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A SEVERE TEMPEST RAGES IN NEW ENGLAND STATES.

Wall of Water Hits Boston—Resultant Damage is Estimated at a Million—Many Cottages Flooded—Property Loss Reported Heavy Along Coast.

Winter began in New England Sunday on the wings of a northeast storm with terrific energy. The gale drove a tide into Massachusetts bay which nearly equaled that of the famous storm of 1851.

Prim midnight Saturday until late Sunday the storm's destructive powers were unobscured by gales and severe ice. In New York, the storm was particularly severe. In New Jersey, the gale swept over the greater portion of New England, and was accompanied by a fall of snow.

Large cities, such as Cambridge, Somerville, Lynn, Brockton, Providence, Fall River and New Bedford were in darkness except for the light afforded by the few lamps.

Hundreds of persons were driven from their homes by a flood of water from the breaking of a dam gate at a place known as "the dykes" in Chelsea.

At Lynn the tide made a clean sweep across the narrow isthmus which connects Nahant with the mainland.

New York, and its environs were practically stormbound for the first time this winter. The west wing of railroad service was almost wholly cut off.

WOMAN KNOCKED SENSELESS. Wealth of Hair, Envy of Many, Chopped Off by Amalgam.

Mrs. William J. Erlin, with a flow of brown hair which has been the envy and admiration of St. Louis women for years, was knocked unconscious by an unidentified man as she was leaving her home Sunday morning for church.

The hair fell below her knees and she had secured many large sums of money for it.

THE MARYLAND CRIME. James Deary Shoots Two Girls and Himself to Death.

James Deary, a young man, was shot and killed by two girls, Miss Edith Spence and Miss Edith Spence, at a party given at the residence of the latter.

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BLACK MAN A HERO.

Saves Many Lives in Fire in Kansas City.

Heroic rescue work on the part of Washington Johnson, a negro janitor, saved the lives of a score of persons in the Rialto building, a five-story office structure at Ninth street and Grand avenue, Kansas City, Mo., which was destroyed early Thursday by a fire caused by a gas explosion.

Johnson discovered the fire and realizing that a number of physicians and medical students were sleeping on the upper floors, he rushed through the halls shouting an alarm.

He believed everyone had escaped he made his way to the street. There he learned that Charles R. Manley, a medical student, who slept on the fifth floor, was still missing.

The second explosion occurred just as twenty firemen entered the building. Six of the firemen were thrown a distance of several feet by the force of the explosion, but none suffered more than minor injuries.

BAR ON DUNN RAISED.

Omaha Attorney Apologizes to Nebraska Supreme Court.

I. J. Dunn, former assistant attorney of Omaha, Thursday evening apologized to the supreme court, thereby purging himself of contempt and was by the court restored to all his rights as an attorney and counselor before the courts of Nebraska.

Mr. Dunn assumed responsibility for the several weeks ago adjudged contemptuous, and Mr. Dunn was thereupon disbarred, with the intimation, however, that an apology would be accepted.

RAID ON KANSAS BANK. Get \$1,500 and Make Escape—Bank Official Attacks Cracksmen.

Robbers early Thursday blew open the safe of the State bank of Centerville, near Mount City, Kan., and escaped with \$1,500.

One of the robbers, the last to leave the building, was fired upon by C. H. Brown, president of the bank. The robbers returned the fire and after a lively fusillade of shots drove Brown to cover and escaped.

NEW CANADIAN NAVY. Cruiser Rainbow Purchased from British Government.

Canada has purchased from the British government the cruiser Rainbow. This is the first vessel of the new Canadian navy.

The Rainbow is a second class twin screw cruiser. It belongs to the Apollon class. It will be used as a training ship for recruits for the Canadian navy.

Cotton Price Soars. Predictions of the bull element that cotton would reach the 15-cent mark before the holidays were made good in New York Thursday.

The May contract was near that point in the forenoon trading, and stronger cables favored a rise. The bull traders saw their opportunity, and on stronger buying the market went up to the predicted figure.

Lottery a Failure. The extraordinary Christmas drawing of the national lottery from which the Cuban government expected to derive a profit of \$900,000 proved a failure.

The drawing took place only 18,000 of the 30,000 tickets were sold. The capital prize was won by a club of eight bricklayers.

Winnipeg Hotel Burns. Fire which destroyed the 15-story brick structure of the second class in Winnipeg, Man., Wednesday, resulted in the death of John Alcock, a railroad freight checker, and the fatal injury of Hilda Brown, a waitress, and George Baxter, a painter.

