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Cleaning Conditions Prevail Over The Snow Covered South

Storm Which Has Left a Thick Mantle of Snow From the Carolinas Almost to the Gulf of Mexico is Moving Southward Today.

New Record Depth of Snow Made in Many Districts—Old Sol Helps to Relieve Crippled Traffic Conditions and Warmer Weather is in Sight.

monometer at 26 and falling, snow began to fall here at 8:30 last night. The local weather bureau officials anticipate a record fall. Raleigh and vicinity experienced the coldest weather for two years yesterday morning, when at 8 o'clock the thermometer registered 15 degrees above zero.

HEAVIEST SNOW STORM IN 12 YEARS 8-INCH SNOWFALL

Snow Came According to The Weather Man's Prediction Yesterday Afternoon About 5 O'clock and Continued Through the Night.

City Wrapped in Mantle of White, late Pedestrians Last Night Getting Benefit of Beautiful Effect—Heavies Snow Since 14-inch Fall of 1902.

The snow came. About 5 p. m. yesterday the first flakes made their appearance in fulfillment of the prediction of the weather bureau, issued in the forenoon, which read: "Snow tonight and probably Thursday."

THE WEATHER

Forecast for North Carolina: Fair tonight and Friday, not so cold Friday. Brisk to high northeast winds, shifting to northwest.

NEW WHITE STAR LINER, BRITANNIC, IS LAUNCHED

By Associated Press. Belfast, Ireland, Feb. 26.—The launching today of the Britannic, the 50,000-ton White Star liner, marked an important development in construction safety, so far as engineering ingenuity can ensure it.

The Britannic, intended for the trans-Atlantic service had just been laid down when the Titanic disaster occurred. Immediately the plans of the new liner were almost completely remodelled.

EVERY EFFORT POSSIBLE BEING MADE FOR BODY

Much Speculation as to the Result if Effort to Secure Body Fail—One Report is That Body Was Cremated—Pressure Brought to Bear Upon Carranza.

No Report From Consul—Gen. Villa Reiterates His Statement That He Will Permit Body to be Examined But Will Not Allow it Removed—Latest Developments.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 26.—The American government today was exerting every influence to obtain from Gen. Villa the surrender of the body of William S. Benton, British subject, executed at Juarez. No reply had been received to instructions sent to Consul Fletcher yesterday to find Benton's grave and Secretary Bryan was surprised by news dispatches quoting Villa as saying Benton was buried in Chihuahua City. There have been persistent reports here, too, that the body was cremated.

Pres. Wilson Denies That Effort Was Made To Send Marines

BECKER'S WIFE PAYS HIM A CALL

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 26.—The last hours of Charles Becker's stay in the death house at Sing Sing was gladdened today by a visit from his wife. Owing to the death of her mother, whose funeral was held yesterday, Mrs. Becker was prevented from going to the prison on Tuesday when news of the decision granting her husband a new trial for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, was announced.

Today's meeting between the couple who for 16 months have conversed through bars, was pathetic, although each attempted to keep back any outward display of feeling. It was expected that Sheriff Griffen Hagen would take Becker back to the tomb late today or tomorrow morning, where he will be confined pending final disposition of his case.

State Said to Come From Huerta That He Had Refused U. S. Permission to Send Marines to Guard Legation is Denied.

Permission Had Not Even Been Asked Says President—Huerta's Motive Was Probably in Interest of Stirring Confidence in Mexican Capital.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 26.—Word came direct from President Wilson today that the United States had never requested permission to send marines to Mexico City, and had not discussed, nor taken up the subject in any way with Mexican officials.

SOUTHERN BELL RE-ELECTS OFFICERS.

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 26.—All officers and directors of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company were re-elected at the annual stockholders meeting here today.

Shipping Pool Renewed.

By Associated Press. Hamburg, Feb. 26.—The continental shipping pool in which the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd lines are the principal parties concerned was renewed today for five years.

REPUBLICANS HOLD GET TOGETHER DINNER TODAY

By Associated Press. Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 26.—Ohio republicans gathered here today to attend a dinner intended as a "get together" for republicans and former progressives.

They heard D. Meade Massie, Chillicothe editor, and former Roosevelt republican, characterize Governor Jas. M. Cox as a common enemy against whose democratic machine all good citizens should unite, and Senator Borah of Idaho argue for a national policy of absolute obliteration of monopoly. Senator Borah predicted that equal suffrage would become nationwide eventually through adoption by individual states.

Whether the meeting today was actually a "get together" between republicans and progressives, was a question of dispute.

Republican leaders asserted 20 per cent of those attending the dinner voted the third party ticket in 1912. Charles L. Thurber, secretary of the progressive state executive committee, gave out a statement denying that many members of the progressive party are returning to the republican fold.

