



MAY FACE STARVATION

Towns Along North Shore Have Famine.

CUT OFF BY THE ICE

Now Living on Canned Goods and Waiting the Coming of Aid.

EFFORTS TO REACH THEM FAIL

Unless Provisions Come Soon Suffering Will Be Intense—Territory Around Cascade Locks in Grip of Severe Blizzard.

CASCADE LOCKS, Ore., Jan. 30.—Cascade Locks and all the little towns on either side of the Columbia for quite a distance have been locked in the grip of the severest blizzard of the season. At this point 18 inches of snow fell the first of the week in almost as many hours, and this, as in the case of Portland, turned to sleet and mist later, putting all telegraph and telephone lines out of commission and completely paralyzing all train and boat schedules.

River traffic suffered even worse. The Dalles City, which went up Saturday, was caught in a huge jam off Memorial Island and it required the combined efforts of the Hercules, the Capital City and the Kellogg to release her. She passed down late Sunday evening. Later the Kellogg got wedged into floating ice and wallowed for hours Monday before she picked up a free channel.

This condition has filled the people on this side of the river with gravest doubts as to the situation in the smaller towns on the Washington side. Not one of the regular steamers has stopped with supplies at Stevenson, Carson or Collins since two weeks ago Saturday, and it was reported here before the wires went down that the people there were in great need, and that unless their stock of provisions was replenished within the next few days the suffering would be intense. These little settlements depend on Cascade Locks for provisions when the river is in such shape that commodities from Portland cannot be landed without hazard, but the launches from here, although making repeated efforts to fight their way through the ice floes and slush jams, have been compelled to put back. No boats from the other side have dared brave the ice since the middle of last week, and the situation must be critical. The greatest need of the people there is flour, potatoes and meat. It is said that many of them have had nothing to eat except canned stuff for many days. Daily efforts will be made to force the launches through the ice with sufficient supplies on board to tide the residents on the other side over until the regular boats are able to call as before.

The Wind City Lumber Company was compelled to close down its large plant here Monday for an indefinite period, throwing about 100 men out of employment. The various logging camps have also ceased operations adding approximately the same number of men to the list of unemployed.

The snow is about 20 inches deep on the level, and no traffic of any sort is attempted on the highways. The continued cold has driven herds of bobcats down out of the mountain and nightly raids on the hen-coops are a common thing. Posses armed with

every sort of weapon known to modern warfare have taken up the hunting of the pests as a diversion during their days of idleness, and the crack of the rifle is heard continuously in the hills.

GOVERNOR ASSASSINATED.

Russian Official Who Caused Prisoners to be Flogged is Killed.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 30.—M. Guldeba, governor of the political prison in Vasil Ostroff, a suburb of this city, was shot while walking in the main street of the island today, and died immediately.

The assassin, a youth of 18, dressed as a workman, emerged from a tea house as M. Guldeba was passing on his way home and shot him twice in the stomach. The youth also shot and mortally wounded a prison ward who accompanied M. Guldeba, and who pursued the assassin. The latter disappeared and the police have been unable to find any trace of him.

Guldeba was sentenced to death by the local group of terrorists for the merciless use of the lash in suppressing the "hunger strike" which the prisoners on Basil Island declared a fortnight ago as a protest against the killing by a guard of a prisoner who was leaning out of a window. Guldeba caused the prisoners to be flogged in order to force them to eat.

ITALIAN OFFICER DEAD.

ROME, Jan. 30.—General Pennaehio, commander of carabinieri in the Italian army, is dead. He succeeded General Gloria, who took charge of the international police in Macedonia.

ONE VACANT CHAIR

Jury in Thaw Case Receives Additions from Talesmen.

NEW NUMBER SIX SUPPLIED

Third Panel is Called and Will Be Started Upon Tomorrow—Record Broken by Examination of Sixty-five Talesmen.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—There was but a single vacant chair in the Thaw jury box when court adjourned today and it is expected that tomorrow afternoon, at the latest, District Attorney Jerome will begin his opening address to the jury. Then the defendant, his wife and all the members of his family who are able to be in court must listen to the story of the roof garden tragedy, told in all the dramatic detail within the power of the public prosecutor to portray. Two jurors were assigned to the trial panel today, making eleven in all. In the effort to complete the jury the attorneys exhausted the second panel, and another new panel of 100 talesmen were summoned for a new trial. The twelfth juror will be chosen from the new list and should be in the box before the noon recess. Sixty-five talesmen were examined today, breaking all records of the trial thus far. The highest previous number was 51. One of the jurors selected today was Harry C. Brearly, an advertising agent. He took the place of Harold R. Fair, juror No. 6, who was dropped yesterday. Juror No. 11 was Henry I. Kleinberger, a silk merchant.

LORDS VISIT AMERICA.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—Lord Charles and Lord Marcus Beresford sail today for the United States. Their visit is connected with the bequest to them of an estate valued at \$1,000,000 by their brother, Delavan Beresford, a resident of Mexico, who was killed in a railroad accident in the United States.

