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BIG BLIZZARD RAGING TODAY IN N. Y. STATE

Railway Traffic Impeded and Dirt Roads Blocked in Country Districts

RAILWAY TRAIN LOST IN BIG SNOW-DRIFT

For 36 Hours a Mixed Train on the Missouri-Pacific Road Has Been Lost, With Crew and About Half-Dozen Passengers—In New York State the Terrible Snow Fall Shows No Signs of Abatement—Inter-Urban Traffic is Practically at a Standstill and Apparently the Worst Results Are Yet to be Experienced—Other Notes of the Storm in the West.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Saratoga, N. Y., Feb. 20.—The worst blizzard of the winter is raging across the "snow belt." For fifty miles north and south the snow has fallen steadily for hours and the storm shows no sign of abating. In the country districts the roads are blocked; all railroad trains are delayed and inter-urban trolley traffic is practically at a standstill.

Railway Train Lost in Snow-Drift. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Auburn, Neb., Feb. 20.—A Missouri Pacific train has been lost for thirty-six hours somewhere between Auburn and Crest. The road is blocked for seventy-five miles by huge snow-drifts. The missing train is a mixed passenger and freight, and carried only half a dozen passengers and the crew.

FORECLOSURE FILED AGAINST THE SEABOARD

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Richmond, Va., Feb. 20.—The Continental Trust Company of Maryland has filed a bill of foreclosure in the United States circuit court of appeals here against the Seaboard Air Line Railroad and its allied interests. The bill was filed before Judge Pritchard. The proceedings are declared to be merely formal. The bill asks that the receivers of the road continue in charge of its affairs. An amendment to the original bill has been agreed upon and filed.

CURIOUS STORY OF BABE'S DEATH

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Rock Island, Ill., Feb. 20.—Ensign and Mrs. Robert Booth, in Chicago Salvation Army post here, were held by the coroner yesterday accused of murdering their two-week-old son, found dead in their bedroom in the morning with his throat cut. Booth contends that the child was murdered by an intruder. Mrs. Booth tells of a dream during the night to the effect that she was attacked by a snake which she killed with a knife. The police have a theory that the woman killed the babe in a fit of puerperal insanity. The mother is 18 years old.

Gillette to Be Executed March 30. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Auburn, N. Y., Feb. 20.—The court of appeals today set the week beginning March 30 for the execution of Chester Gillette.

PNEUMONIA IN FLOOD'S WAKE

Blizzard Scourged Section Is Again Stricken

TERRORS OF HIGH WATER

Story of Suffering and Hardship Among Western People in the Zone of the Big Blizzard Early in the Week—Doctors and Physic in Great Demand—Many Physicians Go to Rescue and Only One Returns Safely Through the Backwater—Relief Expeditions.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Hazelton, Ind., Feb. 20.—The blizzard which raged over this section, just now beset with the terrors of unusually high water, developed a more serious phase when all communication by telephone or boat was cut off from seven physicians, who are lost in Hell's Neck, as the lower part of Knox county is known.

An epidemic of pneumonia started among flood endangered refugees near Orrville, Ind., Monday and an especial appeal was made to the Knox county officials for medical attention as the high waters of the Wabash and White rivers made it impossible for physicians from either this place of Mount Carmel, Ill., to get to the sick.

Eight Vincennes physicians Tuesday volunteered their services and went to the flooded district in bargies. Tuesday afternoon the storm came on, cutting all telephone communication with the lowlands and later in the day a sudden spurt in the Wabash, while the rivers put miles of waters between the physicians and the high ground. Dr. Glenn, who was one of the relief corps, after a drive through backwater in the midst of a blinding snow-storm, reached his office at Vincennes last night, to learn he was the only physician who had got away from the flooded district.

A relief expedition has been organized and when the wind, which is still blowing fifty miles an hour, subsides, the search for the missing doctors will be commenced by a large party in gasoline boats.

Death to Ten in Chicago—Scores Injured—Property Loss Great.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, Ill., Feb. 20.—After having brought death to ten persons in Chicago and its immediate vicinity, serious injury to scores and tied up all kinds of traffic, the worst storm of recent years has abated and hurried eastward.

All previous records at the local weather bureau had been broken when the snow finally ceased falling. The official record shows a fall of 12.5 inches in twelve hours as against an even twelve inches on February 12, 1906, the heaviest snowfall recorded in Chicago hitherto. The storm was general throughout the central western states. From Detroit, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Des Moines, St. Louis, reports of delay to railroad train are being received.

In Wisconsin the snow was accompanied by a gale of forty miles an hour and several trains in the northern part of the state are stalled. Practically every train entering Chicago was late. Trains from the west are from ten to twenty hours behind schedule. Stock trains are being abandoned.

