

WASHINGTON IN GRIP OF HEAVIEST SNOW FALL SINCE 1899.

ALEXANDRIA IN HARD STORM

Nearby City Practically Cut Off From Outside World.

Special Dispatch to The Star. ALEXANDRIA, Va., January 28 (Special).—The worst snowstorm since 1917 hit Alexandria yesterday afternoon and has practically cut off the city from the outside world, although traffic between here and Washington is still open. The trolley lines are having a hard time keeping their tracks clear, however. Milk wagons, bread wagons and practically all motor vehicles coming into the city this morning were tied up, many never reaching the city. It is the worst storm encountered in years and more than eighteen inches had fallen by noon today. The telephone and telegraph companies reported that wire service is working all right. At the union railway station this morning trains from the south were reported running "man hours behind time" and it was stated that there had been no trains for the south since 3 o'clock this morning. The Washington, Philadelphia and Baltimore and New York morning papers did not arrive and all mail from the north was delayed. Alexandria employees in Washington were unable to get to that city. The buses of the Alexandria motor bus line up to 10 o'clock today were running at intervals, being unable to maintain any regular schedule. The city market this morning was deserted, there being no country people there. A tractor was seen early this morning hauling in a snowbound bread wagon. Several large sleds were out this morning. As a result of the storm many poor persons are suffering, being unable to obtain fuel to heat their homes. Mayor Duncan today notified Chief of Police Goods to have the police notify him of any persons found stranded and their wants will be looked after. Early this morning an army of snow shovelers was busy clearing off the snow from sidewalks, and judging from present appearances it will be several days before the task is completed.

U. S. CLERKS QUIT EARLY TO FIGHT WAY TO HOMES

Practically all the government departments excused employees early today, in order to give them a chance to reach their way home against the storm. At the Post Office Department a series of "staggered quitting hours" was put into effect. Employees who live in the suburbs were allowed to quit work at 1:45 o'clock, and those who live in a medium distance away were allowed to go at 2:15 o'clock, and those near the office at 2:30 p.m. Employees of the State, War and Navy building, of the District government, and other offices were excused at different early periods, so that they might be able to get home before the crowds. The Department of Commerce excused workmen employees at 3:30 p.m. in the belief that this would be the last time for them to get a start on all others who might be attempting to get home.

SENATORS FIGHT WAY THROUGH SNOW TO WORK

Forty-nine senators, a bare working number, fought their way through snowdrifts today to the Capitol. Some of them found the going so difficult that they did not get to the Capitol until half an hour's delay consideration of the allied debt refunding bill was resumed. Senators of North Carolina, leader in the democratic fight on the bill, was snowbound in his suburban home, reporting as deep as five feet. Many other senators living in the suburbs also were unable to reach the Capitol, but Senator North and many other senators who live just outside the District in Maryland, fought his way through. Senator from Kansas, the republican whip, had to plunge several blocks through the snow before he could reach the Capitol. Many other senators had a similar experience. With the storm showing no signs of abating, the Senate reached an agreement to limit debate on the debt bill beginning at 11 a.m. that day. Many senators were of the opinion that if the Senate remained in session until Monday they might become marooned at the Capitol.

GEN. CROWDER'S MOTHER DIES HERE AT AGE OF 88

Native of Missouri, She Came to Washington Two Years Ago and Made Home Here. Mrs. Mary Crowder, mother of Maj. Gen. Enoch M. Crowder, former judge advocate general and former provost marshal, died at her home here at 88 o'clock this morning at her residence in the Marlborough apartments, 917 15th street northwest. Mrs. Crowder would have been eighty-nine years of age had she lived until June 1 next. Mrs. Crowder's demise was due to the disabilities of advanced age. She had been a sufferer from a long illness for the past year or two, and had on several occasions been a patient at the Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, where she died. She was connected with her death. Three or four children were with her when she died. Mrs. Crowder was a native of Colorado Springs, Colo. Mrs. Crowder came from Kansas City to Washington about two years ago and had made her home since that time. She was a native of Missouri, and had recently returned from Cuba, where she had been connected with the elections and finances of the island republic. As provost marshal general during the world war, he had a large share of the successful execution of the new selective service law, which was so large a part of the ultimate defeat of the central powers. No definite arrangements for the funeral have been made, but it is expected that the body will be taken to Trenton, Mo., where Gen. Crowder's father, who died twenty-five years ago, is buried.

