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WIDE AREA OF THE COUNTRY SWEEP BY SEVERE STORM

Most Widespread Storm in Fifteen Years Sweeps Country From Rockies to New York and From Winnipeg to New Orleans, Damaging Life and Property.

Storm is Heaviest in Northwest. In Wisconsin the Most Severe Ever Known in That Section. Fog, Wind, Snow Cause Much Suffering

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 28.—One of the most severe storms of recent years has been raging through the territory lying between the Rocky Mountains and the Great Lakes since early this morning, and has caused much trouble to street car companies, railroads and telegraph companies.

In its extent the storm was the most widespread of any during the last 15 years. Counting the fog as a component part of the storm, it stretched clear from the Rocky Mountains to New York and from Winnipeg to New Orleans. The fatalities reported here as due to the storm are three men killed. They were:

Alexander Steiner, a tanner, killed while unloading coal. A coal chute was blown from its fastenings and striking him on the head killed him instantly.

Thomas Walsh, a laborer, struck by a heavy board while entering a new building. The board cut his head nearly off.

Frank Cavanaugh was killed at Muncie, Ind., by an oil derrick falling on him. At 10 o'clock tonight the storm was reported as subsiding at Kansas City and at other points on a north and south line from that city. In Chicago and east of here the storm was still raging with great violence, and was expected to continue throughout the night, the center of the storm being between Chicago and Cleveland.

Reports from Kansas City were that the storm extended from Missouri as far south as Indian Territory and was accompanied throughout its entire length by high winds and snow drifted badly.

In the northwest the storm was even more violent. In St. Paul the snow commenced to fall early last night and grew heavier all through the night, while the wind increased until it was blowing 50 miles an hour. The heavy snow and the gale worked havoc with wires, and some passenger trains from the Pacific coast were reported tonight as 24 hours overdue.

The storm reached eastward from St. Paul until it covered almost the entire northwest.

In the south conditions were somewhat better, the snow in many places being changed to a heavy rainfall, which was protected by thunder and lightning and followed by high winds. Nashville, Louisville, New Orleans, Montgomery and Memphis all reported exceedingly heavy rains, a rapidly falling thermometer and terrific winds.

In the Ohio river valley the first heavy rain in five months commenced falling early in the day and continued throughout the night. The storm was accompanied by the boatmen along the Ohio and its tributaries, for the stage of water in those streams has of late been very low.

The storm struck Chicago shortly after noon and increased with great rapidity until it had assumed hurricane violence at 5:30 o'clock, when the wind tore through the downtown streets at a rate of 72 miles an hour. It fell away after that and by 7 o'clock had dropped to 50 miles an hour, where it remained throughout the night.

Between noon and 7 o'clock in the evening the mercury dropped from 34 to 11. The late reports from Wisconsin are that the storm was the most severe ever experienced in that section of the country. Damage in the city of Madison is estimated at \$100,000. In Indiana the damage done by the storm was especially heavy in the oil fields, where fully 500 derricks were blown down and all operations suspended. The loss and operations in the neighborhood of Muncie is placed at \$200,000 and at \$50,000 around Portland.

ADDICK'S CANDIDACY.

The Gas King Lacks Five Votes of Election to Senate—Will He Push Candidacy?

By Associated Press. Dover, Del., Dec. 27.—Politicians are assembling here for the legislature caucusing tomorrow, and everything revolves upon the question whether J. Edward Addicks, with twenty-two votes, five short of a majority, will push his candidacy for senate.

"Addicks to the front" was the word sent out concerning the Delaware situation last night by the Union Republicans, and the late train brought to Dover Addicks himself. He will be on hand himself when the new members gather here tomorrow preparatory to going into their first session. The governor has prepared his message for the extraordinary session.

Fire in Birmingham.

By Associated Press. Birmingham, Dec. 28.—Fire which broke out today in Delaware restaurant on North Twentieth street, destroyed six buildings in the heart of the business section. Loss \$75,000.

THE DRUMMER AND FAST ON FIRE ISLAND.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 28.—The British steamer Drummer, which went ashore on a sand bar near Fire Island last Saturday, was still aground today. The steamer was showing no signs of distress. A tug was standing nearby. The Drummer had worked a little to the west of the place where she struck on the bar, and the seas were breaking over her.

