

WORST IN YEARS

SNOW IS PILED MOUNTAINS HIGH ALONG RAILROADS.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC STOPPED

Fearful That Both Loss of Human Life and That of Stock Will Be Great—Getting Warmer Now.

(By Associated Press.) St. Paul, Minn., March 17.—South Dakota and the Canadian Northwest has experienced the worst snowstorm in many years and railroad traffic is practically paralyzed.

No Trains Since Friday.

The mercury is falling gradually and is now at or below zero. Not a transcontinental train has arrived in St. Paul since Friday and none is expected for several days.

It will start a coast-bound train tomorrow and hopes to be able to get it through. The East-bound coast train due here Saturday morning is held at Mandan, N. D., and an effort will be made to move tomorrow.

Every effort is being made to keep the snowbound passengers fed and warm and for that purpose trains are being held at stations where there are accommodations rather than to attempt to go on and get tied up between stations.

The Red River division of the Northern Pacific, between Frankfort and Winnipeg, is entirely abandoned. No trains have attempted to run since Friday night and the whereabouts of extra trains on this division is not known, as the wires are down.

The situation on the Great Northern is equally bad. The line is tied up entirely between Grand Forks and Williston, N. D., and all wires have been lost beyond Fargo.

Wires Are Gone.

Thirty miles of wire is gone between Fargo and Casselton, N. D., and communication with Western Dakota and Montana points has been lost. So fierce has been the storm that it has been deemed inadvisable to attempt to re-open the road until it abates.

Reports tonight indicate that the storm has subsided somewhat, but the snow still continues to fall.

The branch of the Great Northern running to Winnipeg is tied up. No trains have been started northward since Friday night and those that were caught on the road by the storm have been held at the station near the border.

IS HOME ON LEAVE

MR. STORER SURPRISED TO HEAR HE IS RECALLED.

SAYS THAT IT IS UNTRUE

He Says That the Young King of Spain Is Strong Mentally and Physically—Has a Most Affectionate Mother.

(By Associated Press.) New York, March 17.—Bellamy Storer, minister to Spain, arrived yesterday on the American steamer St. Louis from Southampton.

Mr. Storer was surprised to learn that a rumor had been circulated that he had been recalled from his post and emphatically denied that there was the slightest ground for such a report.

"I have no idea," said Mr. Storer, "how such a rumor could have been started. I have simply come home on leave of absence for 90 days, because at this time there is no urgency for my presence in Madrid. It is not true that there has been a hitch in the negotiations of the treaty with Spain and, on the contrary, it has progressed most favorably and there is absolutely no obstacle in view to the successful accomplishment of the treaty. I may say, indeed, that the most important provisions of the treaty have already been agreed upon."

"So far as the question of the rights of the Spanish property owners in Porto Rico is concerned, the government at Madrid is fully satisfied. The negotiations of the treaty have been somewhat prolonged, not on account of any reluctance on the part of the Spanish government, but merely because every condition and I may say, every phrase in the document must first be presented to the council of state for review and approval."

Young King's Accession.

"Owing to the approaching accession of the young king the late ministry of Sagasta was, in effect, simply a provisional one, and as the final ratification has to be left to the council I applied for a leave of absence."

"I regretted to notice in most of the American papers which I received in Madrid statements to the effect that the young king was physically and mentally unfit to assume the reins of government. That is not true."

"He has been admirably brought up by a most devoted mother, and I see no reason why he should not reign with honor to himself and his country. He has grown very fast and is now a fine looking lad."

"He takes a keen interest in military affairs and shows to great advantage when he appears mounted at a review of the troops."

"What changes are likely to take place in the cabinet I am not prepared to predict. It would be surprising if the queen-mother should not continue to exercise a strong influence over her son, as their relations have always been of the most affectionate character."

Speaking of the king's accession, Mr. Storer said: "There will be no formal coronation, as the king of Spain is supposed to be born crowned."

"He will merely take the oath to preserve the constitution, and there will be the customary ceremonies."

"It was, in fact, a question up to the last moment whether the representatives of foreign governments should be specially invited to witness the accession."

"Only the night before I left Madrid the ministers of state personally informed me that the king would be pleased to have a representative of the United States present. On this President Roosevelt designated J. L. M. Curry to act as our representative. There was a peculiar appropriateness in the selection of Mr. Curry, as he was our minister at Madrid when the king was born."

