

HEAVY DAMAGE THROUGHOUT THE STATE BY THE WORST STORMS SINCE THE WRECK ON DERBY LINE

OLD FASHIONED NEW ENGLAND HAS CITY HITS GRASP TWELVE INCH SNOW FALL WITH TERRIFIC GALE PARALYZES NEW ENGLAND

Trains, Completely Tied Up Yesterday, Running Late and Irregularly Today—Trolley Service Improving Still Badly Crippled—Little Damage to Property Reported—Mayor Dissatisfied With Progress of Street Department in Clearing Away the Snow—Lots of Work for Everyone.

Facts About the Big Storm: Weather Observer Jennings says the snowfall was 12 inches on the level, one of the biggest since blizzard of 1887, when the fall was 13.4 inches.

The storm was accompanied by the highest tide within the memory of the oldest local harbormen. Trains today from Boston are running an hour or more late.

Trolley service is nearly normal. Suburban service very uncertain. Plenty of work is to be had shoveling snow, either from private driveways or from the city.

Two trolley cars, stalled in Milford since Saturday night, returned here with their crews this morning. The crews camped in the cars.

At 10 o'clock this morning the first car pierced the snow drifts beyond Milford and made the Bridgeport division. Telegraph wires to the east are in bad shape, but messages are going through without much delay through roundabout circuits.

Telephone wires are now mostly underground in this vicinity, and the trouble as experienced with telephonic communication.

The bodies of the conductor and motorman drowned in a trolley car wreck in Seymour were recovered today.

Aside from the trolley mishap, only one fatality, the drowning of a small boy in Torrington while skating, has been reported throughout the state.

Despite the heavy wind, there was no damage to shipping, most craft being tied up in the harbor. Bridgeport escaped more fortunately than did other Connecticut cities, the average fall reported being 12 inches on the level of the Bridgeport division.

Both on the wings of a terrific gale, swept from the Pacific coast, over through Texas, up the Mississippi valley, over the Allegheny mountains, and through New England, the biggest blizzard since February, 1907, and one of the few real whoppers since the memorable storm of 1888, enveloped this section in a snow blanket 12 inches deep. It would have been a uniform 12 inches if it weren't for the 40 to 50 mile per hour gale.

Weather Since Feb. 1907. Weather Observer William Jennings says this is the worst storm since February, 1907. He hasn't had a chance to delve into his records for the last score of years, but he would say off-hand that this is one of the few worst storms since the blizzard of '88. The snow fall was 12 inches on the level, one of the biggest since 1888, enveloped this section in a snow blanket 12 inches deep.

Death and Disaster in Wake. In the wake of the storm came death and disaster. A double trolley car plunged from an embankment along the Naugatuck river at Seymour, and motorman and conductor were killed.

High Tide on Record. Bridgeport had the highest tide yesterday ever experienced, something like 12 feet above mean low water. The wind at its height was at times nearly 60 miles an hour, and the more exposed places were almost impossible.

Telephone System Held Up. Thanks to the underground wires of the S. N. E. Tel. Co., the telephone service remained almost intact. Telegraph wires on the east side of the city were cut in places, but the damage was not serious.

Trolley and Train Service. The storm knocked the train and trolley schedules galley west. Trains ran as much as 12 hours late, and when the storm had subsided there was no attempt to run on anything like schedules.

making use of this place, with the result that much time is lost in waiting for a chance to get the water front at the narrow strip of public wharfage.

Two gangs of 20 men each were dispatched to clean the city, one on the east side, one on the west side, to clear crosswalks, open sewer wells, and open hydrants to guard against fire. More men will be employed as fast as they can be obtained.

The board of apportionment provided no specific fund as in the past for snow cleaning, the entire fund is known as the street cleaning fund. It was \$18,000. There is \$10,000 still left, to run to April 1.

BRANCH PLEADS GUILTY TO ASSAULT ON AGED MOTHER

"Do you think I've got common sense?" asked aged Mrs. Elizabeth Branch in the Superior court this afternoon when Attorney A. T. Bates, counsel for her son, Russell C. Branch of Danbury, who is on trial for assault with intent to murder, asked her if the carbolic acid which burned her face so was not taken by herself in mistake for some other liquid.

Branch was equally indignant when she stated that she had no carbolic acid in the house. She, however, admitted that she often used that poisonous liquid for killing bed bugs, but that there was none in her possession during the past summer.

On recommendation of his counsel, Attorney A. T. Bates, Russell C. Branch this afternoon pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of assault with intent to kill.

The court in accepting the lesser charge stated that he took into consideration the fact that the accused appeared to him to be mentally unbalanced, and sentenced him to not less than three or more than five years in State's prison.

"JIM" RILEY HERE

James Whitcomb Riley, not the famous Hoosier poet, but a versatile journalist of Buffalo, in addition to his editorial position on the Times of that city, is also private secretary to Norman R. Meek, chairman of the board of the Erie trolley system.

Three cars were run through to Shelton yesterday, one in the morning, one in the afternoon, and the third at night. No cars ran to New Haven. Today cars were run to Milford, and violent attacks were made on the trolley cars between Woodmont and Milford.