The sea continues very high and the Drummer appeared laboring heavily. A revenue cutter which stood about 2 miles away from her communicated with her by signals and learned that there were 29 men on the steamer. They asked that assistance be sent to them. It was said that when the Drummer was first reported aground her crew consisted of 32 men. If that was correct it would appear that 30 lives already have been lost. Efforts to launch life boats have proved futile against the heavy breakers.

GETS CAT OUT OF BAG.

Says Negotiations Were on Between Him and Amalgamated. By Associated Press. Butte, Mont., Dec. 28.—F. Augustus Heinze in a deposition before Geo. F. Douglass, a notary, in a suit brought by the Butte and Boston Mining Company of the Amalgamated Copper group, to recover \$1,500,000 for ore alleged to have been illegally mined by the Heinze interests, from the Mining Company, acknowledged under oath that negotiations were on between him and the Amalgamated Copper Company for the sale of its properties in Butte to the Amalgamated.

No Other Bid Filed.

Today was the expiration of the 30 days allowed for a raise on the bid on the Central hotel property, but at the clerk's office at 3 o'clock no bid had been filed, and so far as known the property will be transferred to the purchasers, represented at the sale by Capt. W. B. Ryder, without delay.

A DENSE FOG IN NEW YORK HARBOR

Fog is so Dense as to Make Ferrying Dangerous. Ferry Boats Collide With Terrific Force. In Several Places Telephone and Telegraph Service Interrupted

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 27.—So dense was the blanket of fog which hung over the harbor all day that business at the government quarantine station was almost entirely suspended. Not a single steamer arrived and the officials put in the day waiting for the fog to lift. A little puff of wind from the west this afternoon tore a hole in the fog bank, revealing four steamers which had come in during the night and found an anchorage off the station. A tug with health officers on board immediately put out and after a time located the steamers and gave them permission to communicate with the shore.

They were the steamers Roman and Sailor Prince of the Prince Line, and the fruiter Avalon and the tank steamer Weehawken. Several steamers were due from foreign ports today and it is supposed that they are lying off Sandy Hook waiting for the fog to lift before attempting to come into the harbor.

During the fog the ferryboats Bergen and Musconetcong of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western line, crashed into each other near the Hoboken ferry slips and for a few minutes there was a wild panic on both boats. The Bergen had left the New York side and was approaching the New Jersey side under reduced speed when the Musconetcong, putting out at full speed, crashed into her.

The Bergen lifted the Musconetcong high out of the water. The engines were reversed almost immediately on the Musconetcong, but the headway was such that the impact tore away about 25 feet of the cabin timbers on the men's side of the Bergen.

As the two ferryboats came together there was a wild rush on the part of the men on the Bergen into the cabin. The shock was such that it threw 20 or more of the men off their feet.

In the woman's cabin the panic was greater, as the passengers there had received no warning of the impending crash. When the boats drifted apart the Bergen, uninjured in her hull, proceeded on her way to her slip.

There were fewer passengers on the Musconetcong and the crew had less difficulty in reassuring them. The Musconetcong suffered but little damage.

The ferryboat Chicago of the Pennsylvania line, loaded down with commuters, was run into by the New Haven railroad's big steam transport Maryland in the North river, just off the Cortlandt street slip of the Pennsylvania ferry. The transport crashed into the rear of the ferry boat and tore away a large part of the deck work over the stern. No serious damage was done to the hull. No serious damage was done to the hull.

Among the crowd of passengers on the Chicago were many women, and a panic ensued when the accident occurred. Several of the women fainted, but no one was injured.

Telegraphic and telephonic communication in all directions was very slow. Up through New York State many wires were down and those which were not could only be operated slowly. Service to Chicago was greatly delayed. In New England the conditions were better but to many points business was moved slowly.

TWO GENERALS ARE WOUNDED AND ONE IS KILLED

Report That General Konrachenko Has Been Killed is Confirmed. Battleship Sevastopol Injured, Bow Damaged in Two Places, Steering Room Gear Affected.

Garrison at Pt. Arthur Cheerful Under Siege. Resolved to Continue Struggle as Long as Single Soldier Lives. Sufficient Provisions to Last Until Feb.

