

STORM CAUSES LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY

Sweeps Down From Middle West Through the Southern States.

WIRES ARE DOWN; REPORTS MEAGER

Several Are Known to Be Dead, and Many Others Badly Injured.

(By Associated Press.)
CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 14.—One of the most severe sleet storms experienced in several years today paralyzed the telegraph, telephone and trolley wires and seriously interfered with railway traffic throughout northern Ohio. Hundreds of telegraph and telephone poles are down. The storm lines were hampered by the dispatchers being unable to communicate with train crews. The damage to wire equipment has been large, and it will require many days to restore the normal condition. Many villages are in darkness as a result of damage to the illuminating wires.

TWO ARE KILLED.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 14.—Information has just been received in Birmingham that two were killed and seven badly injured at West Point, Miss., this afternoon as the result of a heavy windstorm which passed over that section of the state. The information comes here through Meridian and wire connection failed before details could be secured. It is stated that one of the dead is the mother of a Western Union operator at Meridian.

The storm appears to have been great over Mississippi and Alabama this afternoon and tonight. An unconfirmed report here is that one person was killed at York, Ala. The wind at Birmingham was accompanied by a heavy rain, which continued late into the night.

SEVERE IN VICKSBURG.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Feb. 14.—The most severe storm of rain and wind experienced here in years prevailed for half an hour this afternoon, causing a property loss estimated at \$10,000. The office of The Vicksburg Herald was unroofed and a number of business houses sustained minor damage, while in the suburban sections of Vicksburg property was completely wrecked in some instances. Several negroes are reported to have been injured when their cabins were demolished.

BLEW DOWN CHURCH.

LEARNED, Miss., Feb. 14.—A storm struck this place from the northwest about 2 o'clock this afternoon with terrific force, blowing down a negro church, killing Dick Harris' wife and one child of Maggie Bennett and injuring eight or ten. About seventy-five persons were in the building at the time. If it had not been for the arched ceiling they would all probably have been killed.

TORNADO IN ARKANSAS.

(By Associated Press.)
STEPHENS, Ark., Feb. 14.—What is known as the railroad reservation, a residential district of Stephens, was swept early today by a tornado, the most severe of years, which approached from the southwest and at length cutting a path several hundred yards in width, passed northward in the pathway of the storm a number of small structures were wrecked. No casualties occurred in Stephens, although several persons barely escaped injury. While only the most meagre reports have been received as yet from the surrounding country, it is probable that the property damage will be large. Among the buildings damaged was the Methodist church and annex.

FLORIDA HOTEL BURNS DRIVING TWO HUNDRED GUESTS FROM BEDS

(By Associated Press.)
DAYTONA, Fla., Feb. 14.—The Hotel Clarendon at Seabreeze, one of the largest resort hotels on the east coast, together with ten cottages adjoining the house, were totally destroyed by fire at 5:30 o'clock this morning, the two hundred and fifteen guests, who were asleep at the time, being saved without injury, and many being able to gather up most of their belongings. When the blaze was first discovered the night clerk rushed the help to each room notifying guests who made their way hurriedly to the streets. At one time the blaze appeared to be under control, but the wind shifted and it broke out anew and in less than three-quarters of an hour the entire building was burned.

The ten cottages, owned by H. E. Kockersperger, caught from sparks, and all were burning at the same time.

The hotel help was panic-stricken and the clerks could do nothing with them, one woman biting the clerk on the hand. The hotel was a wooden structure valued at \$200,000 and was insured for about forty per cent.

The streets about the hotel were

OUTLOOK BAD FOR REVISION OF THE TARIFF

Chaotic Condition of Affairs in House Likely to Cause a Long Delay.

INTERPRETING THE PLATFORM NOT EASY

Insurgents May Cause Trou- ble by Their Demands for Amendments.