MAY REACH SOLUTION

Vexed Problem of Japs Being Discussed.

PRESIDENT MAY DECIDE

California Delegation Conference With Roosevelt Satisfactory.

SCHOOL BOARD STILL FIRM

Refuses to Accept Compromise That Will Admit Japanese to Other Than Specially Provided Schools.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—After two hours of conference at the White House tonight, regarding the Japanese question on the Pacific coast, the California delegation in congress authorized the statement that the delegation had a full and harmonious discussion with the President, Secretary of State and Secretary of the Navy on the serious questions relating to the Japanese on the Pacific coast, and that they are confident that a solution will be reached satisfactory to all concerned. The statement says, as a result of the meeting of the delegation, tonight, they telegraphed to the president of the San Francisco Board of Education and the superintendent of schools there to come to Washington at once, for a conference with the President and Secretary of State.

The existing treaty between the United States and Japan will expire on March 12 of this year. President Roosevelt has heretofore assured the members of Congress from California that he would endeavor to form a new treaty with Japan which would meet their entire approval and at the same time prove satisfactory to Tokyo. Californians have in the past insisted on an exclusion act to bar the Japanese coolies out of the United States, but it is hinted that as a result of the conference, Senators Perkins and Flint and members of the House of Representatives from that state have practically agreed to waive this demand and leave it to the President to negotiate a new convention that will keep Japanese coolie labor out of this country. Japan has made it clear that she will only consider a treaty that is mutual and what concessions this government has been asked to make have not been made public. It is admitted at the Japanese embassy tonight that Viscount Aoki has discussed a proposed treaty with the President and that they are in perfect accord.

A dispatch from San Francisco says that School Directors Walsh and Ronconvi will leave for Washington tomorrow in response to President Roosevelt's invitation. They declare that they are determined not to accept any compromise in the matter of the Japanese attending public schools other than those set aside for Orientals. The board will have a special meeting tomorrow to consider the matter.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 30.—Governor Gillette tonight received a telegram from Washington, signed by the California delegation, urging him to ask the legislature to defer all action on Japanese matters. The message caused considerable stir among the members of both houses when knowledge of its receipt and contents be-

came noised about. Gillette was soon in conference with the leaders of the senate and assembly and has prepared a formal message to the legislature, which will be read to both houses tomorrow. Leading senators and assemblymen declared tonight that the request will be granted.

DRAG LAKE MICHIGAN.

Effort Will Be Made to Find Bodies of Suicides.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—That W. R. Weiboldt, once wealthy North Side merchant and Board of Trade operator, and his daughter, Martha, who disappeared with him after a mysterious attempt had been made to fire the Weiboldt department store Saturday night, have committed suicide by drowning together in Lake Michigan, is the opinion of Captain King of the Sheffield Avenue police station, who received a jointly signed note from the fugitives to that effect yesterday.

The note disposed of the last doubts in the minds of the police as to the fate of Weiboldt and his daughter. It was announced today that attempts would be made to drag Lake Michigan in the vicinity of Lincoln Park for the bodies.

The devotion of Martha, who is 17 years old, and the youngest of Weiboldt's children, to her father after financial reverses had left him with but a pittance, was known to all the friends of the family. She lived alone with him after other members of the family had left him. It is said by the police that she was with him late Saturday night and a few minutes before the fire broke out in the department store.

RIOT OVER NEGRO

Black Chokes Newsboy and Mob Nearly Lynches Him.

OTHER NEGROES ARE BEATEN

Intervention of Police and Force of Firemen Saves Miscreant From Hanging, But Not From Many Bruises and Cuts.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 30.—C. A. Jackson, a negro, bleeding from many wounds, is locked up in this city, following an exciting and almost successful attempt to lynch him tonight by a crowd of several hundred persons in the heart of the business district. A number of unknown negroes who tried to protect Jackson, were roughly handled. The trouble started when Jackson, in response to a request by a newsboy to purchase a paper, shoved the boy into the street. The boy threw a stone that hit the negro on the head. Jackson then seized the boy and began to choke him. The street was crowded and in a moment several people caught the negro and began to beat him. Some one cried "Lynch the nigger," and hundreds of men and boys rushed upon Jackson. Backed up against a building, Jackson, trembling with fear, shielded himself as best he could while the crowd beat him and tore off his clothing. About this time several other negroes tried to protect Jackson, and immediately there were cries of "Lynch them," and "Kill the niggers." Several fights were in progress and several negroes were caught and severely handled. Jackson, terribly beaten, managed to escape. Hundreds of persons took up the chase, and the negro was almost caught when he ran into the arms of several policemen. The officers were attacked by the crowd and were hard pressed when a large force of firemen came to their help. The two forces held back the frenzied crowd until a patrol wagon full of officers responded to the riot call sent in. The crowd was soon dispersed and Jackson taken to jail, where his wounds were dressed.

TESTIMONY SENSATIONAL

Probing of Merger Brings Facts to Light.