By Associated Press. Tokio, Dec. 28.—Trustworthy advices from Port Arthur confirm the report that General Konrachenko has been killed and General Stoessel has been injured by falling from his horse. General Smilnof is also reported wounded.

Advices further say that the battleship Sevastopol has sunk in shallow water. Her bow is damaged in two places and her steering room gear is also damaged.

The garrison is said to be cheerful and resolved to continue the struggle as long as a single soldier remains. The army claims to have sufficient provisions to last until February. The navy possesses about one month's stores. The price of food in the beleaguered fortress is high.

Tokio, Dec. 28.—The Army Department publishes a list of 23 officers killed and 56 wounded, presumably at Port Arthur.

Meditation As Viewed in Berlin.

By Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 28.—It is believed that the latest rumor regarding the willingness of Emperor Nicholas to listen to mediation proposals rests upon a fresh inquiry of France as to what terms he is willing to accept in case of mediation.

Official circles in Berlin entertain the possibility that something in this direction has been going on since it has been known that France and Great Britain were anxious to terminate the war.

Raleigh Insurance and Realty Co. Special The News.

Raleigh, Dec. 28.—The Raleigh Insurance and Realty Co. has been incorporated at \$8,000 capital. The purpose is the purchase of the insurance business of the Raleigh Real Estate & Trust Co. Incorporators, F. K. Ellington, J. D. Wynne and Van Wyke Hoke.

Fourth Class Postmasters.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The appointment of the following fourth class Postmasters has been announced: Alabama: Clintonville, Jno. L. Sailer; Roadway, Franklin B. Hall. South Carolina: Choppee, Samuel J. Cannon.

Thousands Strike.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—Tens of thousands of men have struck throughout the Baku (Caucasia) oil field.

PAPERS FOR CHADWICK'S ARREST

Sheriff Barry Has Not Yet Received Requisition Papers From Governor Odell.

By Associated Press. Albany, Dec. 28.—Sheriff Barry, of Cleveland, did not carry with him on his return to New York today the warrant for extradition of Dr. Leroy E. Chadwick, but he will undoubtedly receive the papers in New York tomorrow. The requisition of Governor Herrick, of Ohio, was presented to Pardon and Requisition Clerk Joyce, who pronounced it sufficient. After securing Governor Odell's formal consent for the issuance of the warrant, Clerk Joyce said he would send the papers to Sheriff Barry at New York.

New York, Dec. 28.—It is probable that the Hamburg-American line steamer Pretoria, with Dr. Chadwick on board, will not reach port until tomorrow, or possibly Friday. The delay is owing to the unusually heavy weather.

When at Pretoria docks Dr. Chadwick will also be served with a summons in the suit brought by Herbert D. Newton, of Boston, to recover \$90,000 on two notes overdue. It is understood that a number of sheriffs of other States are in the city for the purpose of endeavoring to arrest Dr. Chadwick and serve papers on him preliminary to securing his extradition.

READY TO SKIN THE CAT.

A Negro Hanged For Murder Is Able to Grin Till the Last.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 27.—A special to The Chronicle from Thomson, Ga., says: John Butler and Guy Reed, the two men who were convicted of the murder of Mr. R. G. Story here 21 days ago, were hanged in the jail yard at 10:30 a. m. today. They both took the matter coolly, showing but little fear or nervousness. Just before the black cap was slipped over the head of Butler, with a grin on his face, he said to the sheriff: "Boss, I'm ready to skin the cat."

The negroes killed Mr. R. G. Story, a prominent farmer, because he would not let them off from work one afternoon. The body was found in a cane-brake. A lynching was averted by the quick work of Judge Henry C. Hammond of the supreme court, in convening court and giving them a trial. The crime was committed, the criminals tried and hanged within 27 days, being the record for prompt administration of justice in this state.

THEY TOOK DOPE.

Two Young Men Found in Grand Union Hotel.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 28.—The young men registered at the Grand Union Hotel Saturday as Orestes Weed, of Boston, and Bernard Reilly, of Springfield, Mass., were taken to a hospital today seriously ill from morphine poisoning. Weed died at the hospital and Reilly probably will recover. Reilly told the police he and his friend were bank clerks.

