all the talk was of the weather and tales of past weather, the time in 1893, when with the thermometer 8 degrees below zero firemen fought a big fire which gutted the Carolina hotel and the building now used by the Park Square Cafe and the February in 1899 when it is all alleged that same thermometer marked 15 and the gas froze in the mains.

As the day wore on the mercury rose fairly high in the tube, showing as high as 50 in protected sunlight places and even as high as 20 on the streets about 4 o'clock but the breeze continued to gambol immune from molestation by the police who had a hard time on their beats, but the people were not to be fooled by any amount of mercury and they showed this in their own way. The residents of Mrs. L. M. Hiltch was buried, with a loss of \$4,000. Seven houses were built in another section of the city as the women were at work on this blaze and caused a loss of \$41,000. Another building, owned by Oudley & Co., was gutted, with a loss of \$1,200. Defective fires, used for the first time in many months, were responsible for the fires. The homes of Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Hooring and of three Syrian merchants, with the homes of Mrs. Hiltch, R. Pearlman and R. G. Starcke, were destroyed.

THREE FIRES AT ONE TIME

VALDOSTA, Ga., Jan. 31.—Six fires, destroying eleven buildings and causing a loss of \$20,000, were fought by firemen here today in freezing weather.

Most people sat beside the fires and were warm in good tight homes but others there were many of them among very poor people who lived in up-and-down construction cabins and had little fire and not an overplus of food and those were far from happy. While it is true that there was by no means the misery that one might imagine, and the police on the look-out.

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TRIAL OF WEALTHY PLANTER CHARGED WITH POISONING WIFE

UNION S. C., Jan. 31.—The trial of W. T. Jones, a wealthy planter of this county, who is charged with the murder of his wife last July, is set to begin here tomorrow. Jones is accused of administering poison to his wife.

Because of the prominent and influential connections of the parties concerned and of the almost unparalleled features of the evidence brought out at the inquest and in the hearings on the motion for bail, indications are that the trial will be of a most sensational kind. Over 225 witnesses

TELLS JEROME TO GO AHEAD WITH ACTION

U. S. District Attorney Answers in Regard to the Panama Label.

STATE ON BEHALF OF D. ROBINSON

Mr. Stinson Does Not Say That Federal Prosecutions Will Stop.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Henry L. Stinson, United States district attorney for the southern district of New York, made public tonight a letter in reply to one written by District Attorney Jerome on the subject of beginning an action for criminal libel in the state courts against the publishers of The New York Work because of published charges regarding the Panama canal purchase. Mr. Stinson tells Mr. Jerome to go ahead assuring him that such action will not be regarded as interference.

Mr. Jerome had asked if action in the state courts on behalf of Douglas Robinson, the president's brother-in-law, who was mentioned in the article, would be an unwelcome interference with the actions begun under federal jurisdiction.

Mr. Stinson answers this negatively, but does not state that the federal inquiries or prosecutions will cease if Mr. Jerome begins action.

The reference to the "gentleman who occupies the position of the head" of the war department gave rise in some quarters to speculation as to the person meant by Mr. Stinson. An official of the government, who declined to permit the use of his name, said the statement was intended to refer to Elihu Root, who was secretary of war when negotiations for the purchase of the Panama canal property was concluded, though the deeds of the property were actually turned over to this country when William H. Taft was secretary.