SNOW-SHOVEL BEATING BREAKS MAN'S SKULL

Moses S. Smith, Colored, Attacked While Clearing Sidewalk and Several Men Are Held. Beaten over the head with a snow shovel until his skull was fractured, Moses S. Smith, colored, thirty-nine years old, 608 South Washington street, Alexandria, Va., is in a serious condition at the Emergency Hospital and is not expected to recover. Leo Paul (Chuck) Connors, Charles G. Switzer and Paul E. Schwitzer, all of 1423 R street, and George King of Richmond, Va., are being held by the police at New Jersey avenue in connection with the assault on Smith. Lucille Catherine Cogswell, twenty years old, 249 14th street southwest, also is being held as a witness. Smith, who is employed at the Washington Garage, 1312 E street, was clearing the snow from the front of the establishment about 2 o'clock this morning when a crowd of men stopped and shoved him from the front of the establishment. He was pushed to the ground until he was unconscious. He was rushed to the Emergency Hospital in the ambulance operated by Randolph J. Johnson. Headquarters Detectives Sweeney and Messer, who investigated the case, arrested the men named and held them for investigation, pending the outcome of Smith's condition.

MAJ. FOWLER RELIEVED.

Maj. Raymond F. Fowler, Corps of Engineers, has been relieved from duty at Camp Travis, Tex., and ordered to Philadelphia for duty with the National Guard of Pennsylvania.

ASSIGNED TO BATTLESHIP.

Lieut. Commander James T. Alexander, of the naval station, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, has been detailed to the battleship Tennessee.

MANY STREET CARS STRANDED IN SNOW

Washington Railway and Electric Company, announced that the various car lines had been instructed to hire laborers to sweep the tracks. Arrangements also have been made to obtain the services of fifty soldiers to clear the tracks on Georgia avenue north of W street. Charles T. Clagett, division manager for Washington of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, today appealed to Washingtonians to make only necessary telephone calls. He said that no trouble has developed on any part of the mechanical plant of the company, but that difficulty is being experienced in getting operators from their homes to the exchange offices. The company began early this morning dispatching a fleet of trucks to remove the snow from the streets. A number of these became snowbound and the operators were arriving at the offices late.

WORST SNOW SINCE 1899 GRIPS D. C.

Mobiles exceedingly difficult, traffic almost impossible in most cases only along more or less swept-off street car tracks. One station along Pennsylvania avenue presented the sign on its door, "Closed on account of the storm."

SOLDIERS IGNORE STORM. Brave the Great Snowfall to Get Permits to Marry.

Even an unprecedented snow storm has no terrors for men who saw action in the trenches of France, and especially when they are bent on matrimony. This was shown today when first sergeants of the 10th Cavalry, before Col. W. A. Kroll, the license clerk, were soldiers. Those who ventured forth to obtain the license desired permit to wed were Lucie E. Davis of Old Fort, N. C.; Richard Berryman, who has been in the army since 1914; and David H. Steadman. All three had served or are now in the Army.

SENTENCES PUT OFF. Snowstorm Prevents Session of District Supreme Court.

The excessive snowfall clogged the wheels of justice today in the District Supreme Court. Chief Justice McCoy and Justice Bailey were at the courthouse, and the court was held in session, but the request of the few lawyers that braved the inclement conditions. The United States marshal did not attempt to send the combersome van for the prisoners, as a precaution against it becoming snowbound. The court was adjourned until Monday had been scheduled for today.

TRAFFIC HELD UP. Derailed Cars Tie Up Tracks Indefinitely.

Five important spots where derailed street cars are liable to hold up traffic indefinitely were given by the Washington Railway and Electric Company at noon today, as follows: At the intersection of New Jersey and G, H and I streets northeast, and at the intersection of G, H and I streets and North Capitol and T streets and Brookland. Tenth Street Line—All cars out of line, but congested, due to cars off track at many points. Tenth Street Line—Service disrupted at 10 o'clock last night and absolutely snowbound.

MASS FOR POPE HELD. Solemn pontifical mass for the repose of the soul of the late Pope Benedict XV held at St. Patrick's Church this morning at 10 o'clock.

SNOW LIGHT IN NORTH. Philadelphia Had Only Four Inches This Morning.

PHILADELPHIA, January 28.—The only train from the south on the Pennsylvania line was held up at night passed through here before 9 a.m. today. It left the National Capital at 4:23 a.m. and carried sleepers and day coaches. The train was held up at 12:15 and 12:20 a.m. trains. The Pennsylvania said there was no serious interruption to service north of Baltimore. Snow was falling here today and had reached a depth of four inches at 10 a.m. SAVANNAH, Ga., January 27.—Street car service was resumed on a limited scale here today after being ice-bound, but there was no street