(Special to The Citizen.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The outlook for early tariff legislation following the inauguration of President Taft on March 4 is not at all encouraging, according to the present view of party leaders in congress. Developments of the past week have served as an estoppel to the prediction that congress will have finished the job and left Washington by the middle of July. From present indications, the statesmen will be lucky if they are enabled to spend Thanksgiving day at their several homes.

The republican party has never before undertaken tariff legislation with so little unanimity of opinion as exists today. This does not necessarily indicate that there is unwillingness on the part of any party leaders to shirk the pledge of tariff revision contained in the national platform of last year.

Interpreting Platform.

The crux of the tariff plank of the platform upon which Mr. Taft was elected was the declaration that "in all tariff legislation the true principle of protection is best maintained by the imposition of such duties as will equal the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad, together with a reasonable profit to American industries." Candidate Taft endorsed this plank in a speech at Columbus, O., and if congress is to carry out the spirit of the platform utterance it must determine, first, the difference in cost of production at home and abroad, and second, what is a reasonable profit to American industries.

Clash of Opinions.

It requires no special discernment to see that here is opportunity for as many different opinions, almost, as there are men in congress. It is generally understood around the capitol that the republican members of the ways and means committee are wide apart in their views as to the form tariff legislation should take. It goes without saying that there will be still wider differences in views in the house itself. By no means all the tariff students in the house hold unhesitatingly on the ways and means committee.

The republican leaders would like to agree on a program which would permit of the bill being reported out of committee to the house within a day or two after the extra session convenes, limit debate in the house to not more than two weeks, pass the measure and send it on to the senate. But they are not strong enough to put through such a program.

Each Claims Rights.

The constitutional provision that measures for raising revenue shall originate in the house has in the past been observed more in the letter than in the spirit. On some of the former bills the house committee, after conducting extensive hearings, has framed up and put through the house a bill which was not much more than a dummy. It is in the senate that the schedules have been given exhaustive consideration and whipped into final shape. This was true of the Wilson bill and the Dingley bill, the two most recent general tariff measures passed by congress.

This year there is a strong sentiment in favor of the house perfecting its bill, and while the right of the senate to "concur with amendments" is conceded, sentiment is decidedly adverse to allowing the upper house to be the real framer of the tariff.

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It Has Us Guessing



COW CAUSES FATAL WRECK OF FREIGHT

Train Falls from Trestle to Ground Thirty Five Feet Below.

(By Associated Press.)
BATON ROUGE, La., Feb. 14.—One man was killed and six injured, at least one of the fatally who was south bound freight train on the Louisiana Railway and Navigation company's line was wrecked at Montecorne bridge, four miles north of Baton Rouge, at 9:20 o'clock this morning.

Bud Robertson, a negro brakeman, is dead and H. H. Rice, conductor, of Alexandria, La., sustained injuries pronounced fatal.

The other injured are: S. N. Anchbacher, engineer of New Orleans; Jesse James, fireman of Baton Rouge; Ed Donogue, section foreman of Alexandria, La.; Tom Hamilton, brakeman of Bartville, La.; Sam Golins, steam shovel operator of Baton Rouge.

At a point about fifty feet north of the trestle spanning Montecorne creek the tender of the engine which was running backwards struck a cow. The engine plunged from the trestle carrying with it the entire train of cars to the ground below, a distance of thirty-five feet.

Twenty freight cars and an equal number of dirt cars were piled upon each other in a mass of splintered wreckage.

LINCOLN HONORED BY BLUE AND GREY

Joint Exercises in Atlanta Participated in by G. A. R. and U. C. V.'s

(By Associated Press.)
ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 14.—Veterans of the opposing armies in the great civil war between the states—those who wore the gray as well as those who wore the blue—joined tonight in paying honor to the memory of Abraham Lincoln. Exercises commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of the martyred president held in Trinity Methodist church, were participated in by the members of G. A. R. and U. C. V.'s.

General Clement A. Evans, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate veterans, delivered the opening prayer, while Col. T. H. Jones, of Wheeler's cavalry, read Mr. Lincoln's favorite poem, "O, Why Should the Spirit of Mortal Be Proud?"