Cars were run to Norwalk yesterday, but with no semblance of regularity. Old trolley men were assigned to the snow plows, and the new men, nearly 50 per cent. of the entire employes, were given the stiffer task of running the regular cars.

FOREMAN NELSON GIVEN GIFTS BY LOCO EMPLOYEES

Noon hour Friday at Loco works found a crowd gathered in the carpenter's shop to make presentation to the foreman, W. Nelson. Chas. Webb acted as spokesman. The gifts were a fountain pen, and a combination set, including shaving, razors, etc., closed in an ornate leather case.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Christmas afternoon at the rectory of St. Paul's church, Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Woyton announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ethel Nettie Kenyon, to Mr. William R. Fray of Brooklyn, N. Y.

WANTED—Young girl to take care of baby. 374 Iranistan Ave. T 27 b o

IF YOU SUFFERED WITH CORNS the best remedy is to get them attended to before they become serious. Consult Dr. Mansfield, Room 201 Meigs building. a

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Snow Fell on Average of 18 Inches in Connecticut, and Blizzard Weather Raised Havoc with Trolleys, Telegraph and Telephone Wires, Besides Putting Steam Cars to Severe Test

Roof of Vestibule Chopped Through While Car Is Suspended at End of Cables—Motorman and Conductor Caught Like Rats in Trap When Heavy Car Plunged Over 40 Foot Embankment Into River—Passengers Escape Narrowly.

(Special from United Press.) Seymour, Dec. 27.—Although Coroner left New Haven early this morning to investigate the cause of the derailment of south bound car No. 236 from Waterbury for this town yesterday, which plunged over a 40 foot embankment into the Naugatuck river, the bodies of the conductor and the motorman were recovered shortly after 3 o'clock this morning by a wrecking crew of the Connecticut company from Ansonia. Early in the afternoon, it is believed that the accident occurred at 12:30 o'clock.

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Brookton, Mass., Dec. 27.—Wreckage of tangled wires, shattered poles and crippled telegraph and telephone systems constituted the damage by the storm in this city. The property loss will exceed \$10,000 and it will take at least three days to have anything like order out of the chaos.

Experts declare the storm has been a Cuba disaster of the wires than was the blizzard of '98. The storm did a vast amount of damage at Brant Rock. Several cottages were taken down, and the town and surrounding area were a shambles.

New York, Dec. 27.—With 10,000 men adding the regular force of 3,700 "White Wings" in cleaning its streets and sidewalks, New York is today rapidly recovering from the blizzard and snow storm of Xmas Day and Sunday.

Stamford, Dec. 27.—The storm in Stamford and vicinity was the most severe since the great winter storm reported is not serious. The wind smashed a few plate glass windows and blew down some trees.

Norwalk, Dec. 27.—Norwalk is just beginning to emerge from the worst of the storm. The wind and the continuous drifting of the snow which caused the greatest trouble, practically ceased.

Chelsea, where a tidal wave swept the town, making 2,000 homeless and drowning 20 horses and 100 cows. Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Harlin were drowned in their beds and Michael Callahan, an aged man, died of shock while being brought from the second story of his flood-swept home to an unidentified baby.

What the tale of death at Plymouth will be, is still unknown, that port today being entirely isolated by wire. Late last night, however, portions of the town were cut off by drifting ice and it is believed certain some of them sank.

WANTED—Good lathe hand. Hitchcock Gas Engine Co., 130 Seaview avenue. T 27 b o

WANTED—Competent girl for general housework. Apply 235 Beechwood Ave. T 27 b o

TO RENT—Four nice rooms on second floor, all improvements, 547 Jane street, apply first floor. T 27 s p

TOOL GRINDER WANTED—First class man, experienced at punch, die, jig and fixture work. Apply Union Typewriter Co.

AFTER A STORM comes a calm, if the last two days do not convince you that winter has come, the demand for boots and rubbers will help you some, at O'Neill's. a

TRAINED NURSE will take an invalid or elderly person into her home. Daintily furnished room, good board and care. Telephone connection. Terms moderate. Address Trained Nurse, care of Farmer, 107 W. Main St. T 27 s p

OUR SPECIALTY—Country Fork, Pig's Hoops and Brautwursts a Nag's Head. E. Main St. G 15 t f 135

PRICES have gone up and will go higher, cover your boiler and pipes now. J. F. Welsh, 114 Kosuth street. H 18 t f 0531

GUINEA HENS, ducks, roasting chickens, broilers, fowl, liver pudding, sausage meat, bologna. E. M. Moore & Bitts. G 15 t 1350

WHEN YOU WANT a good Derby or soft hat, see Jim at 374 East Main street. You know what James J. Sheehan. D 14 t f 135

PRATT'S CAFE, 137 Fairfield Ave. Is sure to have what you want in ales, wines and liquors. Do not forget the fine free lunch served daily. G 28 t 1350

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WEATHER FORECAST Partly cloudy tonight; fair, slightly colder tomorrow.

PRICE ONE CENT

UNCLASSIFIED

PAINTER and Paper Hanger, works by day or contract. Paints and papers room, \$5.50. Good material. Good Job. Geaton's, 592 Broad street.

FOR SALE—Six room cottage on Newbury street, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 493, 495, 497, 499, 501, 503, 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