

94 TEACHERS AND 2850 CHILDREN ABSENT FROM SCHOOLS WORST STORM IN YEARS SWEEPS COAST

41 NEW "FLU" CASES WITH TOTAL OF 884 IS LATEST REPORT

PROBABLE REAL NUMBER IS IN EXCESS OF REPORT BUT CRIPPLED PHONE SERVICE PREVENTS COMMUNICATION WITH BOARD.

Doctors of the city turned in 41 new cases of "flu" at the Health Department this morning, which places the total number of victims to-date at 884. Three deaths from influenza and one from pneumonia was yesterday's toll. It is probable that the daily number is far in excess of those reported, but crippled telephone service and the difficulty of getting about the city caused many of the physicians to abandon their efforts to communicate with the department.

The entire staff at the Emergency hospital was constantly on the jump this morning. Even Health Officer Brown was compelled to respond to numerous calls. There is no apparent slackening in the spread of the epidemic and health officials express the fear today that the heavy blizzard would probably aggravate the disease.

To the Board of Education the snow storm was a great relief. It gave the officials a brief respite in which to secure more teachers, and afforded those on the sick list an extra day in which to recuperate. Supt. Slavson said this morning that the schools would be reopened tomorrow provided the storm abated in its fury.

Figures turned in at the office of the board late last night showed that the list of 64 sick teachers, reported yesterday, has jumped to 94, and 2,850 pupils remained away from school, either because of illness or through fear of contracting influenza.

The constantly rising number of sick teachers is causing an acute condition in the schools, according to Mr. Slavson. Conditions are being worsened by the absence of hundreds of children. At the high school 23 teachers are laid up and 230 pupils are out for unknown reasons. Many of the members of the faculty are without telephones and for that reason Supt. Slavson has been unable to determine their condition.

Great Drifts Fill Streets of New York

Wind Smashes Many Plate Glass Windows

New York, Feb. 5.—(By The Associated Press)—New York today started to dig itself out of the most severe snow storm of the winter. Snow, hail and sleet, carried on the wings of a 55 mile gale, fell steadily during the night, and early morning hours, closing the streets and sidewalks of the metropolis with great drifts, demoralizing street car traffic, delaying train service, seriously impeding navigation in the harbor and causing intense discomfort to pedestrians.

ITALIANS ARE HOTLY ATTACKED BY JUGO-SLAVS

Meeting Held After Which Mob Sacks Italian Shops.

Rome, Feb. 4.—Details of alleged Jugo-Slav attacks upon Italians at Spalato and Trau are published in the newspapers here, and cause further excitement over the situation in Dalmatia.

It is reported that on January 27 a manifesto was posted on walls at Spalato, calling a meeting in the principal square in protest against "Italian imperialism." The manifesto, it is asserted, was extremely insolent, contained vulgar insults against Italy and the entente and urged the people to violence against Italians in the city.

Inflammatory speeches against Italy and the entente powers marked the meeting, it is said. Col. M. Malobovic, the Serbian commander in Spalato, being especially violent in an address. When the meeting ended a mob rushed throughout the city, sacking and destroying all Italian shops and offices of Italian organizations. Later it went to the docks and removed from two ships the Italian flag, which was torn to pieces and trampled upon.

QUICK ACTION HALTS TROUBLE OVER LYNCHING

Governor Morrow of Kentucky Takes Charge of Situation.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 5.—Prompt and decisive action by Governor Edwin P. Morrow and the cohesiveness of Sheriff Bain Moore, of Franklin county, averted serious trouble last night between reformatory guards, deputy sheriffs and policemen and several hundred farmers who came here bent upon lynching Will Lockett, negro, confessed murderer of little Geneva Hardman, South Elkhorn school girl.

Following the appeal of the sheriff and a warning that they were going "into a death trap" the mob dispersed at 12:30 o'clock this morning.

CALL CHEMICAL TO PUT OUT FIRE IN AUTOMOBILE

A Buick "Four" belonging to L. Harris, 154 Grassmere avenue, caught fire through overheating this morning about 8 o'clock in Fairfield avenue opposite the Telephone building. The driver of the machine dumped snow on the motor and the arrival of firemen with chemicals completely extinguished the blaze. The motor was the only part of the machine damaged.