Three Children Cremated. The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Williams, Yerner, aged 2, Green, 4, and Mabel, 5 years, were buried in a mass grave at Chicago, Ill., Wednesday, following the death of their parents near Delaware, Wednesday evening. The parents were absent.

Eight Men Die in Mine. Eight men were killed in a fire in the mine of 400 others were imperiled by an explosion in Mine "A" of the Chicago and Carterville Coal company at Herk, Ill., late Thursday.

Street Car Men Raised. The Omaha and Council Bluffs street railway, which three months ago successfully resisted the demands of its employees for an increase in wages, Thursday announced an increase of 1 cent per hour in wages for all its motormen and conductors.

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AIRSHIP SEEN AT NIGHT.

Hovers Like Bird Over Town of Worcester, Mass.

Flying at a speed of from thirty to forty miles an hour, a mysterious airship Wednesday night appeared over Worcester, Mass., hovering over the city a few minutes, disappeared for about two hours and then returned to cut four circles above the gaping city, meanwhile using a searchlight of tremendous power.

Thousands of persons thronged the streets to watch the mysterious visitor.

The airship remained over the city for about fifteen minutes, all the time at a height that most observers set at about 2,000 feet, too far to enable even its precise shape to be seen.

The gliding rays of its great searchlight were sharply defined by reflection against the light snowfall which was covering the city at the time.

After a time it disappeared in the direction of Marlboro, only to return later. At the time of the airship's visit Wallace E. Tillinghast, the Worcester man, who claimed recently to have invented a marvelous aeroplane in which he had journeyed to New York and returned to Boston was absent from his home and could not be located.

The visitor from the clouds was first sighted over Marlboro at 5:30 o'clock. The sixteen miles between Worcester and Marlboro was covered in thirty minutes.

An airship was sighted over Marlboro, Mass., Wednesday night, going northwest a thirty or more miles an hour. Persons in all sections of the city had a glimpse of it.

TO CLIMB MT. MCKINLEY. Expedition Leaves Fairbanks to Be Ready in the Spring.

The expedition that was organized several months ago, at the height of the Cook-Pearcy controversy, to ascend Mt. McKinley to test Cook's story that he reached the summit set out from Fairbanks, Alaska, Wednesday with two teams and supplies to establish a base at the foot of the mountain, to be ready to make a dash for the summit in March at the first break in the winter.

The party is composed of Thomas Lloyd, William Taylor, Charles McGonigle, Peter Anderson, Robert Horn and Charles Davidson, all hardy Alaska pioneers and familiar with the mountain. They will forfeit \$5,000 if none of the party reaches the summit.

ROOF BLOWN OFF HOUSE. Child Killed and Four Hurt in Natural Gas Explosion.

Audrey Conroy, 10 years old, is dead, her mother, Mrs. Charles Conroy, will die, and three other members of the family were seriously injured as a result of a natural gas explosion at Muskogee, Okla., Wednesday. Mrs. Lillian Harris, who assisted in rescuing the family, was seriously burned.

Plumbers in completing gas connections in the Conroy home left an open pipe. When the gas was lighted the explosion followed. The roof was blown off the house.

Jury Fails to Agree. The government will have to try its big fraud case all over again. The jury in the case of Joseph McMahon, a former assistant customs house weigher, reported Wednesday in New York it had failed to reach a verdict and was discharged.

Whisky Warehouse Burns. A fire which for several hours threatened the destruction of an entire block in the heart of the business center of Cincinnati, O., Wednesday night, destroyed the five-story whisky warehouse of Sol and Sig Friedberg and the firm's stock of whisky, valued at \$125,000.

Cook's Data Vague. The general belief is held at Copenhagen that the commission having charge of the investigation of Dr. Cook's polar records will report that Dr. Cook's papers do not provide a basis for any well founded scientific judgment.

Drastic Check on Strikes. Business has been so demoralized by the coal strike in New South Wales that the legislature Friday took the drastic step of passing a bill rendering both strike leaders and employers who instigate or aid a strike or lockout liable to a year's imprisonment.

Rather than face her six children Christmas morning without presents or money to buy them, Mrs. Sarah Ennis, of Philadelphia, Pa., Wednesday went into her kitchen, turned on the gas and ended her life.

Bishop of Fargo, N. D. The pope Tuesday appointed Rev. James O'Kelley, now rector of St. Anthony of Padua, Minneapolis, Minn., to the bishopric of Fargo, N. D.

United States Senator McLauren died suddenly Wednesday night at his home in Brandon, Miss. Death was due to an attack of heart failure, and came without the slightest warning at 6:30 o'clock.

