

## Victims of Frightful Poisoning Horror, in Which Ten Are Dead and Two Are Dying



### TEN KILLED BY PTOMAINE POISON

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children died was filled with relatives and friends, and the air became foul and heavy, giving them little chance for life. The doctors were without many instruments to handle the cases, and it is thought that had the victims been rushed to a hospital in the city at the first symptoms many lives might have been saved.

B. Preciado, one of the sick men tonight, worked all day yesterday as usual, feeling no ill effects from eating the poisoned pears. Today, when he heard that several of his relatives had died, he apparently became frightened and declared he felt he was going to die. When asked if he felt pain, he replied negatively, but insisted that he could not get well.

This afternoon symptoms of the poison developed, and it was feared he would not recover. His wife, Mrs. Julia Preciado, ate little or none of the pears and did not complain of poison up to a late hour this afternoon.

### Gloom Over Community

Practically all of the Spanish families of Santa Monica and Sawtelle are related in some way to the poison victims. The news spread broadcast among them as each one of the unfortunate eight members of the family community which will require considerable time to efface. This is the worst family tragedy recorded in the history of this section, and the fact that it affects the descendants of one of the oldest Spanish pioneers lends added interest and sympathy on the part of every citizen of Santa Monica and Sawtelle.

The physicians and nurses who have been working to relieve the sufferings of the poisoned family, declare positively that ptomaine poisoning is accountable for the tragedy. Doctors G. W. Peck, G. A. Fielding and A. B. Hromadka of Sawtelle; W. S. Mortensen of The Palms, and J. A. Balseley, P. S. Lindsey, Parker and E. C. Folsom of Santa Monica have all been steadily engaged in this work for the past twenty-four hours.

Miss Grace Evans, trained nurse, who cared for the Garcias today, said tonight that all symptoms observed by her pointed to ptomaine poisoning. Severe convulsions and pain which invariably accompany metallic poison-

### MANY SECTIONS HIT BY STORM

DYRANGO, Colo., Jan. 4.—Southwest Colorado, particularly the mountains, is in the grasp of another storm. All wires are down in many sections, and railroad traffic is at a standstill. Considerable snow has fallen since Sunday, and many snowslides are running. Over the private telephone line of the San Juan Power company comes the report of a slide at Steamboat, in which four men are reported to have lost their lives. This report is unconfirmed.

It is known that one man lost his life in an avalanche which swept by the Iowa mine, near Silverton, Sunday, damaging the mill.

The tracks of the Denver & Rio Grande between this city and Silverton are covered in many places with snow to the depth of fifteen to twenty-



five feet, and no trains have been operated for several days. It will be weeks before the line can be opened.

The Rio Grande Southern is blocked between Rico and Ophir. Cherry creek, an ordinarily diminutive stream, that flows through a low section of Denver, is now filled with an ice jam that alarms business men and residents.

For a quarter of a mile the stream is choked with ice that threatens to sweep all bridges before it.

The jam is now piled high about the Logan street bridge and the back water floods many houses. A force of men is trying to break the blockade.

### GRASS VALLEY EXPERIENCES COLDEST WEATHER IN YEARS

GRASS VALLEY, Cal., Jan. 4.—Every water pipe in Grass Valley, including the fire mains, was frozen solid at sunrise today, when the thermometer registered eight degrees above zero, the coldest weather recorded here in many years.

A repair crew has been at work all day thawing out fire mains.

A strong north wind has swept this section for hours, over mile after mile of snow, and pioneers declare it is the coldest winter in the history of this section.

The camps in the higher mountains are cut off by the snow from supplies. Stages running out of Nevada City have been placed on runners.

Cattle throughout this section are suffering for lack of green feed and traffic along the streets of the towns is dangerous, owing to a coating of ice.

### TRANSMISSISSIPPI VALLEY IN GRIP OF SEVERE STORM

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 4.—Snow and sleet fell over the greater portion of the transmississippi valley today, accompanied by a cold north wind. In Iowa and Nebraska the storm took on the proportions of a blizzard and railway and street car traffic suffered.