MUST EXACT OBSERVANCE OF ALL CLAUSES

Paris, Feb. 5.—Refusal of Baron Von Lersner, head of the German peace delegation, to transmit to Berlin the list of persons whose extradition is demanded by the Allies is considered by Paris newspapers as a personal insult.

Fears are expressed that the action of Baron Von Lersner may still further strain the situation between Germany and the Allies, but journals are unanimous in demanding that the Allies must profit by the incident and "speak resolutely and clearly," in exacting in entirety the clauses of Versailles treaty.

POLICE TRYING TO ROUND UP ALL SUSPECTS

Hope to Get Them Before Enright's Friends Cancel Score.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—War among Chicago's gunmen and labor union feudists to avenge the murder of "Boss" Enright, chief of feudists and leader of gunmen, today hinged upon police efforts to apprehend and hold suspects before the dead man's friends found them and cancelled the score in their own fashion.

The call for the Enright clan had gone out, the police said, and "war and wholesale murder" was imminent. There probably will be "ten more killings" before the murderer is caught, the chief of police declared.

Enright's fate was decided many weeks ago and gunmen shooed him, hiding their time, until Tuesday night. Then they discharged the contents of a double barreled sawed off shot gun into his body as he sat in his automobile in front of his home.

"We knew Enright was the next of the old time gunmen to die," said MacLain Hoynes, state attorney. "But we were powerless to prevent it. The tips were too elusive to follow up. But we knew it, and Moss must have known it."

LEADERS WILL GIVE DINNER TO CUMMINGS

New York, Feb. 5.—Democratic leaders from New York state, New Jersey and the New England states arrived here today to attend the testimonial dinner to be given tonight to Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the National Democratic committee, John M. Eble, chairman of the National Democratic club which is giving the dinner, will preside.

COLD STORAGE EGGS TAKE BIG DROP IN PRICE

New York, Feb. 5.—Victims of the high cost of living were given cause for revengeful chucking today when market reports showed that eggs recently put in cold storage at 50 cents a dozen were being thrown on the market at prices ranging downward from 45 to 11 cents, wholesale.

In many places today they were being retailed at 50 cents and the slump was reported to have affected the fresh egg market, bringing prices down 8 cents since last Friday.

All Traffic Paralyzed By Storm

Snowplows Make But Little Headway Against Sleet in Streets.

JITNEYS GIVE YEOMAN SERVICE

Completely snow-bound, trolley service disrupted, trains anywhere from 15 minutes to two hours late, streets and sidewalks covered inches deep in snow, Bridgeport today is in the throes of the worst storm in the last 45 years with no relief in sight at noon today.

Schools were closed today and many of the factories might just as well have remained closed so few of the employees being able to get to their work. Jitneys did yeoman service during the early morning hours and but for them Bridgeport would have been isolated altogether from their jobs.

Despite Superintendent Kibling's statement at 11 o'clock today that all of the trolley lines were in operation with the exception of the Oak street branch, it was stated by those in touch with the situation that Fairfield avenue and Boston avenue cars were not running. Trolley service on the other lines was not on in a hit-or-miss fashion and with the exception of the Stratford avenue line the trolleys did not get running until very late in the morning.

The Connecticut Company snow plows and sweepers were out in force last night and this morning, 14 of them being used in the city and outlying districts. Even with this battery of snow removers, however, Superintendent Kibling stated that but few trolleys were in operation at 11 o'clock.

The forces of the Connecticut Company have been hard hit by sickness and 60 men ordinarily available for emergencies are not working today. Even the snow plows made but little headway against the sleet in the streets and it was only by constant effort that the rails were kept sufficiently free to permit haphazard traffic.

"In the 15 years that I have been in Bridgeport," said Mr. Kibling, "this storm is the worst I have experienced. I would rather have one foot of snow than one inch of this sleet. Even footings are gone when all the trolley wires were down conditions were not as bad as they are today."

"We have held all the men on their jobs and will continue to use every available man until normal traffic is restored. Snow plows have been working since 7:30 last night and from the looks of things today they are good for another 24 hours to say the least."

No one-man cars have been used in the city at all today it being thought that although having sufficient power they lack the weight in the snow plow broke down on the Barnum avenue line this morning completely tying up traffic on that line.

The New Haven railroad was also demoralized by the storm and no trains up to a late hour this morning. The Naugatuck Valley branch and the other branches are also reported either tied up or completely disrupted.

