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FRIDAY EVENING.

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BLOCKED BY SNOW BLIZZARD SWEPT

Union Pacific and Rock Island Still in Trouble.

Storm Thursday Filled Cuts and Stopped Traffic.

OPEN WAY TO THE NORTH

Will Try to Reach Denver by Way of Lincoln.

Other Roads Are Having Less Trouble.

With the heavy snows in western Kansas Thursday afternoon, the troubles of the railway companies increased a hundred fold and both the Rock Island and Union Pacific have practically abandoned hope of operating their transcontinental trains before Sunday—perhaps later. On the Union Pacific every available man is working to clear the company's tracks and the operation of trains has simmered to a meagre local business. The through passengers are being held in Topeka and cared for here.

This morning a special train made up in Kansas City, and the Union Pacific tracks in Topeka awaiting the opening of the line to Lincoln, Neb. Nearly 200 passengers were on this train and will be taken to Denver over the Lincoln line. The opening of direct service to Denver today was entirely out of the question.

Between Topeka and Omaha the road confronts snow drifts four and five feet deep. The sunshine of a few days ago was followed by a heavy freeze and the snow has frozen to such an extent that workmen must fight the heavy drifts with picks.

Last night the Union Pacific motor car made the trip with the assistance of one of the company's engines and it is doubtful if a trip will be made today. Local service between Kansas City and Topeka and from Topeka to Junction City was the only traffic over the Union Pacific this morning and these trains were hours late. No trains over the direct Colorado line have been operated since Saturday while the Lincoln line which may be opened today, has been closed to traffic for more than a week. A work train made up in Topeka this morning will attack the drifts between Topeka and Lincoln.

With a bunch of sunshine and fair weather promised, the Rock Island renewed hopes today and concentrated their working forces against the drifts on the Colorado line. This line will not be opened today, but the company hopes to get trains through late on Saturday morning. With drifts two to 25 feet deep over the extreme western end of the Colorado line, Rock Island officials have lost sleep for a week.

This morning the Rock Island announced the clearance of the tracks on the Nebraska and Texas lines and the operation of regular service to El Paso. Local service on the City has been on time and No. 12, the Fort Worth, Tex., train, was run on schedule time today.

Some trouble was encountered last night by the Santa Fe on the lines west of Dodge City and several of the heavy main line trains were late.

The Missouri Pacific has had its share of trouble and service on the Central Branch has suffered.

Central Branch Snowbound.

Atchison, Kan., March 15.—Snow again has tied up traffic on the Central Branch of the Missouri Pacific continues to be snowbound nearly 100 miles. The Central Branch, Burr Oak, Washington, Prosser, Stanton and other branches have been tied up since last Monday. A Central Branch passenger train that left this city Monday morning and became stalled in a drift between Barnes and Greenleaf finally arrived at Barnes. Another passenger train with the state tax commissioners on board is tied up at Barnes, and has been there since Monday. The present snowbound condition of the Central Branch is due to a high wind that swept over northern Kansas last Monday night, filling the railroad cuts with old snow. All along the line engines and freight trains as well as passenger trains are tied up at stations. More than two hundred men are shoveling snow from the tracks.

General Manager Higgins of St. Louis is out on the Central Branch to investigate the situation and ascertain what can be done to get trains through. The Central Branch is now in a worse condition than during any other time since 1896.

Denver, March 15.—Railroad traffic conditions into Denver showed a slight improvement today with the arrival of one Santa Fe train from the east and the announcement by the Burlington officials that trains were able to get through from Chicago on delayed time, but not from St. Louis. Union Pacific and Rock Island trains were annulled again today.

The Missouri Pacific is still blocked in eastern Colorado and western Kansas.

Missouri Pacific Snowbound.

Wichita, March 15.—Two Missouri Pacific trains are snowbound, one between Geneseo, Kan., and Kanopolis, Kan., and the other between Larned, Kan., and Lawrence, Kan. Snow shovellers are at work and the trains will be released tonight.

WILL SUE THOMAS.

County Attorney Instructed to Bring Civil Action.

In a letter written by Frank B. Simms, chairman of the county board, County Attorney Simon is instructed to begin proceedings to collect from R. L. Thomas the money claimed to be due the county according to the recent auditing report. A civil action to collect the \$21,827.71 claimed in the report, will probably be filed in a few days.