Mr. Storer leaves for Washington tomorrow to call on the president.

DON'T APPLY YET.

Commandant Godwin of the World's Fair Issues a Circular.

St. Louis, March 17.—A paragraph announcing that men are wanted to take positions in the "Jefferson Guard," which is the official title of the police department of the Louisiana Purchase exposition, has been going the rounds of the newspapers of the country during the past few weeks, and thousands of applicants for the place have been pouring in on Major Godwin, U. S. A., commandant of the guard, from all parts of the United States.

Contrary to the statement that men are being sought for guardsmen, Major Godwin has, as a protection for the applicants, who are many of them sending in long petitions containing signatures of influential men in their communities, issued the following official circular, which is addressed to each applicant:

St. Louis, U. S. A., March 15, 1902.—Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company, Jefferson Guard, Major F. A. Godwin, U. S. A., Commandant—Sir: Your application for appointment as guard at the coming "Louisiana Purchase exposition," has been received. All papers which accompanied it are herewith returned.

When men are needed notice will be given through the newspapers. Applicants should then present themselves in person, and have with them letters from at least two reputable citizens testifying to the sobriety and good character of the applicant. Every applicant will be required to undergo a physical examination, and if accepted will be vaccinated.

Applicants must be between the ages of 21 and 40, at least 5 feet 3 inches in height, and must be physically sound. If any applicant has been in the military service he should present his discharge certificate.

F. A. GODWIN, Commandant. When the guard is finally organized it will be composed of about 2,500 men, 800 of whom will be employed in the secret service division.

Mayor Jones Is Ill.

Los Angeles, March 17.—Mayor Jones of Toledo, Ohio, is seriously ill at Long Beach with pleurisy. Mr. Jones was taken sick immediately after an address delivered at the banquet of the Economic league, at which he was the guest of honor. He is, however, believed to be out of danger.

ON SUBSIDY BILL

SENATE WILL BEGIN VOTING ON IT TODAY.

BE NO MORE SPEECH MAKING

Republican Steering Committee Met to Consider Precedence of Unfinished Business—President's Protection Bill Next.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 17.—In accordance with the agreement reached a week ago the senate will begin voting on the ship subsidy bill and amendments today. There will be no speechmaking after the voting begins.

The senate will meet at 11 o'clock, an hour earlier than usual, to give senators who still wish to be heard an opportunity to speak on the bill before the time to vote arrives.

With the subsidy bill disposed of, the bill introduced by Senator Hoar for the protection of the president of the United States from assassination will assume first place on the calendar, having been made the unfinished business.

It is not expected, however, that there will be prolonged debate upon this bill, and there is great interest among senators as to which of several measures will be next preferred.

The republican steering committee met today to consider this matter. Either the oleomargarine bill or the Chinese exclusion bill doubtless will be made the unfinished business to succeed the presidential protection measure, though the Nicaraguan canal bill also is pressing for attention.

The canal bill, however, according to present understanding, will be compelled to wait on both the other bills.

There is a suggestion which members of the steering committee are considering to allow the Chinese exclusion and oleomargarine bills to run along side by side, one of them occupying the morning hour and the other the time after the expiration of that hour.

Senator Proctor, who will have charge of the oleomargarine bill, and Senator Penrose, who will lead the fight for the Chinese bill, are equally confident.

LOMBARD STREET

MUCH ANXIETY IS FELT ON CHANGE IN LONDON.

MONEY IS EXTREMELY SCARCE

Cecil Rhodes' Probable Death Has a Depressing Effect on the Stock Exchange—Ready for the Crisis.

(By Associated Press.) London, March 17.—Too many depressing influences were abroad last week to permit of much activity on the stock exchange. Money is still scarce and there is no prospect of this scarcity being relieved by large government disbursements until after the Easter holidays.

The health of Cecil Rhodes added to the depression of the stock market, although it is confidently asserted that arrangements have been perfected to avert a serious disturbance in the event of his death.

The capture of General Methuen was the most serious factor of the week from the sentimental point of view, although the suppression of the news by the government until the concluding of the settlement prevented what doubtless would have been a disastrous slump of the market.

There is no question that the stock exchange is now in a healthier condition than it has been for several weeks past, owing to the drastic shaking out of the weak bulls, but there is no disposition to embark upon fresh commitments at the present moment.