ROCKVILLE. ROCKVILLE, Md., January 28 (Special).—According to reports submitted at a meeting Wednesday evening, the Rockville volunteer fire department organized ten years ago, is in a flourishing condition. The statement of Treasurer F. Baché Albert showed that more than \$2,200 has been raised by the organization, and that the expenditures were for installing a fire-alarm system, the purchase of fire hose and other equipment, a substantial payment on the fire truck and pump recently purchased at a cost of about \$2,000 and repairs to fire-fighting apparatus. Arrangements are in progress for holding a smoker in February, and Wilson S. Ward, chairman of the committee of arrangements, has also begun getting ready for the big carnival to be given on July 4. In the presence of a small gathering of relatives and friends, Miss Annie Marie Miles of Hyattsville and Philip S. Linticum of Clarksburg were married Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Wallace M. Brashers, pastor of the Methodist Church at Clarksburg. The funeral of James O. Easton, fifty-two years old, who was killed Wednesday afternoon while operating a saw mill at Scotland, Md., was held in the Methodist Church at Lay Hill. The services were conducted by the pastor, and burial was in the cemetery nearby.

ALL STAR EMPLOYEES TO TURN NEWSBOYS

A great many friends of The Star have volunteered to assist in delivering the paper. With all trains from the north and south practically at a standstill, The Star will probably be one of the few papers in this city with the current news. For the benefit of those who wish to help, the list of stations where The Star is delivered by trucks and cars is printed. Any one wishing to assist in the delivery of the paper is urged to report at one of the following stations. The name of the route agent and reach there are also given. Route Agent Stations. Principal stations from which delivery is made in different sections of the city (see many substations in every section): Southeast. C. G. Morgan, 6th and Virginia avenue southwest. Northwest. H. W. Leese, North Capitol and K streets. C. C. Wilkinson, 6th and C streets northeast. H. B. Bennett, 8th and F streets northeast. North. W. H. Moore, 5th and I streets northeast. G. Austin, Georgia avenue and Park road northwest. G. W. Ricketts, Georgia avenue and Columbia road northwest. G. J. Quinn, Wisconsin avenue and M street northwest. J. L. Kearney, 10th and Rhode Island avenue northwest. J. A. Whitford, 14th and Florida avenue northwest. George E. Boyd, 14th and T streets northwest. G. E. Crampton, 14th and Girard streets northwest. W. E. Jeemann, 19th and Kalamazoo road, northwest. Dupont Circle. E. H. Musson, 17th and P streets northwest. W. C. Magee, 14th and L streets northwest.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC BEARS BRUNT OF STORM

CORDING to police, their drivers being unable to move them. CLEAR STATE HIGHWAY. Sleet on Snow Feared in North Carolina. RALEIGH, N. C., January 28.—With seven inches of snow thoroughly packed, with about one-half inch of sleet, covering this section as far as the state highway system between North Carolina Thursday and Friday, snow began falling here again at 7 o'clock this morning, with no signs of a let-up at 10 o'clock. Three hundred maintenance gangs were ordered out by Frank Page, highway commissioner for North Carolina, this afternoon, with instructions to remove the snow from 6,000 miles of roads in the state highway system between Baltimore and Philadelphia, was reported hard and fast in the ice in upper Chesapeake bay.

GOVERNMENT WORKERS HELD UP BY BLIZZARD

Thousands of government employees were late in coming to work today because of the early blizzard. There would be many absentees, but in the course of the day storm-bound employees were able to come in and cut down the absentee list. Chief clerks of the several departments showed that there were few absentees, and these were mostly in the customs, labor, war and navy departments. Many absentees were reported, but there were no figures available and employees in the offices would not hazard a guess. In the Interior Department there were said to be few absentees, but in the Department of Agriculture many were reported as absent. Several of the departments were without knowledge of the number of absentees. At the office of the chief clerk of the Department of Justice, it was said that they didn't know whether they had any absentees or not.

BEGIN SECOND SEMESTER.

Business and Tech High night schools will begin the second semester Wednesday and new classes will be organized in each of these institutions. Announcing the opening of the new semester, Principal F. E. Lucas of the Business High Night School said that new classes will be started in each of the following subjects: shorthand, penmanship, English, bookkeeping, elementary accounting, commercial law, penmanship and possibly some other subjects. Classes to be organized at the Tech High Night School, it was announced by Principal G. W. Rippey, will include beginning French, Spanish, solid geometry and two classes in American history. Registration in chemistry, physics, electricity, shop and mechanical drawing is now in progress.

COMMANDER ORDERED HERE.

Lieut. Commander George A. Riker, Naval Medical Corps, attached to the receiving ship at San Francisco, has been ordered to this city for duty at the Washington navy yard.

MAJOR ORDERED HERE.

Maj. James K. Cockrell, cavalry, at Camp Evans, N. C., has been ordered to this city for duty in the office of the chief of cavalry, War Department.

STREET CLEANING DEPARTMENT Planning to Dig City Out of Snow.