Charles L. Warriner, deposed treasurer of the Big Four railroad, pleaded guilty to embezzlement in the common pleas court at Cincinnati, O., Wednesday and was sentenced to serve six years in the Ohio penitentiary.

Alexander Comstock, an old theatrical manager, died in New York Wednesday from apoplexy. He opened the first roof garden in Chicago, and on retiring from theatrical life sold the three theaters he owned in Chicago to Henry W. Savage.

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SOUTH DAKOTA STATE NEWS. News of the Week in Concise Form.

NEARLY FROZEN TO DEATH.

Young Woman Near Mitchell Has a Narrow Escape.

In face of being seriously injured or perhaps killed, Miss Hannah Fluter snow covered corn field to a neighbor's home for protection, freezing both hands and both feet. Miss Fluter made her home with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Kruse, six miles south of Mitchell. When Mr. Kruse came home from town, it is alleged, he was in an intoxicated condition, and that he threatened to kill everybody in the house.

Miss Fluter, who was on the point of retiring for the night, feared that Kruse would attack her, and with only a slight protection of clothing for her body and her bare feet thrust into unlaced shoes, she stole out of the house and attempted to run to a neighbor's residence, one and a half miles away.

Both hands and feet of the girl were frozen, although it is possible that both feet and one of her hands can be saved from amputation. The young woman was brought to the hospital in Mitchell.

SKIPS WITH HIS AFFINITY.

M. E. Strike and a Mitchell Woman Run Away.

T. E. Strike, a well known conductor on the Omaha railroad, whose run for some time has been between Mitchell and Sioux Falls, has disappeared, and so has a Mitchell woman named Jones, and it is alleged they have gone together.

Last week Mr. Strike informed Mrs. Jones, who is a resident of Sioux Falls, that he had a splendid chance to make some money on a real estate deal. He induced her to sign a mortgage on the home for \$2,500. Strike pocketed the money.

Last Friday Strike made his run to Mitchell as usual, and should have left Mitchell on Saturday for Sioux Falls. When it came time for the train to depart, Strike could not be found and it was later learned that he had left the city, in company, it is alleged, with the Jones woman. Mrs. Strike is prostrated.

Mrs. Jones is the wife of a man who has been singing at moving picture houses throughout the state.

MAIL CARRIER SENT TO PRISON.

Former Federal Employee in Union County to Serve Time.

A term of one year and six months in the United States penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., was the sentence imposed upon Rufus W. Shattuck, formerly a rural mail carrier on a route extending out of Elk Point through Union county, who a few days ago entered a plea of guilty to the embezzlement of trust funds which had been placed in his hands by patrons of the mail route. The money was destined to the postmaster at Elk Point for transmission by that official in the form of money orders to relatives of the senders of the money.

Friends who were on his mail carrier's bond made good the amount of the sum embezzled, which amounted to something over \$250.

ACCUSED ROBBERS HELD.

Trio Charged with Looting Bank of Norden Jailed at Watertown.

Frank Grant, a Mexican; Harry Dean and Tom Walsh, arrested in Sioux City and charged with the robbery of the Bank of Norden, were bound over to the circuit court at a preliminary hearing at Watertown. The prisoners were identified by residents of Norden. The men were brought to Watertown Thursday and lodged in the county jail, where they will remain until the spring term of court for Hamline county.

Dies While Playing Violin.

Thomas McConnell and wife were visiting with friends up in the country north of Mitchell, and while a party of friends were spending the evening there Mr. McConnell picked up a violin and commenced to play. He hardly finished the tune when his arm dropped to his side and he was dead, resulting from heart disease.

Prominent Stockman Dies.

Chas. R. Hall, a prominent cattle man of Perkins county, died while being taken from his home near Meadow to Aberdeen for the purpose of having an operation performed for a growth in the ear. Hall was 40 years of age. He had been engaged in the cattle business near Meadow for thirteen years, and was well to do.

Gov. Veasey has granted a pardon to Mrs. Earl Saddler, sentenced from Yankton county on a charge of conducting a disorderly house.

Shot While Hunting.

George Chaloupka, aged 20 years, living twelve miles northwest of Milbank, died from a gunshot wound. He was out hunting and in some manner the gun was accidentally discharged.

Dakota Pioneer Dies.

Mrs. M. A. Twitell died at her home near Elk Point of apoplexy. She was 84 years old. She had lived in the community for 25 years and had a wide acquaintance.

Veteran Stage Driver Dead.