New issues met with scant encouragement in the exchange and Americans were absolutely stagnant.

Home rails were dull and lower. Mines were dull at only a slight decline on the week, but the general range was from 10 to 15 per cent below the high level of the early part of the year.

STORM IN COLORADO.

Denver, Colo., March 17.—The snow and windstorm that has been raging for the past four days along the mountain railroads is beginning to make itself felt.

Snow plows and flangers have been keeping the lines open and an extra gang of men have been fighting the drifts clear of the tracks. Now small slides are being reported while the drifts are growing to great depth.

On Tennessee Pass nearly four feet of snow has fallen and snow on the ground on Marshall Pass has reached the depth of 78 inches.

Colorado and Southern trains are held at Alpine, because entrance to the Alpine tunnel is blocked, and the South Park branch is tied up.

The Rio Grande and Colorado Midland roads are still open, but are liable to become blocked at any moment.

In Honor of Altgeld.

(By Associated Press.) New York, March 17.—Arrangements have been perfected for the holding of a meeting in memory of the late John P. Altgeld, ex-governor of Illinois, at Cooper Union theater on Thursday evening, March 27. Among the speakers who have already promised to be present are, Clarence F. Darrow, who was Altgeld's law partner; General Frederick Williams and ex-Congressman John J. Lentz.

A Slow Legislator.

(Baltimore News.) "It's a good thing my wife isn't in the legislature. She's a regular obstructionist."

"How is that?"

"Why, I never go to either that she doesn't lay some bill or other on the table."

PAY REVENUE TAX

SPECIAL AGENT IS NOW INVESTIGATING IN SALT LAKE.

STOCK DEALERS ASSESSED

Revenue Officials Say That Dealers in Stocks Must Pay a Government Tax—The Law to Be Enforced.

(By Associated Press.) Salt Lake, Utah, March 17.—The Tribune today will print the following: Capt. George H. Wheelock, special revenue agent and direct representative of Internal Revenue Commissioner Yerkes of Washington is causing a commotion among many of the leading business men of Salt Lake.

He is making a special examination of the conditions in all the large commercial institutions of the city with a view to ascertaining if the secretaries in all of them and other officers and directors in many of them are not liable to the regular revenue tax of stockbrokers.

Special attention has been given to the Utah Sugar company because of the great activity that has prevailed in the stock of that company for the past year.

The books of the company were examined by Captain Wheelock during the past week and as a result the secretary, H. G. Whitney, has been reported to Washington for assessment as a stockbroker. The captain has recommended that Mr. Whitney be assessed for the past year, or ever since the war tax went into effect.

The tax is \$50 a year, but added to this will be 50 per cent penalty for the last two years because the tax was not paid at the proper time.

Under the view of the law, taken by Captain Wheelock, it would seem that every officer and director in the company is also liable to taxation as a broker.

This would include, among others, such men as President Joseph F. Smith, Governor Wells, W. S. McCormick, Col. T. G. Webber and others of like prominence.

The investigation began with the sugar company because of the large transfer of stock that took place recently, but it is not expected to be confined to that company by any means.

The same condition is expected to be found in numerous other local companies. It is practically certain that a test case will be made in the case of Mr. Whitney, especially in view of the fact that he proposes to fight the matter to the end.

This will make it of great importance not only in this community, but throughout the entire country, as it may lead to a discussion from the commissioner and draw the line more closely between brokerage and dealing on private accounts.

NEWS STORIES BRIEFLY TOLD

ABERDEEN, S. D.—The blizzard which started Friday still continues without a sign of abatement. It is the worst storm in years.

MANILA.—There being cholera at Hong Kong, a quarantine of five days will be enforced against all vessels arriving here from that port.

LACROSSE, Wis.—The thermometer yesterday registered zero and at night was still falling. A high wind is blowing and small buildings and trees have been wrecked.

CANTON, Ohio.—Secretary Cortelyou and Dr. Rixey, who arrived last night from Washington and spent the day here, noted improvement in Mrs. McKinley's condition.

DETROIT, Mich.—Within the past 12 hours there has been a drop in temperature of nearly 40 degrees. A gale is blowing and a blizzard is raging through Southern Michigan.

MARQUETTE, Mich.—The upper peninsula is tonight in the throes of a cold wave. The temperature dropped 50 degrees since yesterday. Snow has been falling for 12 hours.