Reports from Devon state that switches there are blocked, stopping traffic completely. A freight train was also reported to be stalled on the Naugatuck branch with two passenger trains tied up behind it.

140 ACCIDENTS IN BRIDGEPORT LAST MONTH

During the month of January, 1920, there were 140 accidents in Bridgeport, according to a report which was issued today at the office of the Traffic Department. This figure sets a low record which has not been equalled in two years. There were 177 accidents in January, 1919.

Two persons, Mrs. J. Harger, of White Plains road and Anna Stanakia, of 977 Maplewood avenue, were killed in automobile accidents during the past month, and 28 people were injured. Public service cars figured in 58 accidents, and trolley cars were mixed up in 38. Other vehicles were concerned in 136 accidents.

WOMEN'S FAIR PRICE COMMITTEE OPENS OFFICE

Department of Justice Recommendations Printed Lists.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 5.—An office has been opened in the capitol by the Women's Fair Price Committee, of which Mrs. James J. Grace is chairman, and complaints and inquiries are now being received there.

Details of organizing the committee in towns were worked out yesterday by the Fair Price Commissioner Robert Scoville, Mrs. Grace and Mrs. Samuel Russell, Jr., of Middletown. Fair price lists will be printed in newspapers whenever or wherever the committee believes good will be done. Some lists of a limited number of articles are being printed now but the department of justice has recommended that the printed list be used extensively.

WIFE OF WELL KNOWN BROKER SEEKS DIVORCE

Two Others Ask To Be Freed From Marital Ties.

James C. Tice, who until a few years ago was a well known real estate and insurance broker with offices in the Connecticut Bank building, is the defendant in divorce proceedings to be heard tomorrow before Judge Banks in the superior court. Leonora Clappett Tice is asking for a decree from Tice. She alleges desertion July 5, 1916. That is the time Tice suddenly disappeared from this city much to the surprise of his business associate. It is not known where he went and his present whereabouts are unknown. The Tices were married April 3, 1909. They have two children, James, 15, and George, 11.

Another husband who has gone to Paris unknown is Edward R. Hampton, formerly employed in a local factory office. Catherine Griswold Hampton will appear in court tomorrow and ask for a decree from her missing husband. She alleges desertion May 1916.

Ex-State Central Committeeman Lamphere Dead

Waterford, Conn., Albert J. L. Lamphere, 66, widely known in Democratic political circles in this state, died at his home here this morning. He had been seriously ill from a complication of ailments for several weeks. Mr. Lamphere served several terms in the legislature representing Waterford, was county commissioner for one term and for many years has been first selectman of the town. He was also a member of the Democratic State Central committee representing the 18th Senatorial district until recently. He is survived by his wife and daughter, Mrs. Marton Kelly of Waterbury.

PEEPED IN WINDOWS

Arrested upon the complaint of a Connecticut avenue resident who claimed that he attempted to peep through a window in his house last night, William K. Anderson of 129 Holly street was arraigned in the City court this morning, charged with breach of the peace. The case was continued until tomorrow, and bonds were fixed at \$25. Anderson denies the charge which has been made against him.

THREE LONG ISLAND SOUND STEAMERS ARE HEMMED IN BY ICE

SHIPPING PRACTICALLY AT STANDSTILL BECAUSE OF STORM—BROOKLYN HOTEL WASHED INTO NEW YORK BAY.

CRISIS REACHED IN RELATIONS WITH GERMANY

List of Accused Germans To Be Sent Direct To Berlin.

Paris, Feb. 5.—(By the Associated Press)—Relations between the allied powers and Germany seem to have arrived at a crisis as a result of the refusal of Baron von Lersner, head of the German delegation here to forward to Berlin, the names of Germans whose extradition is demanded by the entente.

This incident apparently finds an echo in the attitude of the Berlin cabinet which is reported in London dispatches to have expressed, through Gustav Noske, minister of defense, seeming defiance to the powers.

Baron von Lersner left for the German capital last night. The list of Germans accused of violations of the laws of war whose arraignment is contemplated by the allies will be sent to Berlin direct by the Council of Ambassadors. It is pointed out here that measures intended to compel Germany to carry out the extradition clauses of the Versailles will be adopted, but there is no intimation as to their nature.

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ATTEMPT TO FLY FROM CAIRO TO CAPETOWN

Great Interest Taken In Dangerous Venture in England.

