



## FIERCE STORM RAGES EAST

### Chicago Tied Up in Heavy Blizzard.

### WORST IN MANY YEARS

### Fourteen Inches of Snow in Omaha and Still Snowing.

### WITH BAROMETER FALLING

### Western Missouri and Kansas in Ice Clasp—Storm General Throughout Middle States—Great Deal of Suffering Reported.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 18.—The snowstorm that prevailed all day in Kansas and Western Missouri still prevails but without low temperatures. In Kansas City the snowfall up to 9 o'clock was about one inch and a half but in Southern and Central Kansas about four inches have fallen.

OMAHA, Feb. 18.—Following the continuous fall of snow lasting 24 hours accompanied by a wind which heaped it into drifts and almost tied up all kinds of street traffic, the mercury began a downward course this evening. All trains are late. Nearly 14 inches of snow fell, the heaviest in 20 years. There was a heavy run of livestock at the yards today and much suffering from the storm resulted.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—The most violent storm that has visited Chicago in many years commenced this morning and tonight is still raging with increasing violence with no prospect of lessening its violence before morning. By 4 o'clock this afternoon seven inches of snow had fallen. The wind frequently blew 50 miles an hour and hurled snow through the streets in such blinding clouds that it was impossible to see a greater distance than half a square. A great number of accidents of minor character were caused by collisions of vehicles. At 5 o'clock this evening when the home-going crowds were thickest, the wind blowing the snow in such blinding sheets that it was positively dangerous to attempt to cross Michigan avenue at either Jackson or Van Buren streets. It was found necessary to station a large number of police at these corners and often it was more than one officer could do to pilot a woman across the street without assistance. It was out of the question for a woman to cross the street by herself. Early in the day the car lines fared well, but later the snow made desperate work for them. Every available man and all plows were constantly at work. In the suburbs the trolley lines were operated with difficulty on account of drifts.

JAPS AT VICTORIA. VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 18.—The arrival of the steamer Tosa Maru tomorrow with 88 Japanese will be the occasion of the first enforcement here of the natal act. Dr. Milne, the federal officer, says he will not order the deportation of any except those who do not meet the requirements of the Dominion regulations. Interesting developments are expected as the steamship agents will probably endeavor to land the Japanese passengers by the federal officers. Despite the action of the provincial officials who have not the power to deal with a steamer without federal sanction.

## POINT OF VIEW.

### Bryan at a Dollar Dinner Speaks to Twenty-five Hundred People.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 18.—William Jennings Bryan's visit to Columbus today was signalized by the Democratic state central committee unanimously endorsing his candidacy for the Presidency. The committee made a provision in the call for the state convention by which voters of any county in which is a registration city may express preference for the Presidential candidate by having names of candidate printed on delegate tickets. This action was taken at the request of the Hamilton county Democrats who favor nomination of ex-Attorney-General Harmon. After luncheon Bryan addressed the general assembly in joint session in the hall of representatives on the subject of guaranteeing bank deposits. Tonight Bryan was the sole speaker at the dollar dinner given under the auspices of the Democratic members of the general assembly. Twelve hundred persons were seated at the tables and twice that number had seats in the galleries. Bryan's speech was the "Point of view."

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## OPPOSITION TO ALDRICH BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The Aldrich currency bill was opposed in the senate today by Stone of Missouri. During Stone's argument in advocacy of the plan for the government guarantees of deposits in national banks, Bacon took occasion to oppose the proposition. Bacon declared if such a plan was put into effect the state banks would be put out of business as their deposits would find their way into the national banks. A bill to revise the criminal code was considered for a couple of hours this afternoon.

## ROUND THE CIRCLE

### Taft's Busy Afternoon in the Granite State.

## RECEPTIONS AND SPEECHES

### He Arrived From Boston Just Before Noon Having Been Conducted from Boston by a Committee of the Taft Club of Concord.

CONCORD, Feb. 18.—A reception by Governor Lloyd; a reception at the Eagle Hotel; a luncheon by the Taft association of New Hampshire; a mass meeting and speech in Phoenix Hall; a reception by the Derryfield Club and a mass meeting at Manchester; a reception at the Calumet Club; a brief speech at the Armory before the national guard and Spanish war veterans; a public mass meeting and a speech at Mechanics' Hall. This was the manner in which Secretary Taft spent the afternoon and evening in New Hampshire. He arrived here from Boston just before noon, having been conducted from Boston by a committee of the Taft Club of Concord which met him there.

## SUIT TO RECOVER \$300,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Suit was brought yesterday against the Woodruff Company, constructing engineers, demanding \$300,000 damage by the Edward Barron Estate Company. The trouble originated over the erection of the six-story hotel building at Taylor and Geary streets.

## TEAMS TO DEBATE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—According to advices from the north debating team of the University of Washington will meet the California University team at Seattle, April 17. Teams are to be limited to two men instead of three as usual.