Lincoln's Gettysburg address was read by Brig. Gen. J. W. Seelye, U. S. A., retired.

Rev. James W. Lee, D. D., pastor of Trinity church and a native Georgian delivered the address of the evening, Dr. Lee's touching tribute to Lincoln brought tears to the eyes of the immense gathering.

At the close of the exercises the audience, led by the prominent veterans of two armies present, joined in singing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

DAUGHTER MARRIED MOTHER'S SPOUSE

Comis Valentine Reveals Strange Domestic Complications in Family.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 14.—In the probable fatal shooting of William Smith, a carpenter, over a comic valentine, there came to light a strange domestic entanglement. "Mrs. Cora Smith," who fired the shot at Smith told the police that she was married to Smith, knowing that her mother was already his wife. The three had lived together for years, the man posing as the husband of both mother and daughter. The daughter, who is twenty-two years old, sent Smith a comic valentine yesterday. Smith became angry when he received it, picked up his clothes and started to leave. Thinking he was going to desert her, the daughter wife shot him. The mother made her husband marry her daughter without getting a divorce, thinking that no one knew of the former marriage.

"Mrs. Cora Smith" was arrested. She will be held pending the result of Smith's wound.

NIAGARA FALLS ALMOST PUT OUT OF COMMISSION

(By Associated Press.)
NIAGARA FALLS, Feb. 14.—Only a very slight, not deep nor swift enough to carry a pulp log over the brink, is flowing over the American side of Niagara Falls. A strong northeast wind which has blown since Friday, has held back the water and allowed the ice to gain a foothold.

A great wall of ice runs from the head of Goat Island to the American mainland through which only tiny streams are able to trickle. This wall has even encroached on the Canadian channel, extending out some 200 feet beyond the third Sister Island and greatly diminishing the flow over the Horseshoe. Only the very apex of the Canadian fall is left, and that is bobbed up and down by the wind.

This is only the third time that this combination of wind and ice has thus affected the falls since the white man came here. The other occasions were March 29, 1848, and March 22, 1907.

WOMEN TO DRIVE AUTO CARS WITH PROFESSIONALS

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 14.—In the first championship automobile race open only to women ever run, Mrs. Jean Nelson Cuneo, of Richmond Hill, Long Island, and Miss Alice Porter, of Elgin, Ill., will meet for the championship of America during the Mardi Gras week carnival to occur here under the auspices of the New Orleans Automobile club, February 20, 21 and 22. Mrs. Cuneo is to drive a Vanderbilt cup racer and Miss Porter a high power racing car.

Both of these women have won fame at the steering wheel of big racing automobiles, but always in road or touring contests. In practice some on circular tracks both have come clear the mark for the mile.

All the other races on the program are open to women drivers. If the race is not held Mrs. Cuneo has made her entry in every event on the program to which her car is eligible. She will compete in the one hundred mile "world" championship against George Robertson, the Van derlip cup winner; Lewis Stone (Felix De Palma) and others.

There is every indication that the three day meet will be one of the most successful ever held in the East.

GLENN SCORES GEWGAWS, RUM AND FRIVOLITY

(By Associated Press.)
AUGUSTA, Ga., Feb. 14.—Ex-Governor R. B. Glenn, of North Carolina spoke today before one of the largest congregations ever seen in the First Presbyterian church here, on missions. Governor Glenn's address was chiefly upon home missions, and he brought to the attention of the congregation many interesting facts gathered by him for these talks.

He told of the drunken women he had seen upon the streets of our large cities, and of the crimes committed by the women of this country.