FOUNDERS DAY AT HAMPTON SCHOOL

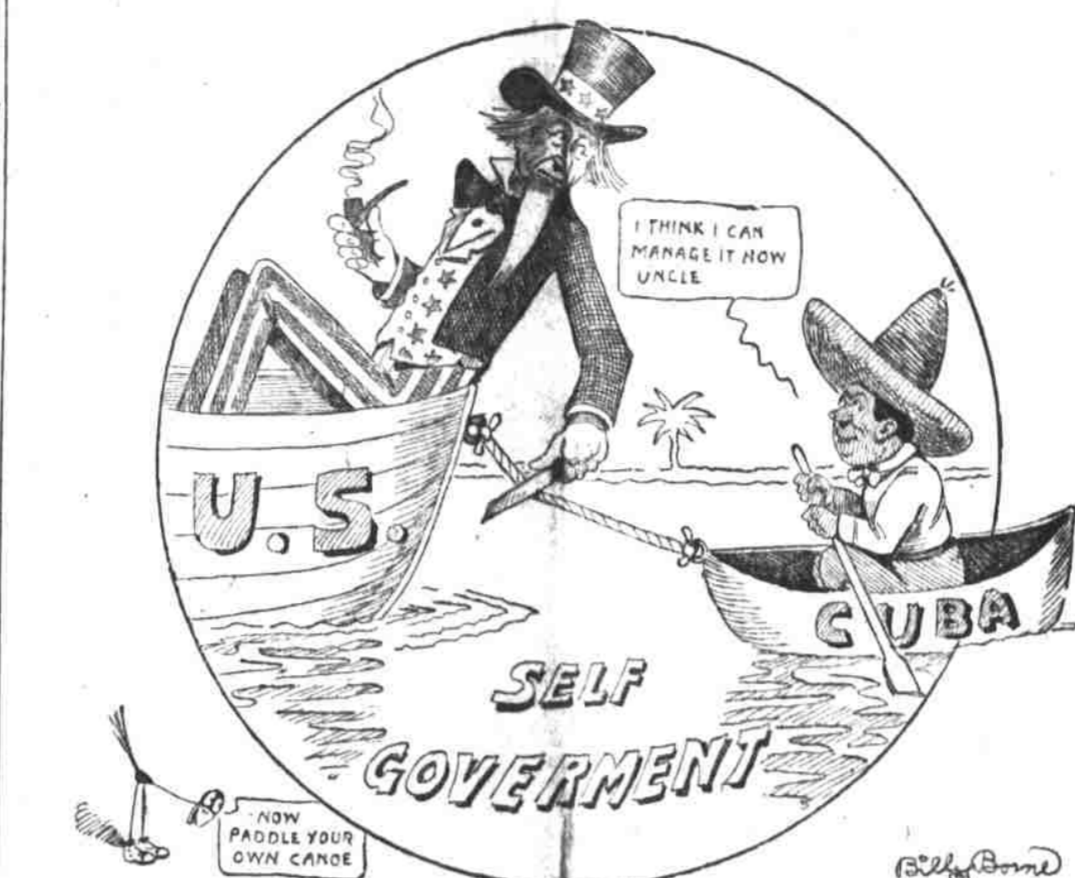
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He paid a glowing tribute to General Armstrong, the founder, and his work, and said that in following the principles laid down by him the relations between the black and white races would improve year by year. "Everything that can happen to disrupt the relations between the races," continued Dr. Washington, "has already happened. We have reached, in my opinion, the extreme of racial friction, and reaction has already set in. The finest types of Southern character are becoming more and more each year disgusted with the extreme individualism, with the extreme legislation, with the extreme methods of punishing the negro, with the extreme utterances against his education. From now on, in my opinion, we are going to witness a sanity of self-control, a liberality on the part of the men of the white race in the south toward the negro that we have not witnessed in the past. The stout people in the South have recognized the fact that the South must depend on years to come mainly upon the negro as a common and skilled laborer. I have always claimed, and still do so, that it is an insult to the white people of the South for any one to assert that the negro should be kept in ignorance."

Cut Loose



CHARGED WITH HIGH TREASON

Russian Police. Director Handed Over Agent to Revolutionary Vengeance

(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 31.—M. Lopukine, former director of police in the department of ministry of the interior, has been arrested on a charge of high treason in connection with the revelations recently made at Paris, when Axel, the head of the fighting organization of the Russian socialist revolutionary party, was convicted of being the paid agent of the secret police.

The technical accusation is made that Lopukine was a member of the revolutionary organization. The actual charge is that he furnished to Curtoff, the leading socialist revolutionist in Paris, the information on which Axel was denounced, thereby handing over the government agent to revolutionary vengeance. It is also charged that Lopukine furnished Curtoff with two highly important documents, betraying the whole organization of the Russian political police.

A total of seventeen other arrests have been made, including a number of callers at Lopukine's house. Tax case promises to throw light upon the most interesting chapter concerning the relations between the police and socialist organizations.

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SEVERAL HUNDRED REPORTED KILLED

(By Associated Press.) CEUTA, Morocco, Jan. 31.—Native accounts of the avalanche which occurred recently at Romara say it came during the night and was preceded by loud subterranean noises, which threw the inhabitants into panic. A sudden and terrible shock occurred, and huge rocks swept down on the village. None of the several hundred inhabitants had time to escape.

FLEET DIVISION AT GIBRALTAR

Connecticut, Vermont, Kansas and Minnesota Under Command of Sperry.

