

SUDDEN STORM PROSTRATES GOTHAM

TERRIBLE GALE, BRINGING RAIN AND SNOW SWEEPS DOWN ON NEW YORK.

WIRE SERVICE PARALYZED

Western Union and Postal Companies Suffering Conditions as "Worst in Years"—Five Deaths Caused by Storm, Falling Roof Killing Two and Training Hitting Another.

New York, March 1.—A northeast storm sweeping to the northwest, which brought rain then snow, raged today over New York and its vicinity, cutting the city almost completely off from telegraph and telephone communication.

The westbound Twentieth Century limited for Chicago was reported halted by fallen poles across tracks north of Ossining.

Wire Service Crippled.

At local offices of telegraph companies it was said that conditions were among the worst in years. The Western Union's 50 wires to Chicago and most of the 151 wires to Philadelphia were down.

Ships due to reach this port today were held up outside Sandy Hook.

In northern and eastern New Jersey the effect on train and wire service was especially serious.

Albany reported six inches of snow. In New York the weather bureau recorded a fall of 9 1/2 inches.

With many of the streets uncleaned since the recent storm, additional snow today added to the burden of the street cleaning department.

In northern New Jersey the cities of Hoboken, Passaic, New Brunswick and Jersey City and other communities were thrown into darkness at nightfall.

In this city the temperature fell 10 degrees in four hours standing at 23 degrees shortly before midnight.

New Haven, Conn., March 1.—Much damage was done by a furious wind and rainstorm which swept today across Connecticut.

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AFRICAN LABOR HEADS WELCOMED IN LONDON

London, March 1.—One of the largest crowds ever seen in Hyde park assembled today to welcome labor leaders deported from South Africa because of their connection with the general strike.

Processions formed in various parts of the city and marched to the park where from nine platforms, the nine deported men addressed the crowd.

TAPPING THE SUGAR BUSH



IN FREEZING WATER GREAT SWIMMER DIES

ARTHUR R. CAVILL COLLAPSES WHILE SWIMMING IN SEATTLE HARBOR.

Seattle, March 1.—Arthur Cavill, the Australian swimmer, who was the first man to swim the Golden Gate at San Francisco, and who was recognized as the champion swimmer of the world from 1895 to 1906, died of exhaustion today soon after he had been taken from the water after an unsuccessful attempt to swim across Seattle harbor, a distance of three miles.

Cavill started from the west side of the bay and was swimming toward a pier at the foot of Spring street on the central water front. The water was cold and a strong wind and adverse currents took him out of his course so that he swam fully four miles during the hour and 15 minutes he was in the water.

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BOMB EXPLODED IN ENGLISH CHURCH

London, March 1.—A bomb was exploded tonight in St. John's church, Westminster, half an hour after the service had ended and the congregation left for their homes.

WILL OF COBBLER REMEMBERS AUTHOR

SHOEMAKER'S GENEROSITY ASSURES MEMORIAL FOR ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

San Francisco, March 1.—Years ago Robert Louis Stevenson went to Monterey and had his dilapidated shoes mended by George Berthold, a village cobbler, and during the conversation that ensued a strong friendship sprang up between the obscure author and the shoemaker, that endured a lifetime.

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INFERNAL MACHINE BLOWS RECIPIENT TO BITS

FORMER COUNTERFEITER OPENS BOX SENT HIM THROUGH MAIL AND IS KILLED.

Sullivan, Ill., March 1.—Frederick W. Mennerich was killed today by an infernal machine, sent him by mail from Decatur, Ill. He first refused to accept the package, but finally decided that his ability as an expert repairman would prevent ignition of the explosive and attempted to pry open the little tin box.

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WEALTHY MAN KILLED BODY PLACED ON TRACK

Chicago, March 1.—Cassius M. Fairman, a wealthy business man of Oak Park, a suburb, was murdered and his body then was placed across the Chicago and Northwestern railroad tracks in West Chicago, according to police who investigated his death today.

HAITIEN GOVERNMENT WILL BE RECOGNIZED

Washington, March 1.—Haiti's new government, with General Creteaux-Zamor, successful revolutionist, as president, will be recognized immediately by the United States.

SOUTHERN TRIP IS ORDERED HALTED

WASHINGTON GOVERNMENT WILL NOT PERMIT EXAMINATION OF BENTON'S BODY.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE ON

Carranza's Attitude Regarding His Own Supreme Importance Complicates the Mexican Situation—Expectation Is Prevented From Leaving El Paso for Chihuahua.

Washington, March 1.—No examination of the body of William S. Benton, British subject executed by General Villa at Juarez, will be made by the commission composed of American and British government representatives, pending the outcome of an exchange of notes between General Carranza, chief of the Mexican constitutionalists, and the United States government.

Wilson and Bryan.

President Wilson and Secretary Bryan had a conference lasting most of the afternoon, reading the notes from Carranza and other dispatches.

Just what instructions have been sent to American Consul Simplich at Nogales, who is in touch with General Carranza, was not divulged.

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MARSHALL'S CURE FOR DIVORCE IS EASY

New York, March 1.—"My cure for divorce is to kiss your wife every day as an act of good faith," Vice President Marshall said today, addressing the Young Men's Christian association in Brooklyn. He spoke on "The New Puritan." He wondered, he said, how the old Puritan led the life he did—why, for instance, he did not believe in kissing his wife on Sunday.