Mines in the Harbor.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 28.—The State Department has been officially informed that mines have been placed in Keling Harbor, on the northeast coast of Formosa, and shipping has been notified.

Suicide in Chattanooga.

By Associated Press. Chattanooga, Dec. 28.—The body of Capt. Howard W. French, constructing quartermaster at the new army post here, was found today with a bullet hole through his breast, supposed to have committed suicide.

GINNERS REPORT CAUSES BIG SLUMP AND EXCITEMENT

Census Report Issues Report Giving Quantity of Cotton Ginned in 737 Counties up to December 13th. This Causes Slump in the Market.

Report Last Year up to the Same Date Covered 812 Counties. In Making Estimates the Round Bales Counted as Half Bales. Product by States.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 28.—The census bureau today issued a report giving the quantity of cotton ginned in 737 counties up to December 13 last, as 11,936,614 running bales, which is equivalent to 11,843,113 commercial bales. The number of commercial bales reported to the same period, for 1903 amounted to 8,747,669.

In arriving at the number of commercial bales, round bales are counted as half bales. The report to the same date last year covered 812 counties as against 737 this year. The report for the present year covers the output of 29,657 ginneries, while 29,527 were included in the report for 1903. The product of different States for this year in running bales reported to December 13th is as follows: Alabama, 1,296,915; Ark., 769,136; Florida, 79,283; Georgia, 1,795,797; Ind. Ter., 463,755; Ky., 1,252; La., 570,518; Miss., 1,403,458; Mo., 36,444; N. C., 657,195; Oklahoma, 294,041; S. C., 803,756; Tenn., 271,235; Texas, 2,982,819; Virginia, 14,960.

Slump 30 to 35 Points.

New York, Dec. 28.—The cotton market broke 30 to 35 points on the census bureau's ginneries' report indicating a crop in excess of the government's estimate. There is very heavy trading on the decline.

Also in New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 28.—With the reading of the ginneries' report on the cotton exchange cotton slumped from 47 to 55 points. After the first excitement the market grew quieter though the decline was not arrested. January cotton went to 640 which is a decline of about four cents during the last three months.

FLURRY ON EXCHANGE.

There was a big flurry on the local cotton exchange this morning when the ginneries' report was made public from Washington, giving the total number of bales ginned at 11,936,614, up to Dec. 13, including about 79 counties to be heard from later, which would make the figures in excess of 12,000,000. The report started a great commotion on the exchange and cotton dropped from 30 to 35 points in a very short time.

The bear element was in the ascendant and the bulls had little to say of the situation as it appeared from the government ginneries' report.

INLAND WATER ROUTE.

Permanent Organization Perfected in Columbia This Morning.

By Associated Press. Columbia, S. C., Dec. 28.—The Interstate Inland Water Route Convention was permanently organized here today. W. A. Clark, president of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce called the convention to order. Dr. S. M. Smith, pastor of the Presbyterian church prayed for the uniting of the country in business relations which would bring peace and prosperity to the several sections. J. H. Chadbourn, of Wilmington, N. C., was elected president; Representative G. B. Patterson, of Wilmington district, C. P. Seligson, Charleston, S. C., and C. P. Goodrich, Brunswick, Ga., vice-presidents and E. B. Clarke and E. B. Taylor, Columbia, secretaries.

President Chadbourn stated the object of the meeting, saying the movement was not for any particular section, but for the entire country. Delegates representing commercial bodies were present from Charleston, Dillon and Georgetown, S. C.; Wilmington, Fayetteville, and Washington, N. C.; Brunswick, Ga., and a number of other cities. Representative J. H. Small, who is known as the father of the movement, was the leading spirit of the convention. After the adoption of resolutions setting forth the object of the convention and appointment of several committees, the convention took a recess until tonight.

WON TWO PIANOS.

Mr. Farris Also Wins a Piano in Fort Mill.

Mr. B. M. Farris, of Fort Mill, who held the lucky number in the Steiff Piano contest, came to the city this morning to claim his prize and in doing so revealed an interesting coincidence. He said his brother, who lives near him at Fort Mill, held the lucky number in a similar contest and that he, too, had won a piano. He further stated that both carried rabbit-feet and possibly that accounts for their good fortune.

Mr. Wilmoth, the local manager of the Steiff music house, says that he is going to buy all the "rabbit-feet" in the country.