When the report was accepted by the board, the county attorney was instructed to make formal demand for the payment of the claim. Thomas will contest the claim on the grounds that the amount charged to his office is excessive and illegal.

Chicago Is in the Grip of a Fierce Storm.

It Began Yesterday and Has Not Abated Today.

ALL TRAFFIC IS DELAYED

It Extends Westward Through Iowa and Nebraska.

Many Trains Are Held Fast in Drifts of Snow.

Chicago, March 15.—A snowstorm, amounting almost to a blizzard raged here throughout last night and still continues with the prediction from the weather bureau that it will last throughout the day, with falling temperature. The snow came in with a driving west wind yesterday at noon and street car companies since have had sweepers running on their lines at intervals of about 20 minutes. Early today it was impossible for one to see more than 100 yards ahead in the streets.

Street, steam and elevated railways were compelled to move their traffic with special care during the rush hours of the morning. No serious accidents were reported during the early hours. Telegraph companies became distressed. It was reported by them that the worst conditions of the winter prevailed.

Trains Held Up for Hours.

Des Moines, March 15.—Incoming trains from the west were several hours behind schedule early today as a result of the blizzard which swept over Iowa and Nebraska yesterday and last night. Two fast trains on the Rock Island from Denver were held up several hours near Council Bluffs and two westbound trains were unable to leave Des Moines.

A strong wind piled the snow in huge drifts.

Railroad officials say conditions are somewhat improved and hope to be able to return to schedule time within a few hours.

TODAY IN CONGRESS.

Debate on Free Sugar Bill Is Resumed in the House.

Washington, March 15.—Senate in session 2 p. m. Grain dealers advocated before interstate commerce committee legislation making railroads liable on bills of lading.

Vice President Scherwin of Pacific Mail Steamship company opposed before interstate commerce committee the Bristol bill to prohibit railroads from having any interest in steamship companies.

House met at noon. Debate on free sugar bill resumed. Representative Sabath introduced another workmen's compensation bill and attacked the bill recommended by employers' liability commission.

Committee on interstate commerce decided to report favorably Sims bill to abolish commerce court.

DINNER FOR TAFTS.

The McLeans Entertain the President and Other Distinguished Guests.

Washington, March 15.—In honor of President and Mrs. Taft, Mr. and Mrs. John R. McLean entertained a company of distinguished guests at dinner last night.

While each member of the cabinet is privileged to entertain the president and his wife at an official dinner each year, it is quite unusual and indeed a great honor for them to accept an invitation to an unofficial residence. In this case, however, it is a pretty tribute to Mrs. McLean, who is the recognized leader of Washington society.

Additional guests were present at the musicale which followed the dinner. The artists included Mme. Alma Gluck, Marie Sammarco and the famous harpist, Mile Ada Susini, all members of the Metropolitan Grand Opera company of New York.

SLAIN OVER A DOLLAR

One Man Kills Another Over Trifling Debt.

Chicago, March 15.—A dispute over a debt of one dollar led to the slaying of Paul Palkowski, 28 years old, by Joseph Kollmaga, alias Smith, in a Westside woods, here early today.

The men became involved in a fight over the money and Palkowski was knocked down and kicked about the head and face until he was unconscious. The slayer then dragged his victim out of the house and threw him on top of a pile of snow where the body was found later. Kollmaga was arrested.

KEEPS ASPINA HERE.

Sickness Prevents Departure of Recalled Colombian Minister.

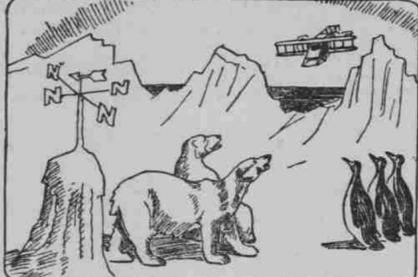
Washington, March 15.—Sickness has retarded the departure of Senor Pedro Nod Ospina, until recently Colombian minister to the United States. His wife has been seriously ill with cancer for several weeks. Now her mother and father who are visiting here have taken sick with the grip and Senor Ospina and two children are suffering from the same ailment.

Senor Ospina had intended to leave Washington after severing his connection with the legation but now does not expect to leave before June.