(By Associated Press.) GIBRALTAR, Jan. 31.—The first division of the United States Atlantic fleet, composed of the Connecticut, Vermont, Kansas and Minnesota, under command of Rear-Admiral Sperry, arrived here this morning. From the moment the gleaming white hulls of the American ships were more specks upon the blue water of the Mediterranean every man of courage on the rock of Gibraltar was occupied, and by the time they were ready to round majestically for the harbor, the entire population seemed to be massed on the water front.

Two British battleships and four ships of the second cruiser squadron just returned from South American waters; two Russian battleships and two protected cruisers; a French gunboat and a Dutch gun-boat, four subsided, flag flying and guns blazing, greeted the Americans as soon as they entered the harbor. The American ships responded with black and white smoke, the guns on board the national emblem of each country represented.

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PLAN CONSERVATION CONFERENCE FEB. 18

Canadian and Mexican Government Have Accepted President's Invitation.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Now that the Canadian and Mexican governments have both formally accepted President Roosevelt's invitation to send delegates to a North American conservation conference, the final arrangements are being rapidly put into shape.

The conference will be held probably at the state department and will begin on the morning of Tuesday, February 18. From present indications the sessions will continue about three days, although the length of the conference will depend very largely upon the desires of the visiting delegates and the thoroughness with which they may wish to go into various questions which will come before the meeting.

Canada and Mexico will each send three delegates. Besides these, the only others present will be the members of the national conservation commission and representatives of the state department and of one or two other executive departments which deal with natural resources.

ATLANTA'S WEATHER RECORDS BROKEN

Indications That Cold Snap Is General Throughout Georgia, Alabama, Florida

(By Associated Press.) ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 31.—With the thermometer hovering around fifteen degrees above zero this morning, the coldest yet broken in Atlanta, and reports received here indicate that the cold snap was general throughout Georgia, Alabama and Florida.

The lowest temperature recorded in Atlanta was at Birmingham, the coldest was at Albany, at 24 below zero, and at Mobile twenty-three.

While meteorologists believe that the cold weather will be of insignificant moment to the peach crop in Georgia, reports indicate that strawberries and apples have been practically ruined in the north part of Florida. A report from Pennsylvania says that the cold there today is more severe than that experienced during the freeze of ten years ago.

UNKNOWN SHIP GOES DOWN; ALL HANDS ABOARD

No Clue to Corroborate Testimony of Those Who Saw Tragedy.

SINGLE FUNNELED VESSEL, THE BELIEF

May Be Several Days Before Anything Is Discovered.

(By Associated Press.) NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 31.—Hidden beneath the turbulent waves that roll wildly over Diamond Shoals, fourteen miles off Cape Hatteras, N. C., the secret of the identity of the mysterious steamer which went down there early yesterday probably with all hands on board, remains untold.

The daylight of another day gave no evidence, furnished no clue to corroborate the testimony of those few aboard the Diamond Shoals light ship who witnessed, helpless to aid, this latest tragedy of the well-named "graveyard of the Atlantic." When darkness fell upon the scene tonight not a single piece of wreckage had been detected either on shore or on the ocean's bosom and it may be several days before anything is discovered.

Neither the government weather station nor the local commercial wireless station received any additional news relative to the ill-fated vessel today. No definite news has come to the Norfolk navy yard from the revenue cutter Onondaga, which is at the scene of the reported disaster.

The Savannah light steamer City of Savannah, which arrived at Savannah today from New York, brought no news that might aid in clearing up the mystery although her wireless operator caught the message from the light ship and was positive that the ship was described as a single funneled vessel.

Local shipping authorities declare that the steamer probably was an abandoned drifter.

The wind which blew off shore at a velocity of forty-five miles an hour yesterday moderated to some extent today. Tonight a moderate northwest wind is blowing off Hatteras. As long as the wind remains in this quarter any wreckage or floatation from the ship will probably be driven far out to sea.

The reporting of the Carolina Steamship company's steamer, Theodor Wesens, which passed in Cape Henry bound from Georgetown and Charleston for Baltimore today, removes the vessel from consideration as possibly being the ill-fated freighter.

(By Associated Press.) CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 31.—Evidently enraged because she would not return him to Atlanta, or surrender their seventeen-month-old child, Edward A. Mizer, intercepted his young wife in a street in the fashionable residence section of Wilmington this afternoon and shot her twice, and then turning the pistol to his own head, blew out his brains. Mrs. Mizer died two hours later at a hospital; Mizer was dead before bystanders could reach him.