Sugar Advances.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 28.—Grades of refined sugar were advanced ten cents a hundred pounds today.

THE COLD WAVE HERE.

It Will Be Still Colder Tonight and Tomorrow.

Since Saturday dense cloudiness covered the sky, and the weather has been dreary indeed.

There has been little rain, but the air was so heavily charged with moisture that a slight fall in the temperature covered such a large portion of the country yesterday served to clear up the unsettled conditions, for it was closely followed by the wave of cold, clear weather.

The temperature rose to 71 Tuesday, an unusually high temperature at this season, but the cold west wind last night sent the mercury down to 41 degrees, and freezing weather prevailed today. The bright sunlight of day sent it up several degrees, but it is expected that the readings by morning will be ten to twelve degrees below freezing.

The wind promises to shift to the west and northwest, and will diminish in force tonight and Thursday. Clear skies are indicated for 36 hours to come.

MUCH EXCITEMENT.

But a Very Small Fire This Morning. The Damage.

A burning line in the Wilkinson building called the fire departments out this morning at 10 o'clock. At that time a dense cloud of smoke gushed from the windows on the third floor, and from the roof of the building. The fire departments responded promptly, and a line of hose was carried to the third floor, and the blaze was quickly subdued.

A large crowd gathered in front of the News office as soon as the blaze was located. Several parties, who room in the building were right badly frightened, and some furniture was brought down stairs.

Maj. L. Leon stood guard at the door leading to the hall of Mecklenburg Camp, Confederate Veterans, ready at a moment's notice to clear the room of all valuables.

But the excitement soon subsided, and the damage will not amount to anything scarcely.

HOW MANY WIVES HAS MR. SMOOT?

Many Gentiles of Utah Will Swear He Has Only One and That He is a Monogamist in Principle as Well as in Practice—Allegations to the Contrary.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 28.—A. S. Worthington, counsel for Senator Smoot, is now in Utah gathering testimony to be presented to the senate committee on privileges and elections on January 10. Many witnesses are to be subpoenaed by the committee in behalf of Senator Smoot and among others will be a dozen or more Gentiles of high standing in Utah who will testify to Smoot's high character and that he is a Monogamist in principle and practice.

The principal allegations brought out in the Smoot hearing by the protestants, which unless controverted will stand as proved, are these: That an oath is taken by practically all Mormons in "taking the endowments," pledging absolute obedience to the leader of the church.

That the "living oracles," consisting of five church leaders, are held by church doctrine to be inspired by God, and that the revelations uttered by them must be accepted by the church as supreme law and binding upon the conscience in temporal as well as spiritual affairs.

That Apostle Smoot, since the hearing last spring, participated in a polygamy, a polygamy, C. W. Penrose, as a brother apostle, and has done nothing to discourage the practice of polygamy.

That the Mormon leaders among whom is Smoot, interfered in political affairs in Utah, Idaho and Wyoming to the extent of directing the election of county and state officers, securing the enactment of legislation favorable to the church and preventing or repealing adverse legislation.

That a system of courts exists within the church whereby persons are deprived of their property without due process of law.

That hundreds of public school houses in Utah are being used by the Mormons in conducting "religion classes," the teachers in most instances being public school teachers.

That the laws of the United States and of the state are flagrantly violated in Utah and that violators cannot be punished because of the overwhelming influence of the Mormon priesthood. Apostle Smoot being a member of one of the governing bodies of the church.

It is understood that the examination of witnesses in behalf of Senator Smoot will consume several weeks. The committee expects, however, to complete the hearings and submit its report to the Senate before the adjournment of congress.

Tax Gathers Hustle.

The tax collectors of Mecklenburg County and of Charlotte township, are beginning to hustle to get all the taxes collected that they can possibly get within the next few weeks.

The collectors have been receiving urgent requests for money from the State officials and others and have inserted newspaper notices to the above effect and from now on they will rush matters for all they are worth to secure a speedy collection of taxes for the year 1904.

ZEMSTVO CANNOT KEEP IT'S TEMPER SO MUST ADJOURN

Russian Government's Note in Regard to Proceedings at Meetings, Little Unsettling. Zemstvo Passes Resolution Declaring it Cannot Remain Calm.