UNWRITTEN AGREEMENT

California Lines Divide Citrus Fruit Traffic Between Themselves.

HARRIMAN RENTS STEAMERS

Magnate Owns Boats Supposed to be Property of Oregon Short Line—Peculiar Raise of Freights is Coincidence.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—Testimony of a sensational character was brought out today by the government at the hearing of the Harriman merger case before Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane. Assistant Traffic Manager Bissell of the Santa Fe, who is also a director in the Western Pacific, conceded that the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific managements are observing an "unwritten agreement," whereby they share about equally in the citrus fruit traffic of Southern California. R. A. Graham, formerly manager of the Oregon Oriental Steamship Company, agreed to produce as evidence a letter which he declared he received from Traffic Manager Campbell of the O. R. & N. peremptorily cancelling a traffic contract between the two companies, because the O. R. & N. road had acquired a fleet of steamships, and refusing any longer to give Graham's company any traffic or the use of the O. R. & N. docks at Portland or rail rates other than the full local tariff. General D. Mansfield, Shotwell's assistant, and E. E. Calvin, general manager of the Pacific Coast division of the Southern Pacific were among the witnesses.

R. P. Schwerin of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company testified that besides the fleet of steamers owned by the company, it operates the Mongolia and Manchuria, which are owned by Harriman. Severance called attention to the minutes, which showed that the Oregon Short Line owned these steamers, but Schwerin said that so far as he knew Harriman owned them personally, and that Harriman charged the Pacific Mail \$30,000 a month for the use of the steamers, the money being sent to New York.

Schwerin testified that the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company, of which he is president, had recently raised steamship rates, and that at the same time the Southern Pacific raised its rate to Portland. Commissioner Lane brought out the fact that the rise of the steamer rates followed a conversation on the subject with Traffic Manager Luce, of the Southern Pacific, but Schwerin explained that increased wages to stevedores, etc., made this advance necessary. These increases did not affect the railroad, he admitted. Severance characterized the raise of both rates at the same time as "a coincidence," smiling as he spoke.

This nettled Schwerin and he volunteered the statement that there was no real competition between the railway and the steamers, because the steamers give better service and get more freight than they can handle without solicitation.

ADMIRAL'S WIDOW ROBBED.

NICE, Jan. 30.—Mme. Sakharoff, widow of the admiral who perished at

Port Arthur, who has been sojourning here, has been robbed of her case of jewels, containing all her diamonds, rubies and pearls, valued at several thousand francs. A decoration given her by the Emperor of Russia was also stolen.

CONTRACT NOT AWARDED.

Loeb Officially Denies Report That Olliver's Bid Was Accepted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Secretary Loeb tonight made public a statement from the White House, to the effect that the Panama canal contract has not been conditionally awarded to Mr. Olliver. No decision has been made that the contract will be awarded to any of the bidders. Olliver's bid was so hopelessly defective that it could not be considered and time was given him to complete it. If it is put into such shape, it will be considered along with the Gillespie-McArthur Company bid, which may itself be altered, and whichever bid seems most advantageous may be taken, or both be rejected.

HELD FOR MURDER.

Fired Mine to Avenge Fancied Wrongs and Killed Miners.

PUEBLO, Colo., Jan. 30.—A special to the Chieftan from Trinidad says that John Rodriguez, an Italian, was taken to Raton, N. M., today on a charge of having fired the Willow mine at Van Houten, N. M., Monday. The alleged crime is said to have been committed to avenge a fancied wrong, but no substantiated statement has been given out. The three miners entombed are believed to be dead by this time.

FOR STATE EXPENSES

Appropriations Will Be Larger Than Has Been Expected.

SALEM GETS RATHER LESS

Result May Be Strenuous Opposition by Members from Marion County—Many Minor Changes May Be Made in Bill.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 30.—The general appropriation bill for the expenses of the state government was introduced in the House yesterday afternoon, and for the first time a definite idea of what the leaders propose in the way of apportionments can be estimated. The bill, No. 234, was introduced by Driscoll, of Multnomah, and has all the items usually contained in the general appropriation bill, other expenses, like the State University, agricultural institutes, Normal Schools and state printing plant, being covered by special bills. The bill carries a total appropriation of \$1,244,970, which is fully as much as was expected and somewhat over the total of the estimate of the secretary of state published some time ago. The committee, however, has whittled off several yards of proposed expenses from Salem institutional reports, and the Marion county delegation may be expected to arise and say things.

The differences between the bill as drawn up by the Multnomah delegation and the estimates of the secretary of state, constitute the battling ground of the measure, except that some members of the House will probably desire the material pruning of some of the items passed by both secretary and delegation, while others will want the estimates increased.

IN GRIP OF COLD.

NORFOLK, Neb., Jan. 30.—The cold wave from the Northwest has settled down over Northern Nebraska and Southern South Dakota, the temperature falling to 23 below zero at Bonesteel, S. D.; 8 below at Chadron, 15 below at Norfolk and 5 below at Fremont.