He stated that sixty per cent of the fallen women in this country got their beginning from whiskey. He dwelt upon, to a large extent, the vices of the homes of the great cities. He also vividly depicted the life of the mountaineers in the district between Pennsylvania and North Carolina. The address was concluded by statistics upon the amount of money spent in the United States for chewing gum, soft drinks, thirty tickets, feathers for ladies hats etc., which amounted to about \$1,100,000,000. Governor Glenn stated that only \$100,000,000 had been given in the last year for missions. After this address a collection was taken. It amounted to nearly \$1,000.

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Feb. 14.—Fifty-two bodies have been recovered from the wrecked steamer Penguin of the Union Steamship company of Wellington, which went on the rocks Friday night off Cape Terawhiti. Six of those aboard the Penguin are unaccounted for. In all, the passengers and crew numbered about one hundred.

CONGRESS HAS TO HUSTLE TO FINISH WORK

Appropriation Bills in Danger of Being Left on Files.

SENATE FAR BEHIND ON ITS CALENDAR

No Further Attempt Will be Made to Confirm Nom- inations Held Up.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—During the present week congress will give all possible attention to appropriation bills as it has become a necessity that both houses should act promptly if the measures are to become laws in the few days left of the present congress. The senate will take up the naval bill on Monday and after that the postoffice bill.

The senate is so far behind in the consideration of these measures that night sessions will soon become a necessity, and even with the night hours that such sessions will add, it will be difficult to get the bills through. The house is in better shape with respect to the supply measures, but has little time to spare.

Work on the Indian bill will be resumed Monday and that measure will be kept before the house until finally disposed of. It will be followed either by the consular and diplomatic bill, or the fortification appropriation bill. If the river and harbor maintenance and emergency bill is reported during the week it will follow.

It is probable that the senate will give early attention to the Canadian boundary waterways treaty and the Newfoundland treaty. The waterways agreement is now before the committee on foreign relations.

Disposition of Treaties.

The prospect is good that all opponents of the treaty, except Senator Smith of Michigan will cease to stand in the way of favorable action and there is still some hope of disposing of it before the adjournment of the session. The indications are that the Panama and Columbia treaties may not be disposed of until after March 4. The nominations to which there are objections also will go over, with the result that Mr. Taft will have an opportunity to fill the places with men of his own selection.

The house tomorrow will consider the bill giving separate statehood to New Mexico and Arizona and the indications are the measures will be passed by that body before the day closes. The prospects for the bill in the senate are by no means good.

The bill removing the constitutional objections in the way of Senator Knox's becoming secretary of state probably will be favorably acted upon by the house this week. Undoubtedly some of the members, especially of the democratic side, consider the measure objectionable, but they have practically agreed to place no serious obstruction in the way. They will not make a party issue of the bill, but some of them, notably Mr. Hardwick of Georgia, will make speeches in which the minority party's objections will be presented. With these statements of their views they will allow the bill to pass.

ABDUCTED GIRL TO BE BROUGHT HOME

(By Associated Press.)
PITTSBURGH, Feb. 14.—Through the intervention of Senator Knox, the state department has taken up the case of Ernestine Moore, a Pittsburgh girl, fifteen years old, abducted from home and deserted in Sicily, and has called Ambassador Griscom at Rome to have her provided for until funds can be raised for her. The deserted girl is a daughter of J. P. Moore of 414 Arch street, Northside. She disappeared on January 2, was traced to New York and thence to Gibraltar in company with a Greek who had been living here. At Gibraltar all trace of her was lost till a letter was received stating that she had been asserted and was penniless in the earthquake stricken district at Augusta, Sicily. She asked for funds to enable her to return home.

DR. BULL BETTER.

(By Associated Press.)
SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 14.—The condition of Dr. William T. Bull, the famous physician who is now in Savannah fighting for his life against cancer, was such today that he was able to take a long automobile ride. Dr. Bull visited portions of the automobile race course.

CHILD LABOR CONVENTION.

BATON ROUGE, La., Feb. 14.—Governor J. Y. Saunders of Louisiana has issued a call for a convention to be held in New Orleans on March 29, 30 and 31 for the purpose of taking action looking to the establishment of uniform child and women labor laws and the possible betterment of conditions in this connection throughout the South.