Two Dissident Statements Are Read Taking Sides With the Czar and Repudiating Attempt to Lesson Authority of the Autocratic Government.

By Associated Press. Moscow, Dec. 28.—The Zemstvo adjourned indefinitely yesterday evening after the adoption of the following resolution:

"This Zemstvo, deeply moved by the Government's note in regard to proceedings at Zemstvo meetings, is unable to continue its business with necessary calm and, therefore, adjourns sine die."

The resolution is signed by 34 delegates. Seven delegates voted against it. Prior to putting this resolution, President Trubetskoi said that dissenting statements had been appended to the minutes of the previous sitting.

One was a single signature attached to it. The other has 13. The latter says:

"We find it impossible to sign the proposed address to the Emperor. Together with the great mass of Russian people, we firmly believe in the ancient principle of the Emperor's autocracy, and unconditionally repudiate any attempt to limit or belittle it, regarding it as a fundamental basis of Russia's state life."

The statement further expressed the belief that autocratic power would find a right way to terminate the disorganization of state and public life and regarded the attempt to inaugurate radical reforms when the country engaged in war as inopportune.

WAS ACCIDENTAL.

Death of Biddle Student Yesterday Afternoon.

The coroner's jury, which was called to sit upon the case of the Biddle student, E. J. Donnell, who was shot yesterday, rendered a verdict today that death was purely accidental.

The verdict is as follows: "That E. J. Donnell came to his death by a pistol shot wound and that the pistol was fired during a playful struggle between himself and W. G. Morrow, in whose hands the pistol was when it was fired, and the jury believes it was purely accidental."

The verdict was rendered through Coroner Gresham, with the following jury: C. L. Hunter, W. B. Gooding, E. W. Rigler, H. A. Pence, J. D. Martin, and B. F. Powell.

Mr. Walker Purchases Interest.

Mr. James O. Walker has purchased an interest in the undertaking establishment of John M. Harry & Co. The firm name will continue as now.

Mr. Walker has been with John M. Harry & Co. for the past five years. He is an exceedingly capable young man, and is thoroughly conversant with the details of the business.

Mr. Walker's many friends will be glad to learn that he has acquired an interest in the firm. All wish him and his firm continued success.

Change of Base.

Mr. George Miller, of the grocery firm of Miller and Miller, will take a position as shipping clerk for the Charlotte Hardware Co. on January 1st. He will retain his interest in the grocery business, which will be under the management of Mr. T. H. Miller.

NAN PATTERSON NOW HOPES TO GET BAIL

The Floradora Girl Says She Has Received Telegrams From Wealthy Men of Wheeling, W. Va., Offering to go on Her Bond For Any Amount up to \$50,000.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 27.—Nan Patterson, the former show girl, who is now in the Tombs prison charged with the murder of Caesar Young, said today that she believed freedom, for which she has longed for more than six months, was about to be granted. Telegrams had come to her from Wheeling, W. Va., announcing that four prominent men there were prepared to furnish bail for her in any amount up to \$50,000. If these offers from Wheeling have been made in good faith, it is probable the court will be asked within a few days to fix an amount for bond.

While Miss Patterson would not reveal the names of the Wheeling men who offer to go on her bond, dispatches from that city say they are C. W. Swisher, Secretary of State elect, of Wheeling, H. J. Price, merchant, T. E. Deveney, lawyer, and Howard Black, banker, of Fairmount.

OPINIONS OF PROMINENT ADVERTISERS

Have Traced a Large Volume of Trade to Advertisements in The News.

Office of

THE PALAMOUNTAIN CO.,
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Charlotte, N. C., Dec 28, 1904.

A. W. BURCH, Adv. Mgr.

The Charlotte Evening News:

Dear Sir:—At this season, when a most prosperous business year is drawing to a close, we feel that we should express to you our appreciation of the careful attention given our advertising and the service rendered us by the News.

We have traced a large volume of our trade to our advertising in that paper and feel that it has helped materially in making this one of the most prosperous years in the firm's history. Wishing you and all, who by their service and patronage, have contributed to our welfare a most happy and prosperous New Year, we remain,

Yours sincerely,

The Palamountain Co.

By B. A. SOUTHERLAND, Mgr.