HOW TO BE FAMOUS THOUGH FATAL.

By John T. McCutcheon.

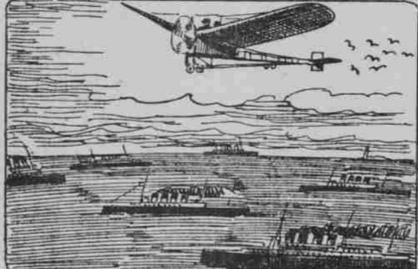
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Fame Route No. 1—Buy a good stout aeroplane and be the first to reach the South Pole.



Fame Route No. 2—Or be the first to fly from Cairo to the Cape.



Fame Route No. 3—Fly across the Atlantic.



Fame Route No. 4—Fly to the top of Mount Everest.



Fame Route No. 5—Fly over the Forbidden City of Mecca.



Fame Route No. 6—Fly to Thibet and do a few spirals over the city of Lhasa.

DR. WILEY QUILTS DROP IN WHEAT HE DRINKS POISON

Chief of the Government's Bureau of Chemistry

A Decline of More Than Two Cents a Bushel.

Ward Speelman Near Death in County Jail.

Tenders His Resignation to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Speculators Stampede to Selling Side of the Market.

Removed to Hospital After Life Is Saved.

Washington, March 15.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the United States bureau of chemistry, today handed his resignation to Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and announced that he would devote the rest of his life to urging the creation of a national health department, entirely separate from any other branch of the government service. The resignation becomes effective at once.

Chicago, March 15.—Wheat prices dropped on the Board of Trade today under heavy stop loss selling. The shrinkage amounted to more than 2 cents a bushel. Sellers who stampeded were chiefly those who have been speculating on estimates of light supplies and the theory of an intolerable shortage later in the crop year.

Either with intention to commit suicide or by accident, Ward D. Speelman, defaulting bank teller, last night drank a quantity of atropine in his cell in the county jail. Physicians worked with Speelman the remainder of the night and this morning the bank clerk was removed to Christ's hospital. He has recovered from the effects of the poison.



DR. HARVEY W. WILEY
BY AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

Who Resigned His Position as Head of the United States Pure Food Department Today.

would devote the rest of his life to urging the creation of a national health department, entirely separate from any other branch of the government service. The resignation becomes effective at once.

Had Conference With Wilson.

Dr. Wiley's resignation came as a dramatic climax to a long conference he had with Secretary Wilson in the latter's private office today. The secretary would make no statement of the case otherwise than that Dr. Wiley had handed in his resignation. No reasons were given, he said, nor did Dr. Wiley outline his plans.

Despite the fact that rumors had been current for several weeks that the government pure food expert was about to leave the service, the actual news of his resignation came as a surprise to official Washington. To all resignation reports Dr. Wiley has made emphatic denials.

The latest report has been that Wiley would lay down the important work he had been doing for the department of agriculture to become associate editor of a housekeeping magazine. He has received many flattering offers from interested parties in other lines of business. It is known Dr. Wiley for a long time had been unhappy in his connection with the department. He has claimed that he

UNDER ARREST.

Floyd Allen and Son, Participants in Hillsville Shooting,

Are Reported to Have Been Placed in Jail.

Cincinnati, March 15.—A special from Hillsville today says that Floyd Allen and his son Victor were arrested today by Detective T. L. Felts, who arrived with twenty armed men and assumed command of the town's officers of the law.

A man named Strickland, said to have been implicated in yesterday's shooting, also was arrested and placed in jail. A strong force, all well armed, guards the jail with orders to shoot to kill at the first indication of trouble.

Victor Allen and Strickland were found hiding in a house in Hillsville. Floyd Allen had been under guard in a hotel. All were captured without serious resistance, although it was said they at first indicated an impulse to shoot their way to liberty.

Another One Dies.

Roanoke, March 15.—Betty Ayres, one of the few women who were in the court room yesterday at Hillsville and who was wounded is reported to be dead at her home.

HE OPENS FOR TAFT.

Bartholdt Tells Why He Prefers the President to T. R.

St. Louis, March 15.—Congressman Richard Bartholdt, launching the Taft campaign in Missouri here, quoted the record of the Taft administration and declared a close personal acquaintance with the former and present president had led him to work for the renomination of the president.