MEN ARE AUCTIONED OFF IN CHURCH TO SECURE PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT

(Special to The Citizen.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—In order to find work for men who are out of employment at 12, F. O'Loughlin and others auctioned off thirty-five able bodied men at the Parkside Presbyterian church, Brooklyn, Friday night. The church was packed to witness the novel sight.

Immediately following the opening remarks by Rev. Dr. John H. Long, pastor of the church, Mr. O'Loughlin, who acted as "auctioneer," mounted the pulpit and said that the meeting had been called for the purpose of "selling" men to the highest bidder. "These men want work; they don't want charity. They want work to buy food and clothing. They are not hoboes."

There was an expectant craning of necks from many curious people and a silence broken only by sobs from women present, then while the organist played "John Brown's Body," the thirty-five masked men marched quietly up the aisle and took places on

TAFT CABINET PRACTICALLY DECIDED UPON

All But Treasury Portfolio Which May Go To Herrick.

WILL JOIN THE MASONIC ORDER

Rare Honor to Be Conferred Upon Him by the Great Fraternity.

(By Associated Press.)
CINCINNATI, Feb. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Taft arrived in the home city of the president-elect from Panama and New Orleans in a driving rainstorm this morning. At noon tomorrow they will leave for Washington. The trip to Washington has importance, inasmuch as its primary object relates to the report of the engineers who accompanied Mr. Taft to Panama. The contents of the report have been forecasted, the features being a strong endorsement of the present canal plans, and the commendation of the organization under Colonel Goethals and recommendations tending to show that whatever error has been made has been on the side of unnecessary precautions for safety.

While in Washington Mr. Taft expects to have conferences with Senator Knox and with others whose advice he values, relative to cabinet appointments.

Cabinet Gossip.

The cabinet gossip which is regarded as the most reliable, and stated with the understanding that Mr. Taft has declared he would reserve the right to deny all cabinet suggestions, is that no one has been determined upon for the treasury portfolio. Senator Knox and Frank H. Hitchcock have been asked and accepted the positions of secretary of state and postmaster general. As to the other places, unconfirmed rumor, with a fair percentage of likelihood for correctness, makes the cabinet of Mr. Taft as follows: Attorney general, Mr. Wickham, of New York; secretary of war, Mr. Wright, of Tennessee; secretary of the navy, Mr. Meyer, of Massachusetts; secretary of the interior, Mr. Hallinger, of Washington state; secretary of agriculture, Mr. Wilson, of Iowa; secretary of commerce and labor, Mr. Nagel, of Missouri.

Herrick may get Place.

It is the general understanding that Mr. Taft wishes to fill the treasury portfolio either from Illinois or Ohio. Should the appointment go to Ohio the honor is the honor will fall to Myron T. Herrick.

Another matter of consultation which will be taken up in Washington, where Mr. Taft will remain until Tuesday afternoon will be his inaugural address. The speech has been outlined and will be submitted for criticism.

On his return here Thursday Mr. Taft will be made a Mason "on sight," an honor rarely conferred by the Masonic order. On Friday he has a private dinner engagement with the members of the Taft Citizen club of this city, and Saturday he will leave for Philadelphia, not to return here until after his services as president may conveniently permit.

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WANT KENTUCKY TO ABOLISH LIQUOR

(By Associated Press.)
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 14.—Kentucky, second liquor producing state in the Union, and up to this time unscathed by a state-wide prohibition fight, will be the battleground for the declaration of total prohibition from Tuesday, February 16, forward. On that day the Anti-Saloon League and kindred temperance forces will meet in Louisville and the up shot of the meeting will undoubtedly be the passing of resolutions calling on Governor Willson to summon the legislature in extra session for the consideration of a state-wide bill, or for uniform county local option embracing cities of the first and second classes.

FIFTY-TWO BODIES TAKEN FROM WRECK

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