London, Feb. 5.—First attempts to fly from Cairo to Capetown will be watched in England with an interest equal to that taken in the flight of Captain Ross Smith from England to Australia. This is largely due to the fact that much of the country to be travelled is of the wildest character and is very remote from civilization.

The Daily Times already has a big airplane at Cairo, to which city it has flown from England. It will start on Friday on the first lap on the southward journey, which will take it to Athara, 870 miles up the Nile. It will carry a crew of five and a scientific observer.

Peter Chalmers Mitchell, astronomer and secretary to the Zoological Society of London since 1902, was passenger in a plane which left yesterday morning for Cape Town, rising from an aviation field near here. There is no suggestion of a race between these two machines, the Times particularly disavowing any idea of competition.

BREAKS OFF ALL RELATIONS WITH HIS KINDRED

Geneva, Feb. 5.—Former King Constantine of Greece has broken off relations with his mother, Queen Mother Olga, and his brother, Prince Christopher, owing to the marriage of the latter to Mrs. W. B. Leeds last Sunday, it is reported here. King Constantine is said to have declared he would have refused to attend the wedding even if asked, and it is asserted he still dreams of returning to Athens.

New York, Feb. 5.—Reports from Atlantic Highlands and other marine observation points along the coast early today were that the storm was the worst in years. The tide, driven by the 50 mile north-easterly gale, is pounding the beaches and threatening in many places to undermine summer homes.

Three Long Island Sound steamers were fast in the ice today near Execution Light off New Rochelle, N. Y., and Sound shipping was practically at a standstill as a result of the storm.

The vessels in the ice were the Maine, which left New York yesterday afternoon for Bridgeport, Conn., the New Hampshire, from New London for New York, and the Pequonock from New York for New Bedford.

In response to rocket signals from the Maine, which had three passengers and a crew of seventy, a fleet of tugs was sent to the scene from New York Harbor and the Pequonock from New York for New Bedford.

No marine casualties have been reported, but the condition of the weather is such that captains of incoming ships have avoided attempts to enter New York, and are holding off in deep water to ride out the gale.

Weather bureau reports indicate that the storm center was centered this morning off the Delaware capes and moving slowly northward. All along the coast from Hatteras north high seas and strong winds were reported.

The high tide flooded the Erie terminal in Jersey City and several hundred yards of the street from the entrance to the station. Ferry service to New York was discontinued. Water leaked from the Erie station into a station of the Hudson tubes and sprinkled Governor's Square. New Jersey trains were two hours late arriving at Jersey City owing to snow drifts.

Reports from the New York quarantine station, on the easterly shore of Staten Island, were that heavy ice floes from the Hudson river were being driven on the beaches and against the wharves. The blinding snow storm made it impossible for observers to see more than a hundred yards off shore and two ships which came in during the night were located by the captains of the health officers' tugs by repeated whistling.

The Pasadena, a summer hotel on the beach at the foot of 86th street, Brooklyn, was washed into the Bay by the wind beaten combers which dashed high on the shore during the night and early morning. The police reported it a total loss. Two bathing pavilions on the same beach, at the foot of 102nd and 113th streets, also were swept away.

Meriden, Conn., Feb. 5.—Traffic in Meriden was seriously crippled by the storm. Trains on the New Haven road were from a half hour to two hours late and had much trouble in leaving the station on account of slippery rails, and the trolleys were forced to drop their schedule. A dozen motor buses carrying workers to the New Departure plant in Bristol were compelled by drifts to turn back at Southington.

Winsted, Feb. 5.—Traffic in all directions was impeded last night by the blizzard and its resumption today was not easy. Trains were much off schedule and all were being hauled by two locomotives.

Highways are blocked by drifts. A funeral party which was to be carried from Collinsville to Goshen had to stop here indefinitely and the body was placed in a vault at Forest View cemetery.

Sterling, Conn., Feb. 5.—Old-timers in eastern Connecticut barked back in 1888 to find a parallel to the blizzard which raged last night and which at noon today showed no signs of a let up. Snow drifts of six feet depth are not uncommon on the highways.

FIRE CAUSES \$50 DAMAGE. Damage estimated at \$50 was created last night by a small fire in the water street plant of the Cudahy Packing Company. The blaze started in a pile of rubbish in the rear cellar, but was quickly extinguished by firemen.