Heart disease carried off John Smith, one of the veteran stage drivers of the early days. Mr. Smith was found dead in bed in his room on Main street in Dendwood. He had not been ailing long and was 60 years of age.

New Insane Hospital Building.

The announcement is made by Dr. L. C. Meen, superintendent of the state hospital for insane at Yankton, that the new women's building will be formally dedicated January 7 next.

DAKOTA POSTAL NEWS.

New Offices Named and Postmasters Are Appointed.

The government has established a new postoffice at Hillcrest, Fall River county, with special mail service from Wayside, Neb. Anna L. Heisinger has been appointed the first postmaster at Hillcrest.

Fourth class postmasters named for South Dakota are: Lynn, Day county Nels O. Monson vice J. Sivertsen, resigned; Wakpala, Corson county, Floss Godfrey, vice R. Lease, resigned.

New commissions have been issued to the following South Dakota postmasters: Joseph J. Kipper, Monroe; John Poul, Chancellor; Helen C. Shepherd, Ree Heights.

President Taft sent to the senate Monday the nominations of the following South Dakota postmasters: Gettysburg, William Teamoy; Anderson, Charles L. Smith; Carthage, Alexander W. Paulson; Langford, Lincolnville Miles; Lemmon, William H. Doregery; White Rock, Howard Squires.

PLEDGES CARRIED OUT.

Dell Rapids Pays Bonus for the Odd Fellows' State Home.

The hustling business men and other residents of Dell Rapids have fully carried out the pledges they made when they offered an inducement to the grand lodge of Odd Fellows of South Dakota to locate their proposed state Odd Fellows' home in their city. They agreed to pay a bonus of \$9,000, which was to be supplemented by pledging to the grand lodge for home purposes seventy acres of land situated near Dell Rapids, and which was selected as the site for the home. The full amount of the bonus was subscribed by residents of Dell Rapids and vicinity. The land was purchased for \$8,750, and the deed for the land, together with the balance of \$250 in cash, now has been surrendered to the grand lodge. The grand lodge at its next meeting is expected to award the contract for the construction of the home, which will require an expenditure on the start of about \$40,000 or \$50,000.

INFANT'S BODY FOUND.

Picked Up by a Switchman in Yards at Ipswich.

A switchman employed on the Milwaukee railroad at Ipswich late at night found the body of a new born male infant, entirely naked, lying by the railroad track shortly after the eastbound passenger train passed that station. The body was taken to Selby and later returned to Ipswich, and every effort is being made to discover the parentage of the child. It is the theory of the authorities that the baby was born on the train. The babe was well formed, and it is believed the child was alive when thrown from the train, but that it perished in the intense cold which prevailed.

Insurance Company Mergers.

Through negotiations which have been under way for some time, the business of the Bankers Reserve Fund Mutual Life Insurance company, of Cincinnati, O., have been rewritten by the First National Life company, of Pierre. This adds several million dollars of business to the books of the First National and makes it one of the strongest companies in the northwest.

Pleds Not Guilty.

Mrs. Helda Schroyer, wife of Dr. C. T. Schroyer, a physician well known through the eastern part of the state, when arraigned before Judge Jones, of the state circuit court in Sioux Falls, entered a plea of not guilty to an information charging her with a statutory offense. The charge was made against her by her husband.

Waterworks Plant for Davis.

The business men and other residents of the thriving little town of Davis, near Sioux Falls, have inaugurated a movement for the construction at that place of a municipal system of waterworks.

Farm Home Destroyed.

The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Weeks, fifteen miles southeast of Bereford, and practically all of its contents, was destroyed by fire. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Tag Day at Groton.

The town of Groton held a tag day Saturday to raise funds for the children's home at Sioux Falls, and the contributions totaled \$315.

First Prize for an Essay.

Chas. S. Bell, an Aberdeen boy, was awarded the first prize for an essay on corn raising which was offered by County Superintendent Jorgensen.

Oil Plant for Mitchell.

The Manhattan Oil and Lined company, whose headquarters are in Minneapolis, has arranged to open an extensive branch office in Mitchell, ground having been leased in the eastern part of town on the Milwaukee road, on which a large building will be erected.

Mrs. Reeves, who celebrated her 100th birthday on December 11 died Monday in Miller.

Methodists Lease Opera House.

On account of the crowded condition of their church in Pierre the Methodists have taken up a decided innovation for that church by leasing the use of the Grand opera house for their Sunday services until they can construct a new church.

Dies of Lockjaw.

As the result of being accidentally shot, Cornelius Van Rees, a well known young man who for some little time had resided in Deuel county, is dead from lockjaw.