HOKE SMITH FOR PRESIDENT; PROHIBITION

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Feb. 20.—Hoke Smith of Georgia is to be asked to be the prohibition nominee for president. Several leaders of the party have been discussing candidates in the last few years, and it is their unanimous opinion that if Georgia's prohibition governor can be induced to head their ticket the prohibition party will poll a vote which will startle the two older parties. Charles R. Jones, chairman of the prohibition national committee, has been in the city several days and has had conferences with leaders of his party from New Jersey and parts of New York state. He admitted that three or four prominent southern men were being

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HALF A MILLION TO THE BAD

Govm't Printing Office Balance Wrong Side of Ledger

OLD RUMOR CONFIRMED

What the Report of Rossiter Will Officially Reveal to the President Next Week—Investigation of Uncle Sam's Printery, Following Dismissal of Its Chief, About Completed—Rossiter Says All His Statements Will Be Proved.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Feb. 20.—The Rossiter report, which will be presented to the president early next week will disclose a deficiency in the running expenses of the government printing office of over half a million dollars. This rumor, which has been current around the big printery, has now been practically confirmed, but no one in authority is willing to make an official statement which would in any way anticipate Mr. Rossiter's report.

Mr. Rossiter, when asked to mention the items in the expected deficiency, said:

"I have no figures on the matter yet. The experts from the treasury will submit their report to me on next Saturday."

Mr. Rossiter said that this report would practically complete his investigation of the printing office. He naturally would not give any forecast of what his conclusions will be. When he was reminded that in his preliminary report to the president, a few days ago, he characterized the present system in vogue as "obsolete and absurd," he said: "In my final report I will have no reason to contradict any statement I have previously made. I will have no occasion to recede from anything in my preliminary report. In fact, my recommendations will be more emphatic."

NEW ORGAN FOR JUNIORS WITH SMITH EDITOR?

(Special to The Times.)

Winston-Salem, N. C., Feb. 20.—The State Council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics closed their annual session here at 11:50 today, to meet next year at Elizabeth City.

A resolution was adopted at the closing session to establish a state organ.

The matter was referred to a board of officers for action. If the new paper is established, Mr. Z. P. Smith, who was this week deposed as editor of the national organ (The National American), published at Raleigh, will likely have editorial management.

The council increased the salary of state councillor from \$150 to \$250 with actual expenses.

A resolution favoring a state funeral benefit department was adopted. Action for organization will be taken at the next meeting of the State Council. This means the withdrawal from the national funeral benefit association.

The new officers were installed by Deputy National Councillor W. W. Wilson, of Raleigh.

NEW JAP MINISTER IS PRESENTED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—Baron Kogora Takahira, the new Japanese ambassador to the United States, will be formally presented to President Roosevelt at the white house this afternoon. He made his first call upon Secretary of State Root yesterday at the state department. Ambassador Takahira will probably attend the white house reception tonight.

CAUGHT AFTER A SEARCH OVER 2 HEMISPHERES

John Hobbs, the Perpetrator of Atrocious Crimes Is Taken By Police

SLICKEST CRIMINAL IN THE UNITED STATES

The Pinkerton Detectives, Private Agency Men and Uncle Sam's Secret Service Sleuths Sought Him On Both Sides of the Atlantic Ocean, Only to Run Across Him in Identifying the Perpetrator of a Robbery in Boston—Had Been in Custody Several Times During the Interim for Minor Crimes Under Various Aliases—Some of the Crimes Charged Up to Him.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Feb. 20.—After a world-wide search covering a period of six years, New York detectives today arrested John Hobbs, wanted by the authorities of Kansas City, Mo., charged with the murder of six persons. The prisoner, known to the police of this city and Boston as John Kelly, blew up a safe and set fire to a building in which three lives were lost. The detectives accosted him at Grand street and the Bowery and he drew a pistol and attempted to fire. One of them struck him with a club, knocked him unconscious and after adjusting handcuffs revived him and walked him to headquarters.

Pinkerton detectives, secret service men and private detectives have searched every point on the two hemispheres hunting for the man. Only recently he turned up in Boston and after having blown three safes there it became known he was the same man wanted in Missouri. Inspector McCafferty obtained a good description of him yesterday and assigned detectives to search for him. Walking up the Bowery they espied him and his arrest followed. Hobbs is known as one of the most desperate burglars in the world. He is said to have killed more than nine men in his time.

He was taken in custody here two years ago but was discharged for lack of evidence. Two hours later it was learned that he was the man wanted in Kansas City. Only recently he was sentenced to a prison term in Boston but in some manner got out before his term expired. The Missouri authorities were wired to and a reply came to hold the man until requisition papers could be secured. The police who caught him will share in a reward of \$2,000.

He was arraigned in the Center street police court and remanded.

LABOR UNIONS AFTER SEC. TAFT TO REMOVE TAX ON UNSTEMMED TOBACCO

(By Cable to The Times.)

Tokio, Feb. 20.—Opposition to the proposed Japanese-American immigration agreement resulted today in the introduction of a resolution of censure to the government in the diet and while its defeat is probable the margin is expected to be narrow. The ministry is not disguising its anger over the attitude of the former ambassador to Washington, Aoki, who is openly accused of lending countenance to the anti-agreement party. The press is attributing to this the mikado's failure to grant him a personal audience or to receive his personal report concerning doings in Washington during the closing days of his service there.