SPARTA, Wis.—The worst blizzard of the season has prevailed over this section for the past 24 hours and is still raging. The mercury is below zero and the snow is driven by a high wind.

BERLIN.—With expressions of regret the newspapers here print a dispatch from Washington, which announces that Andrew D. White, the American ambassador to Germany, will retire next November.

LONDON.—With reference to the Russo-Japanese wars, the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times here is able to vouch for the fact that the Russian railway is declining shipments from merchants because the resources of the line is fully occupied in sending troops and supplies to Vladivostok.

HELENA TEAM CHAMPIONS.

Hold the Record for Basket Ball Playing Now.

(Special to Inter Mountain.) Helena, March 17.—As the result of a splendid victory over the team from the state college at Bozeman, the basket ball team of Montana Wesleyan university of this city now holds the state collegiate championship.

It was a spirited game from start to finish, replete with fine plays. The Auditorium, where the game was played, was filled with enthusiastic rooters, and every good play on both sides was cheered to the echo.

The Bozeman boys put up a good game, but they were clearly outplayed. It is believed that Montana Wesleyan now has the best all-round team in the state.

H. A. Kliver of Butte, captain of the Helena team, handled his men in fine shape, and was everywhere, assisting at all points at critical moments. Har-Graves of the Helena team was the star basket thrower.

The final score was 21 to 15 in favor of Wesleyan. This makes the Helena team state champions.

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MANY DEMOCRATS TO ATTEND

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Corner Dinner—Senator Gorman Invited.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, March 17.—More than eight hundred men well known in public affairs have applied for tickets to the "Amen" corner dinner to Senator Thomas C. Platt on April 4. The guests will be limited to 340.

Prominent among the invited guests, who have accepted are President Roosevelt, Governor Odell, Governor Crane of Massachusetts, Senators Depew, Quay, Penrose, Foraker, Scott of West Virginia, Fairbanks and Aldrich, Mayor Low, Lieutenant Governor Woodruff, ex-Governor Black, Archbishop Ireland, J. Pierpont Morgan, John A. McCall, Levi P. Morton, Judges Haight and Werner of the court of appeals, Speaker Nixon, all of the New York state officials and a score of New York senators and assemblymen.

There will be many democrats as well as republicans at the dinner, which is to be a strictly non-political affair.

Senator Arthur P. Gorman of Maryland, Representative George B. McClellan and others prominent in democratic affairs, but for years frequenters of the "Amen" corner, are among the democrats who have accepted.

PAX TAX ON BEER

JUDGE JAMES DECIDES OUTSIDE BREWERIES MUST SETTLE.

IT IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

Based Upon the Act of Congress of 1890 Amending the Inter State Commerce Law—It Applies to All States.

(By Associated Press.)

Escanaba, Mich., March 17.—In a case in this county Judge James of Marquette has signed an opinion of widespread importance to brewers.

The decision was rendered in a liquor law violation in which Clayton Voorhes is defendant and is to the effect that outside brewers cannot sell their product in the state except on the payment of the wholesale license of \$500 in every community in which they desire to do business through an agent.

Voorhes is accordingly found guilty a charged, having paid no tax while representing a Minneapolis concern as agent.

The effect of the decision will be far reaching, and in particular will hit the Chicago, Milwaukee and Minneapolis brewers, who have a large trade in the upper peninsula.

The decision is based on the act of congress, approved August 8, 1890, amending the interstate commerce law so as to give each state power to control and regulate the sale of all liquors manufactured outside the state and carried into the state for sale.

NO GREEN IN LONDON.

English Humiliated at Irish Rejoicing Over Boer Victory.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, March 17.—The wearing of the green is not likely to be so popular as usual in London today, says the London correspondent of the Tribune.

The pro-Boer demonstration in the house of commons when the news of Lord Methuen's capture was announced has been taken to heart by Englishmen. They have been almost as much humiliated by the Irish reception of the disaster as by the disaster itself.

A great majority of Irish people are strongly opposed to the Boer war and would gladly see it ended by an acknowledgment of the South African republics.

Speaking at a nationalist meeting at Glasgow last night, John Dillon, M. P., called for cheers for Delarey, and the audience responded heartily. The English radicals fail to understand this attitude.

They cannot see that what amoyes England pleases Ireland.

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