The Beadle memorial committee, which was appointed by the state educational association, at its meeting at Lead, to take charge of the collection of funds and the purchase of a life sized statue of Gen. W. H. H. Beadle, to be placed in the new capitol, met at the rooms of the department of history and organized by the selection of H. A. Ustrud as chairman, M. M. Ramer, secretary, and Gov. R. S. Veasey, treasurer. The plan decided upon to undertake the raising of the fund of \$5,000, which is desired, is to apportion the whole amount to different counties of the state on a basis of their school population; that the county superintendents of the different counties be requested to become responsible for the sum apportioned to their different counties; that the January 21 be designated as Beadle day, when appropriate exercises will be conducted in each school in the state, and that on that day and the day following taxes be sold for the purpose of securing the fund.

That the postoffice department was in dead earnest when it issued an order requiring that country roads be kept in good condition if the farmers wished to enjoy the privileges of rural mail delivery is shown by the fact that Rural Carrier Doty, whose route extends from Wakonda, has been instructed by the department to abandon six miles of his route because of a blockade at one point in the highway. Two great ridges of dirt were thrown up by a grader used by the road overseer and left without being smoothed. Even before the last thaw it was necessary to drive the total amount sent out that it has frozen up again. The ridges stand as almost unsurmountable obstacles in the highway. This case again illustrates the fact that if the residents of rural districts wish to enjoy the advantages of free rural mail delivery they must keep the country roads in as good condition as possible.

The state land department has made the December semi-annual distribution of the income fund to the different counties of the state for the support of the schools. The total amount sent out is \$1,191,932. This was apportioned on a school population of 161,957, an increase of 8,297 over the figure taken for the basis last year. With the combined June and December apportionments for this year the department has sent out over half a million dollars for the support of the schools of the state, making \$3.39 for each pupil. This is an increase of 24 cents on each pupil over the last year apportionment, regardless of the increase in population.

D. A. Dullock, secretary of the South Dakota Business Men's association, has been for some time working on a booklet with the title "Corn is King in South Dakota." This little book sets forth in a summarized form the resources of this state, and shows the opportunities which are open to the man who desires to make his home in the state. It will go into details along such lines, backed by official figures, and will be practically semi-official in its nature. The state will take a number of the books for circulation, and a number of commercial clubs over the state will use them in their work of upbuilding the state.

The report of the state auditor shows that under the law requiring railroad improvements to be assessed separately from their millage, the railroad towns of the state secure material benefits in the way of taxable property. The towns which reap the largest benefits from this method of valuation are Pierre, \$349,697; Sioux Falls, \$243,205; Deadwood, \$250,071; Huron, \$221,337; Aberdeen, \$205,998; Watertown, \$194,679. Pierre gets the benefits of \$168,000 for its share of the valuation of the Missouri river bridge, within the corporate limits of that city, which places it at the head of the list of valuations.

President Taft sent to the senate the nomination of Lieut. Gov. Howard C. Shober, of South Dakota to be auditor for the interior department, succeeding Robert S. Person. Howard C. Shober was born at Tipton, Ia., December 24, 1859. He was educated at the Carthage college, at Carthage, Ill. He located at Highmore, S. D., in 1882, and established the Hyde County Bulletin, which he still publishes. He was insurance commissioner under Gov. Herreld. He was state senator in 1904, and was elected lieutenant governor in 1906.

A bill has been introduced in congress to increase the limit of cost of the public building at Huron to \$80,000. This increase is deemed necessary in order to provide adequate quarters for the surveyor general, weather bureau and a division of field inspectors of the agricultural department.

While not all of the counties have responded to the December call for state taxes, reports are in from all of them, and most of the Fenestras have come to the state treasury. The receipts from the call are far above the estimates made a month ago, and will go to about \$270,000. With this money the possibilities are that the call for state warrants early in next year will go near \$275,000, which will be about \$50,000 higher than was estimated a month ago.

Insurance Commissioner Sanford has reports coming to him which would indicate that the number of agents writing insurance in this state for unlicensed companies is increasing rather than diminishing. He proposes to put a stop to the work of soliciting on the part of agents for companies which are attempting to do business in the state without paying the taxes required.

A man breathes about twenty times a minute, or 1,200 times an hour.

REJECT COOK CLAIMS AS POLE DISCOVERER

Danish Scientists Declare That "Proofs" Presented by Doctor Are of No Value.

"FOOLED US ALL"—BRADLEY.

Peary on Receiving News Says, "I Told You So"—Recalls Gold-Brick Message from Labrador.

The University of Copenhagen, the