PROBERS TO HEAR MOTHER JONES TODAY

CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS ARE EXPECTED TO HEAR WOMAN.

Trinidad, Colo., March 1.—It was reported tonight that plans had been made by the congressional strike investigating committee to take tomorrow the testimony of "Mother" Mary Jones. The report that Mother Jones was to be interviewed was given color by the fact that the committee announced that the transfer of the investigation to Walsenburg, originally planned for Monday, had been postponed until Tuesday.

Representatives Byrnes, Evans and Sutherland visited today Raton, N. M.

It is believed that the hearings at Walsenburg will be concluded in time to get the committee back to Denver by the last of this week.

Provisional plans have been made for taking testimony at some point in the northern Colorado coal fields and in Routt county. Hearings in this district, if held at all, will be brief.

NEVADA JARRED.

Reno, Nev., March 1.—Four distinct earthquakes were felt today in Reno and vicinity. The first occurred at 1:15 this morning and was of several seconds' duration.

A WINDSTORM.

Baltimore, Md., March 1.—A wind storm which at times attained a velocity of more than 50 miles an hour swept over this city tonight. Roofs and signs were blown down over all the city and plateglass windows in many business houses were broken.

BAD MONEY MAKERS IN COLORADO CAUGHT

Greely, Colo., March 1.—James Haynes, alias Blackie Haynes, and his father-in-law, W. S. Tipton, were arrested today by a government secret service agent and Sheriff S. J. McAtfee, and four moulds, two for use in counterfeiting silver dollars, and two for half-dollars, were confiscated.

Goddard said Tipton had been convicted of counterfeiting in Georgia in 1905, and was a notorious counterfeiter.

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CARRANZA FULLY EXPECTED TO IGNORE LATEST REQUEST

Nogales, Sonora, March 1.—The state department at Washington took up today with General Carranza the difficulty of a Spanish subject named Ruiz, in territory controlled by the constitutionalists.

General Carranza was to have left tomorrow on his trip to Chihuahua by way of Cananea, but it was announced that he would not depart for several days. It was explained that the recent dealing with the Washington government over the complaints of foreigners in Mexico had created a con-

dition which the insurgent chief did not wish to leave unsettled before his overland march into the eastern border state.

The message from Secretary Bryan regarding the Spaniard, Ruiz, had been sent before the receipt at Washington of General Carranza's note in the Benton case. Ruiz represented the owners of a large quantity of tobacco which had been confiscated by the insurgent officials of Tepic territory, according to the information received at Washington.

"GOOD" TRUST IS SHIPPING COMBINE

HOUSE COMMITTEE SAYS TO DISOLVE BIG OCTOPUS WOULD CRIPPLE TRADE.

SUGGESTIONS ARE GIVEN

Various Water Carrier Lines, Foreign and Domestic, Are Operating Under Agreements as to Rates—Recommendations Are That Interstate Commerce Commission Judge Trust.

Washington, March 1.—Foreign and domestic shipping of the United States is so controlled by agreements, pools and conference arrangements that an attempt to dissolve the combinations would cripple trade.

This is the conclusion reached by the house merchant marine and fisheries committee in the final report of the so-called shipping trust investigation made public today. The committee, after two years of inquiry, recommends that both foreign and domestic shipping combinations be placed under control of the interstate commerce commission and that if necessary the commission be enlarged to care for the additional work.

The recommendations of the commission are embodied in the 148th volume of its report, just compiled, and set forth that shipping lines in practically every trade route from or to the United States ports are operated by agreement or conference to restrain competition.

It is beneficial.

The report says that the advantages accruing to both shipper and ship line through these agreements are so great that the combinations should be allowed to continue under the supervision of the interstate commerce commission as to rates, classification, rebates and discrimination. It would be futile, the committee asserts, to attempt to restore competition by ordering existing agreements terminated.

The report deals with 800 foreign and domestic navigation companies and 200 railroad lines.

In a statement summarizing the committee's findings and recommendations, Chairman Underhill said: "Relative to the foreign trade, the report shows that it is the almost universal practice for steamship lines, both on the inbound and outbound voyage, to operate under agreements and conference arrangements which have for their purpose the control of competition between the conference lines or between them and non-conference lines. Eighty agreements or understandings, involving nearly all the regular lines operating on any given day, American foreign trade routes, are in effect, dealing respectively with the traffic to and from Europe, Africa, Australia, Asia, South America, Mexico, Central America and the West Indies.

In the few instances where several lines served the same trade and denied the existence of co-operative arrangements, it appears that one line was sufficiently powerful to dominate the other lines and without effecting any definite agreement, obtain the desired conditions in rates. The agreements referred to present 14 distinct methods by which the lines seek to control competition either through the fixing and regulation of rates, the apportionment of traffic, the pooling of earnings or the elimination of non-conference lines.

Domestic Trade.

"With reference to the domestic trade the facts show that competition in rates between steamship lines has been effectively eliminated as in the foreign trade. In this trade, however, written or formal agreements are rarely made and the elimination of competition in rates has been accomplished by other methods.

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