In attacking Roosevelt's position on the recall of judges, Mr. Bartholdt declared it was a monstrous proposition which made William J. Bryan look "like a conservative tied to a post."

WILSON GOMES WEST

Secretary of Agriculture Will Visit Colorado School Soon.

Fort Collins, Col., March 15.—Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson will visit the State Agricultural college on March 21, according to an announcement made today by President Lory.

MUST PAY IT OVER IS ONLY ONE END

Supreme Court Decision Grief for Frank Stahl.

Sooner or Later Intervention Must Come in Mexico.

City Entitled to Money for Liquor Replevined.

That Is the Opinion of the Foreign Residents.

A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

IT DOES NOT MATTER NOW

Dockets Show That \$3,370 Is Amount Due.

Who Becomes President of the Country, They Say.

Ex-Chief Says All and More Was Spent in Litigation.

One Revolution Will Continue to Follow Another.

By a decree of the supreme court Frank M. Stahl, ex-chief of police of the city, must pay money over to the city which is due on judgments in his favor which he has never collected. The money which Mr. Stahl is ordered to pay into the city treasury amounts to \$3,370.27 minus the costs of the litigation and other necessary cost which were incurred in suits against liquor dealers. Mr. Stahl has not collected all of this amount but he contended that he was entitled to retain the money as his own but the supreme court rules differently and decrees that it must be turned over to the city.

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STRIKE WEAKENS

Idle Coal Miners Are Growing Dissatisfied With Situation.

Further Restrictions of Public Service Made Necessary.

London, March 15.—Another deadlock has been reached in the negotiations for a settlement of the coal strike. There can be no question that a feeling of discontent is growing among the miners. The strong to resist is reported today, threatened to get out of hand because of dissatisfaction with the amount of the strike benefit.

From many other districts come evidences of the growing desire of the miners to return to work, more particularly among the nonunionists who are not receiving strike pay. Representatives of both the miners and the mine owners were at the foreign office but did not meet in conference. Premier Asquith and several cabinet colleagues consulted with the miners but at the luncheon hour nothing had been accomplished. Sir Hugh Bell, leading colliery owner and ironmaster, said:

"We are not getting on at all." The unemployed, who number more than 2,000,000 men are receiving daily additions to their ranks and in many instances their families are without resources while others are limited to the small amount of strike pay allotted by the trade unions. Further extensive restrictions of the railroad service were in force today and the London & North-west and Great Western Railway companies are having their locomotives fitted with oil burners. In many places the street lamps no longer are lighted. Even in Birmingham the municipality was obliged to cut off 7,000 street lamps last night. The shortage of coal is such that the military authorities have started the troops to fell trees in Wolmer forest to provide all night military camp at Borden in Hampshire.

WEATHER IS FAIR.

At Last There Is Promise for Brighter Days.

The gloom of recent days has been scattered to the winds. Today is bright, and for the first time this month the government forecaster has stated the weather without any strings tied to it.

The forecast: "Fair tonight and Saturday; rising temperature Saturday and in the north-western portion of the state tonight."

There was just a trace of snow Thursday evening. It was the tail end of the alleged blizzard in western Kansas, said "Sunny" Flora. "The temperature at 7 o'clock today was 14 degrees, and the wind averaged nearly 20 miles an hour in velocity all night. It was blowing from the north."

"Saturday will be considerably warmer and the sun will probably be out on the job. In the afternoon the sun has been obscured by clouds 59 per cent of the time. We have never had that much cloudiness since this season of the year. We have also never had March weather that was so cold. It has been a steady cold comparatively speaking. In 1890 the minimum temperature March 15 was 0 degrees; the maximum on this date 60 degrees."

"The wind has been below the average. Nine miles an hour it has been blowing. This is 20 per cent below normal."

For 19 days the temperature has been below normal. This is a remarkably long period by the weather observer. The temperatures the first half of March have averaged lower than that usually obtain in mid-winter.

The shippers' forecast reads: "Protect 26 hour shipments north against temperature of 15 degrees west, 5 to 10 degrees; east and south, 20 to 24 degrees."