(By Associated Press.) BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Jan. 31.—No details are known in this locality, by reason of establishing the identity of the steamer reported to have foundered yesterday near Diamond Shoals light ship. No wreckage has been seen from the shore.

(By Associated Press.) BALTIMORE, Jan. 31.—All fear that the steamer reported from Elizabeth City, N. C., yesterday as having foundered off Diamond Shoals light ship, was the vessel.

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BULLET FIRED ACCIDENTALLY KILLS WOMAN

Brother of Mayor of Chicago Was Demonstrating Use of Pistol.

BULLET CRASHES THROUGH WINDOWS

Crosses Arcaway of Apartment House and Pierces Woman's Heart.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—George Busse, brother of Mayor Fred A. Busse, of Chicago, tonight accidentally shot and killed Mrs. L. C. Tuckerman, wife of a fruit dealer of Milton, N. Y. The bullet struck Mrs. Tuckerman in the heart and she died almost instantly.

The shooting occurred in the Walton apartment building. Mrs. Tuckerman was visiting her father, Brigadier General A. C. Girard, retired, who lives in the Walton. Shortly before 7 o'clock George Busse, in his apartment across an arcaway from General Girard's apartment, was demonstrating the use of a revolver to Miss Bertha Lambke, his house maid, so that she could employ the weapon in case burglars came. The revolver was accidentally discharged and the bullet went through two windows and crossed the arcaway into the Girard apartment and pierced Mrs. Tuckerman's heart.

Mayor Busse was present at the shooting, and as soon as he learned of the fatal consequences informed the police.

In Bedroom. Mrs. Tuckerman was in a bedroom dressing. When struck by the bullet, which crashed in the area window at her side, she staggered into a hallway. General Girard and Mrs. Tuckerman's five-year-old son, Alfred, rushed from an adjoining sitting room as the woman cried:

"Oh, I've been shot, and I'm dying." A minute afterward Mayor Busse and his brother George entered the Girard apartments to see whether the bullet had done any damage. They were horrified to find that Mrs. Tuckerman was dying of a bullet wound. Mayor Busse's wife and mother tried to assist the wounded woman while the mayor summoned a physician. But the woman died before the physician arrived.

No arrests were made. General Girard expressed himself as satisfied that the shooting was accidental. According to the statements made to the police, George Busse was about to leave for Cincinnati on a business trip. He did not care to leave his mother and the maid at home alone without some means of protection. He therefore purchased a revolver and was instructing the maid how to use it when the trigger was pulled accidentally.

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TWO DISASTROUS FIRES IN DUBLIN

(By Associated Press.) DUBLIN, Ga., Jan. 31.—There were two disastrous fires in this city last night, entailing a total loss of \$75,000. The operating plant of the Southland Lumber company was destroyed in the first fire, and in the second Jackson stores were consumed and adjoining property slightly damaged.

NEARING PORT; RUDDER BROKEN

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—The steamship St. Louis of the American line, which is carrying four hundred rubber broken, will anchor off Sandy Hook early in the morning. She is proceeding at reduced speed, steered by an improvised rudder.

Shortly upon crossing the boundary. This was claimed by its opponents to be attempted delegation of congressional power, and therefore unconstitutional or district of the United States where such shipment could not be legally made within same. It is designed to protect both prohibition states and dry territory within local option states.

INTERSTATE LIQUOR SHIPMENT BILL OF ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Representative Lowrey of Kentucky introduced Monday the Interstate Liquor shipment bill prepared by the Anti-Saloon League of America to obviate the objection of unconstitutionality urged against the Littlefield bill.

The objection to the Littlefield bill was that it made interstate shipments of liquor subject to state laws im-

MORSE'S FRIENDS PREPARE PETITION

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Announcement was made tonight that friends of Charles W. Morse, the convicted banker, are preparing a petition to the judges of the United States circuit court of appeals asking them to set aside Mr. Morse to halt pending his appeal from Judge Hough's sentence of fifteen years in the federal prison at Atlanta for violations of the national banking laws. Mr. Morse is present in the Tombs prison here.

Reth M. Milliken, once president of the Mercantile National bank, and James Talbot, commission merchant and capitalist, are heading the movement. Others working in behalf of Mr. Morse are Charles M. Schwab, Edward J. Berwind and ex-Governor Cobb of Maine.