## RUEF'S TRIAL FAR DISTANT

### Motion to Vacate His Arraignment.

### WOULDN'T BE PLEASANT

### Ach to Place on the Stand Those Who Refused to Make Affidavits.

### INVOLVES THE CREDIBILITY

### Of Some of the Persons Connected With This Matter—Alluded to the Statement of Heney and Langdon Made on Rostrum.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—With the immense amount of evidence already in on what is merely a preliminary hearing on the motion to vacate his arraignment and the prosecution yet to be heard from, the actual trial of Abraham Ruef seems far distant. Ach, Ruef's leading counsel, finished his argument this afternoon, and Judge Lawler gave Murphy, Ach's associate, an hour to present his views in the morning. One day more will be allowed to Ach to get in additional affidavits from Rabbis Nieto and Kaplan. This will be followed by the counter affidavits of the prosecution. Ach today gave notice that he would insist upon placing on the stand those who refused to make affidavits, mentioning Judge Dunne, Judge Lawler, Langdon, Burns, Heney and Biggy.

"It won't be a pleasant investigation I can assure your honor, and it will involve the credibility of some of the persons connected with this matter," said Ach, after alluding to the statements of Heney and Langdon made on the rostrum during the municipal campaign, that Ruef was not to be granted immunity, when all the time they were a party to a solemn agreement that he was not to be prosecuted.

## 5000 BUYERS IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The steady inflow of buyers from the west and south which began a week or more ago, is constantly increasing and day by day hundreds more are added to the already large army of them in New York. It is now estimated that there are nearly 5000 of them in New York, each one with orders for large quantities of goods of every description for the spring and summer trades. In almost every case the buyers are enthusiastic over the prospects of business for the future. They say that the financial depression of last fall has passed away and that there are nothing but good times in sight. It is estimated that these buyers will spend more than \$100,000,000 with New York jobbers within the next few weeks.

## ADDRESS NOT KNOWN.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 18.—Sergeant Pierre Compton, who is wanted by the military authorities at Jefferson barracks for selling government property is in reality Paul B. Crapsey, son of Algernon S. Crapsey, an Episcopal minister, found guilty of heresy and dismissed from his charge at Rochester, N. Y., according to a statement made today by the sergeant's wife. The woman says she does not know Compton's present whereabouts. Dr. Crapsey's controversy has now become famous.

## OWNERS' ULTIMATUM.

### Must be Rescinded Within 48 Hours on Engineers Will be Called Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Following the communication from the owners' association received today which in effect states that while it is not intending to lower wages, they hereafter will not abide by the rules laid down by the engineers' association, the latter association has notified the owners that after 48 hours from midnight tonight they will refuse to permit any member of the association working on steamer schooners unless the owners' ultimatum is rescinded.

## LOCATION OF AUTO RACERS.

TOLEDO, Feb. 18.—The American car driven by Roberts in the New York-Paris tour arrived here at 9:30 tonight. The French car stopped at Fremont. The French car which was driven by St. Shaffray was but a few hours behind the American car all day. The American car will enter Indiana in the morning and the French car in the afternoon. The Italian car, Siroiri driver, arrived at Cleveland tonight. The German car, Mass driver, remained at Erie.

## MURDER AND SUICIDE.

DENVER, Feb. 18.—Oscar Kirby, son of a Colorado Springs grocer, shot his bride a few months early this morning and killed himself with the same weapon. The tragedy occurred at the house of his parents.

The bullet struck the woman in the back and she was removed to the county hospital in a dying condition. She cannot live. The couple had lived apart since the week after the marriage.

## TRACTION EARNINGS

### Chicago's Annual Income From Street Railways.

## OVER A MILLION AND A HALF

### The Statement of the President of the City Company Showed That the Company Could Pay 55 Per Cent of Its Net Earnings.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—The City of Chicago will get \$633,831 as its share of the net earnings of the city railway company for the last eleven months of last year. This is computed by the company to mean \$675,000 for a full year.

Figures on the accepted basis that the Chicago City Railway will furnish two fifths and the Chicago Railways Company three fifths of what the city will get altogether from the traction companies this means a total of \$1,687,000 as the city's annual income from the two traction companies, under the new ordinances.

President Thomas E. Mitten of the City Company made the first statement to his stockholders at the annual meeting of the company yesterday since the new ordinance. It showed the company could pay 55 per cent of its net earnings to the city and still make plenty of money. The report showed that the company had earned from all sources \$1,916,558 net or 10.64 per cent on the par value of the stock.

That it had paid out \$1,215,000 in dividends, putting the stock at 9 per cent basis and setting aside \$701,558 for the surplus fund.

That \$7,168,980 had been added to the value of the property by improvements, most of which had been paid for by bonds, the interest on which had been paid from the operating expense account as provided by ordinance.

That the total passenger earnings for the full year were \$8,087,000, or an increase of 4.1 per cent.