This is a delightfully sunny day, but the temperatures have averaged 18 degrees below normal. In fact it has been colder than what the weather man considers normal for winter. The wind is blowing 10 miles from the southwest. The hourly readings:

6 o'clock	14	11 o'clock	22
8 o'clock	15	12 o'clock	22
9 o'clock	18	1 o'clock	27
10 o'clock	20	2 o'clock	30

Weather Forecast.

Chicago, March 15.—Forecast for Kansas: Fair tonight and Saturday; rising temperature Saturday and in north and west portions tonight.

Chihuahua, March 15.—Via El Paso, Texas.—Although General Pasqual Orozco is maintaining order here the city, in respect to its foreign interests is but a ghost of its former thriving self.

But a handful of foreigners remain. Practically every woman and child has been sent to the safety of American soil. The exodus of Mexicans has been great. A year ago few Americans thought it necessary to send out even the women and children.

A year ago foreigners were opposed to the work of intervention. By word and deed they used every effort to discourage the spread of such sentiment. Today they are a unit in declaring that intervention must come sooner or later.

No reformer in Mexico dares to allow himself to be quoted for publication but their comment is the same. "It does not matter now who becomes president of Mexico," they declare. "Whether it is Madero, Diaz, Trevino, Creel, or De La Barra, the result will be continued turmoil. Always there will be dissatisfied leaders to start new revolts, and hordes of people to whom the campaign with its accompanying excitement and loot is comparative luxury, to follow them."

It is the general way of analyzing the situation. "It is only a question of how many lives must be sacrificed and how many millions of dollars lost before sentiment is aroused to the pitch where intervention will be demanded by influence and force," said one American whose words accurately reflected the sentiments of a score of others with whom the Associated Press correspondent talked.

Loss Runs Into Millions.

"Apparently the situation at present has not reached that stage," the American continued. "Propaganda has already run into the millions, but foreigners have not yet been slain. They have been sent to and annoyance and been compelled to leave the country, but they escaped with their lives. A year ago feeling between Mexicans and foreigners was comparatively friendly. The said now the foreigners are weary of constant financial loss, of being looted and listening to insults which they dare not resent. There are few of us who would not abandon the country and all if it could be done without financial ruin."

"The closing of the vast properties of the American Smelting & Refining company at Velardeña is merely a forecast. Here was a thriving city of twelve thousand persons, all dependent upon the operation of the three mines, the twenty-seven kilometers of railroad and the smelter company. They have all fled. Most are men and boys who will join any band of insurgents that promises food."

"This is particularly true this year, as crops were reduced last year after the Madero revolution. It is doubtful if supplies can reach other properties of the smelting company for long. Dribbles are reaching them infrequently. Shortage of supplies is such that they will have to do with the present conditions fifty-five thousand men, on whose work 250,000 persons depend for a livelihood, have grown out of work. The same conditions apply to other mining interests. To the vast oil properties and other enterprises."

Big Battle Expected.

San Antonio, Texas, March 15.—In the belief that only a decisive battle between rebels and federalists soon is likely and that it will be fought at Torreon, Mexico, 3,000 refugees, mostly women and children are enroute north from that place. Most of them departed on trains Wednesday.

Two coaches were crowded with Chinamen who fear a repetition of a massacre that marked the Madero revolution.

Freight Service Suspended.

El Paso, Texas, March 15.—Freight service to Chihuahua from Juarez was suspended temporarily today and all available equipment at Juarez was sent south to Chihuahua, presumably to be used in moving the rebel army from Chihuahua.

The rebel garrison in Juarez was paid today from funds brought from Chihuahua.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE OFF

President of Miners Predicts General Suspension of Work.

New York, March 15.—"I look for a general suspension of work April 1. All negotiations with anthracite coal operators are off," said John P. White, president of the United Mine Workers of America at the adjournment of the meeting today between the miners and operators in which the miners declared the operators' counter proposition.

EAT TOADSTOOLS; DIE

Two Children Dead and Five Are Dangerously Ill.

Sebastopol, Cal., March 15.—As the result of eating toad stools, two small children of Henry Fletcher of Hessel station are dead, and the other five members of the family are dangerously ill today.

Admiral Bowyer Is Dead.

Tampa, March 15.—Rear Admiral John M. Bowyer, retired, former superintendent of the Naval academy at Annapolis, died here today.