The snub is so marked that it has attracted widespread comment.

Cable reports of United States Secretary of War Taft's recent New England speech, declaring the American fleet's cruise necessary to show the Orientals something, have been widely circulated.

Miss Georgie Dickinson, Chief Witness in Whitmore Murder Mystery.



Georgie Dickinson, whose picture is here shown, is depended upon by the New Jersey authorities to convict Theodore S. Whitmore of the murder of his wife, who was found in a marsh at Harrison, New Jersey. It is stated that she has made a full confession to the prosecutor and is ready to testify against the alleged murderer.

ANOTHER MURDER MYSTERY TURNS UP IN NEW YORK

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Feb. 20.—Two packages containing parts of the dismembered-body of a man were found this morning in a vacant lot in Rochester avenue and Rutland road, Flatbush.

The detectives of the Flatbush station believe they have a mystery on their hands as deep as the Golden-sunpe murder or the "barrel victim crime." The two packages were found about 10 o'clock by John Hanlon. He was walking through the lot when he came across the two packages with oil cloth wrappings.

One package contained the head and trunk of the body. The other had the man's arms and legs. The nose, cheeks and chin had been cut off, probably with the intention of destroying the chance of identification.

There were three stab wounds in the right side of the neck. A saw had evidently been used in dismembering the body.

The man is described as having been about 35 years old, five feet six inches in height, with black hair.

In the package was found a double breasted cloth coat and waist coat. From the manner in which the body was dismembered it looked as if the murdered man might have been a victim of the black hand or Mafia.

TO REMOVE TAX ON UNSTEMMED TOBACCO

(By Cable to The Times.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—The committee on ways and means has authorized a favorable report on a bill introduced by Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, removing the internal revenue tax of six cents a pound on unstemmed tobacco in the natural leaf which has not been manufactured or altered in any manner.

The bill also provides that farmers and growers of tobacco may sell the leaf of their own growth and raising to manufacturers of tobacco, snuff, and cigars without being considered leaf dealers or manufacturers of tobacco and shall not be subject to the dealers and manufacturers tax.

Wall Street Firm Suspends. New York, Feb. 20.—The suspension of J. E. Sherwin was announced during the day. The physicians are very much satisfied with his condition.

MR. ROOSEVELT TO PRECIPITATE

(By Cable to The Times.)

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According to This More or Less Questionable Tale, Alabama, First State on the Roll-Call, Will Give Way to California, Whereupon George Knight Will at Once Proceed to "Precipitate" the Nominations on the Convention for Another Term—A Little Taffy for the Big Secretary.

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PACIFIC FLEET ARRIVED TODAY IN CALLAO PORT

Peruvians Accorded Our Battleships A Magnificent Reception

BIG PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR SATURDAY, 22D

Officers and Seamen in Splendid Spirits and Condition, Except Admiral Evans, Who is Still Suffering Severely From Rheumatism. On That Account He Probably Can Not Personally Actively Participate in the Festivities Arranged for Celebrating the Anniversary of George Washington—Reception By President Pardo to Officers of the Fleet This Afternoon.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Lima, Peru, Feb. 20.—The United States battleship fleet steamed into the port of Callao this morning. The reception of the vessels was magnificent. Every building in sight of the men aboardships was gaily decorated with Peruvian and United States colors. The harbor was filled with excursion boats, yachts and small craft, laden to their capacity with enthusiastic people from all parts of the country. Holiday spirit prevails and will continue until the fleet departs from Magdalena Bay.

The officers and men aboard the ships are in splendid spirits. They will be allowed shore leave while the ships are in port, which will be most welcome after the trying voyage through the Straits and up the western coast of South America. Representatives of President Pardo went to meet the fleet in a steam yacht. As soon as the fighters swung into line and dropped anchor fore and aft the government officials boarded the flagship Connecticut and extended a formal welcome to the fleet. President Pardo will give a formal reception to the officers tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Saturday is to be a holiday by decree, in honor of Washington's birthday. The jacksies will be ashore, the officers will dine and the day will be observed as few others have been in Peru.

The Peruvian vessels will fire a salute at noon. Admiral Evans has not yet recovered his health. He still suffers from rheumatism which will probably prevent him from taking part in the festivities.

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STOESSEL GETS SENTENCE CUT TO TEN YEARS

(Special Cable to The Times.)

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—General Stoessel was found guilty of surrendering Port Arthur to the Japanese during the Russian-Japanese war and sentenced to death. The court, however, announced that it would recommend that the death penalty be commuted to ten years imprisonment in the fortress of Peter and Paul. The court declared that the surrender was clearly unnecessary at that time. Generals Fock and Reiss were found not guilty and discharged.

The judges retired at noon yesterday and it was 7:30 this evening when the doors were opened and the court came out to announce their verdict.