## LAND GRANTS DISCUSSED

### Oregon Railroads Violated Terms of Grant.

### DEPARTMENT IS READY

### Authority Wanted to Remove Possibility of Legality of Proceedings.

## RESOLUTION NOT NECESSARY

### "This Question," Said Heyburn, "Involves Millions of Acres Worth Millions of Dollars"—Same Conditions Has Existed For 40 Years.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Senator Fulton today reported to the Senate from the judiciary committee a joint resolution directing the attorney-general to prosecute the land grant railroads in Oregon for not having complied with the terms of their grants and disposing of the lands in their grants in tracts of not more than 160 acres at not more than \$2.50 per acre. A resolution drawn by the department of justice to remove any doubt as to its authority to proceed was agreed as a substitute for the one recently offered by Tillman.

The resolution was generally discussed, the only object being urged against it was that the attorney-general is now empowered by law to do all that the resolution seeks to have done. Fulton stated that the department was now ready to proceed and merely wanted the authority of Congress to remove any possible question of legality of the proceedings. The resolution also applies to the grant made for the construction of a telegraph line from Portland to Ontario and McMinnville. Fulton said there is no question that the roads had violated the terms of these grants as violation had been admitted before the sub-committee. Tillman explained that he introduced the original prosecution in view of what he had learned while on a recent visit to the coast. He said he was satisfied the railroads were now holding lands from settlement worth millions of dollars. Foraker questioned the propriety and necessity of passing such a resolution.

Fulton did not believe the resolution necessary but the attorney-general wanted it and he thought it should be passed. Heyburn said the same conditions referred to in the resolution exist in all land grant states although Oregon only is referred to in the resolution. For 40 years, he said, the railroads had refused to comply with the terms of these grants.

"This question," he added, "involves millions of acres worth hundreds of millions of dollars."

In reply to a question by Dixon, Heyburn said he thought the same limitation existed in the Northern Pacific land grant, but Dixon, Fulton and Nelson disagreed with him.

## MONSTER PETITION.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 18.—The Picayune says today:

A monster petition to the Mississippi legislature is being prepared by employes of railroads that state in opposition to the proposition before the legislature to enact a two cent passenger rate law. The employes are afraid that any further reduction in the earnings of the roads will cause reduction in salaries.

## PRACTICE TIME.

### Base Ball Players Gathering to go South to Practice.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Seven players of the New York National League Base ball team are on their way to join Manager McGraw at Marlins Spring, according to Secretary Fred Knowles Bresnahan, Merkle and Beecher have left Toledo for the South. Herzog, third baseman, O'Brien, outfielder, and Mc Kinney and Malarky, pitchers, are on their way from other points. The next batch of players will leave this city on the steamer Momus for New Orleans and the final contingent will start from St. Louis, Mar. 1. Those who will make the trip from New York are Mathewson, Donlin, Devlin, Lynch, Wiltse, Tenney and Hannifan.

## CANNOT OWN SALOONS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—A despatch to the Record-Herald from Des Moines, Ia., says:

Attorney-General Byers rendered an opinion yesterday to the executive council that saloons cannot lawfully be owned or controlled by corporations, including breweries. Half of the saloons in Iowa are controlled by breweries, and this opinion will force the saloon business to be carried on by individuals who will be personally responsible for all liabilities incurred. Under the decision prosecutions may be brought against saloons operated by breweries instead of individuals, if within a reasonable time the property is not transferred.

## BOXER LEADER DEAD.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 18.—General Tung Fuh Siang, leader of the Boxer uprising of 1900, is dead.

## TRAIN GOES IN DITCH

### Engine Alone Stays on the Broken Track.

## CAUSED BY A BROKEN RAIL

### Conductor Badly Cut and Bruised and Number of Passengers Badly Shaken up But no One Was Seriously Injured in the Wreck.

SPOKANE, Feb. 18.—A special to the Spokesman Review from Sand Point, Idaho, says that the Burlington passenger train on the Northern Pacific was wrecked at Cocolalla, 14 miles west of here at 3:50 this morning. The rails spread letting the entire train with the exception of the engine and baggage car go into the ditch. The track runs parallel with the lake shore and the cars were left hanging over the bank and all but in the water.

The people were thrown into the aisles by the jar and all were more or less shaken up. The passengers were taken to Spokane. The conductor was badly cut and bruised and some of the passengers received severe bumps but no bones were broken.

## C. W. AINSWORTH DEAD.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Col Clinton W. Ainsworth, 68 years of age, owner and editor of the Oak Park, Ill. Report Argus, and well known throughout the United States in state reformer work, died last night. His death was the result of blood poisoning which developed in a fracture of the right ankle. This injury was sustained November 30 when he slipped on the ice. Col. Ainsworth was born in St. Lawrence County, New York. He was employed in different state institutions for 35 years, his last post being at Plankinton, S. D. where he remained ten years as superintendent.