With every available man on to-day clearing crosswalks and clearing sidewalks, the District street cleaning department announced it will take on approximately 150 extra laborers for work tomorrow. Applicants should apply at the street cleaning stables, between 9th and 10th, and G streets, north of the city. "We do not need foremen or inspectors," said T. V. Costigan, superintendent of the department. "We want men to wield shovels." No attempt is being made by Morrison's shovelers to get into the city refuse, to collect ashes, trash or garbage, today. Many of the drivers of Morrison's shovels are working on the plows, in opening up the streets. This morning thirty of these horse-plows were started out from the District stables at 4th and M streets, north of the city, and they were way through the snow banks to the downtown section of the city. It took them a considerable time to get to the business section, but they had to push aside the snow as they traveled along. One of the chief difficulties of the District street cleaners will be to keep from piling the snow too high as it is shoveled away from the crossings downtown. Wherever possible, snow banks will be taken off and the snow piled back into the streets. "We will not be able to make much headway in digging Washington out of the snow as long as it continues to fall," said Mr. Costigan. "But if it stops by night we will turn out as many men as possible tomorrow to open up the streets for traffic." Chief Watson of the fire department last night gave orders to members of the fire department to get ready to use the apparatus for use in emergency. Should an apparatus become stalled in the snow, it will be necessary to use much time might be prevented by using the shovels to get the wheels clear. The truck companies, four engine companies and two chiefs responded to an alarm sounded about midnight at the intersection of an alleyway at Columbia road and 17th street. Practically no loss of time was occasioned by the snow. Chief Watson stated, although the grounds were bad. The alarm was sounded at midnight, and it took twenty minutes later the companies were back in quarters.

PRESIDENT STARTS PROBE OF LOANS

President Harding, it was said by the White House, will investigate reports that banks in the west and the southwest have been loaning federal funds provided by the War Finance Corporation at rates which are above the legal percentage allowed, and which have been charged usurious. The usual rate declared for federal loans to farmers and stock raisers is 5 per cent, and the rate for other loans is 6 per cent. It was said, but the stock raisers have been charged rates varying from 10 to 12 per cent, in many instances a commission has also been charged. Secretary Fall Reports. Secretary Fall, in the cabinet meeting yesterday, it was said by White House officials, made a report on the situation to the President, who inquired about the loaning of federal funds by Eugene C. Cantford, Eugene Meyer, jr., managing director of the War Finance Corporation, who verified the report. Mr. Cantford, who went to the White House, told the President personally that most of the loans to stock raisers were for the purpose of handling the loans at the general rate of 5 1/2 per cent, and that in only a few instances the rate had been as high as 10 per cent. Mr. Meyer said he had learned that the stock raisers had been charging as much as 12 per cent for six months loan, and charging an extra 2 per cent commission for each renewal. Legal Rate Allowed. The legal rate banks allowed to charge the stock raisers over the federal rate of 5 1/2 per cent, it was said, was 10 per cent. That rate is to cover the cost of inspection and the risk on the loans and other expenses. It was not indicated at the White House just what steps would be taken against the banks for violating the laws. In that respect, but it was said the first move might be to refuse further federal moneys to such banks. President Harding, it was understood, received reports with deep feeling and promised action, saying that the raising of federal moneys for agricultural and stock raising purposes was supposed to be for the benefit of the farmer and does not sanction usury in any connection. HYATTSVILLE. HYATTSVILLE, Md., January 28 (Special).—An interesting program is being arranged for the meeting of the Prince George's County Teachers' Association to be held in the school building of Georgetown University, beginning at 10 o'clock next Friday. Officers have been installed for 1922 by J. A. F. and A. M., of Hyattsville, as follows: H. B. Hoffman, Hyattsville, was named secretary; William E. Spire, Mount Rainier, junior warden; S. M. McMillan, Riverdale, secretary; William A. Shepherd, Hyattsville, treasurer; Rev. Charles E. McAllister, Hyattsville, chaplain; and J. E. Speake, Riverdale, secretary. The program for the evening will be: "Around the World in Eighty Days," was not an exaggeration, said yesterday of pneumonia in St. Mark's Hospital. She was born Elizabeth Cochrane at Cochrane's Mills, Armstrong county, Pa., and began newspaper work while young. In 1887 she joined the World staff and quickly attracted attention by an expose of abuses in the Blackwell's Island Insane Asylum. Feigning insanity, she gained admission to the institution and showed up the defects of management. Reforms followed publication of her story. She began her famous trip around the world November 14, 1893, and completed it January 25, 1895, in seventy-two days, six hours, eleven minutes and fourteen seconds, having found time en route to stop off at America, France, and interview Jules Verne. Her exploit attracted worldwide attention. She was married in 1895 to Robert L. Seaman, an aged and wealthy Brooklyn manufacturer, whom she met at a banquet in Chicago. COMMANDER ORDERED HERE. MAJOR ORDERED HERE.

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