Open war on monopoly was advocated by United States Senator Borah, of Idaho, in his address. The time, he said, had come for "remedies, not palliatives" in dealing with industrial monopolies, and he urged a vigorous policy on the part of the republican party in this regard. At the same time he assailed the attitude on this issue of such leaders of the progressive party as former Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, and George W. Perkins, of New York, who he said maintained that monopolies "were the proper thing and all they need is a little regulation."

HEAVIEST SNOW IN 12 YEARS

This is the heaviest fall of snow in Charlotte since the big snow of 1902, which measured 14.0 inches on the level. There have been but few falls heavier than that of last night. Here are the official figures:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Inches. February, 1902 ... 14.0; December, 1896 ... 10.0; February, 1889 ... 8.0; December, 1882 ... 11.8; December, 1880 ... 11.0

The official weather forecast today reads: "Fair tonight and Friday; slightly warmer Friday," so it is evident that the snow will remain on the ground but a very few days, becoming but a pleasant memory to the small boy, and a record in the meteorological history of Charlotte, as one of the few heavy snows the city has had in years.

The effect last night was very beautiful, especially under the electric lights. Many were out snowballing, and the children had fun with their sleds to nearly midnight. The fall was particularly pretty one, there being no sleet, just soft, beautiful snow that rested upon the earth like feathers. It was so dry that those who were out experienced no inconvenience of getting wet.

The snow of 1902 followed a period of snows and blizzards which had prevailed North for a month. It was during the heavy snows of January, 1902, that Prince Henry landed in New York and during that great snow period that the Seventh Regiment armory burned, also that fire in the Park Avenue hotel, opposite the armory, caught fire at the time the armory was burned, many perishing in the flames in the hotel.

It is evident that by tomorrow one will be repeating the line that Southern asks in "If I Were King." "Where are the snows of yesterday?"

16 CARS START IN VANDERBILT CUP RACE

By Associated Press. Santa Monica, Cal., Feb. 26.—With a course record of 78.72 miles an hour to beat, 16 big cars piloted by some of the best known drivers in the country started at 10 o'clock today in the first Vanderbilt cup race run on the Pacific coast. The best time heretofore made in a Vanderbilt event was 74.07 miles an hour.

The distance is 294.07 miles, or 35 laps of the 8.401 mile course which ought to be covered by the winner in less than four hours. Oldfield, de Palma and Earl Cooper were favorites.

HUGE METEORITE DESTROYS HOUSES

By Associated Press. Warsaw, Russian Poland, Feb. 26.—A number of houses were destroyed by a huge meteorite which descended today in Jendkowitz in the Polish province of Kielce. It emitted sulphurous fumes.

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DEATH OF NOTED TEMPERANCE WORKER.

By Associated Press. Los Angeles, Feb. 26.—Miss Amanda M. May, 86 years old, noted temperance worker and collaborator with Neal Dow in the campaign which made Maine a "dry" state, died at her home at Whittier yesterday.

COL. PEARSOLL ENTERS THE RACE

Special to The News. Raleigh, Feb. 26.—Raleigh friends of Col. P. M. Pearsoll of New Bern, have letters from him saying he will be a candidate for the chairmanship of the state democratic executive committee at special meeting of the committee called for March 10. Mr. A. W. McLain is also being mentioned but has not yet made any announcement.

BRITISH CONSUL WILL NOT GO TO MEXICO YET

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 26.—At a conference today between Secretary Bryan and Ambassador Spring-Rice it was decided that British Consul Perceval will not proceed into Mexico for the examination of William S. Benton's body until "better arrangements can be made."

Conflicting reports of the location of Benton's body convinced officials here that the British consul would not proceed until the situation was made more definite and meanwhile the American government will press for such information as it needs for investigation.

12 MEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION

By Associated Press. Berlin, Feb. 26.—At least 12 men were killed and eight others fatally injured today in an explosion which destroyed an aniline dye factory in Rummelsburg, a suburb. There were 400 employees in the building at the time of the explosion, which was heard all over Berlin.

NO AMERICAN PRISONERS AT JUAREZ

By Associated Press. El Paso, Tex., Feb. 26.—"I am convinced there are no American political prisoners at Juarez," declared Consul Edwards today in connection with the story told last night by A. Michiels, who declared he had just left the Juarez jail where he had been a prisoner and that Gustav Bauch and 13 other Americans were there at the time of his release.

Famous British Cartoonist Dead. By Associated Press. London, Feb. 26.—Sir John Tenniel, for many decades the leading British cartoonist, died today at the age of 84.