In the southwest there was no serious interference with traffic, although the fall of snow and sleet in Missouri, Kansas and northern Oklahoma was the heaviest of the season.

### GALE SWEEPS ATLANTIC COAST

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 4.—With the wind blowing from 35 to 43 miles an hour from the northwest the Virginia, Carolina and Maryland coasts were swept today by a winter gale with high seas which made it dangerous for all shipping caught at sea. A number of sailing vessels put into Hampton Roads.

### SNOW STORM GRIPS IOWA

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 4.—Des Moines is in the grasp of a severe snowstorm today. Trains are late and street car service impeded. Zero temperature accompanies the storm.

### CAR SERVICE PARALYZED

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 4.—Street car service here is completely paralyzed, the lines to the suburbs being snowed in.

### SNOW AND SLEET FALL

TOPEKA, Kas., Jan. 4.—Six inches of snow has fallen here and is accompanied by driving sleet.



Upper right—Mrs. Dolores Garcia and her 9-year-old son, Frank Garcia. Both are dead.  
 Upper left—Three-year-old Alfonso Garcia; dead.  
 Upper center—Mrs. Garcia D'Valdez, grandmother; dead.  
 Lower center—Garcia family at recent dinner in Santa Monica. Of this group Frank, Ramona, Dolores and Alfonso Garcia are dead.  
 Lower left—On the right are shown Mr. and Mrs. B. Preciado, both of whom are living.  
 Lower right—Mrs. Guadalupe Fernandez and Alfonso Fernandez. The former is dead.

ing were lacking, according to Miss Evans. The victims apparently would be perfectly clear mentally until within a few minutes of the end, when the nerves of the throat would become paralyzed. In addition to this, in case of metallic poison, a more rapid development of the symptoms would have been noticed, according to physicians.

City Marshal Young of Sawtelle investigated the case. He declared that it looked to him like a case of ptomaine poisoning.

"When I began my investigation," said Marshal Young, "I thought it might be a case of poisoning with felonious intent. I asked all the members of the party about the feast, but because of their grief and pain I could get no intelligible answers. At first I was told that twelve members of the party had eaten of the fruit. Later the number was changed. I suppose accurate information cannot be obtained just now. I feel confident it was a case of ptomaine, however."

Mrs. Valdez said before she died that she prepared the pears. She said she turned them out in a saucepan and when she tasted them they were sour. She boiled them and then served them, thinking they were all right. She stated that the pears turned black while being boiled.

### NATIONAL FOREST CUT IS ENORMOUS

(Special to The Herald.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The total cut of national forest timber during the year was nearly 460,000,000 board feet, of which over 100,000,000 feet were given away under free-use permits, says the secretary of agriculture in his last annual report, which has just passed favorably on Commander Peary's north pole records, today addressed a letter to each of the board of managers declaring that he does not wish the board again to consider his name in connection with the presidency.

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"Free use of timber was heaviest in Idaho, with over 13,000,000 board feet, followed by Montana, Colorado, Utah and New Mexico, with amounts ranging from nearly 17,000,000 to less than 10,000,000 feet. California, Wyoming and Oregon had each a free-use cut of between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000 feet. The remaining national forest states follow with lesser amounts.

"Of the timber cut under sales Montana furnished nearly 86,000,000 feet, or 13 per cent; California 33,000,000

### PROF. WILLIS MOORE WEARIED OF BURDEN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Denying that polar politics or dissension in the board of management or any similar course was responsible for his decision, Professor Willis L. Moore, for five years president of the National Geographic society, which organization passed favorably on Commander Peary's north pole records, today addressed a letter to each of the board of managers declaring that he does not wish the board again to consider his name in connection with the presidency.

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feet, or 11 per cent, and Idaho 35,000,000 feet, or 10 per cent. These amounts correspond to the following percentages of the estimated stand of national forest timber in each state: For Montana, three-tenths of 1 per cent; for Colorado, four-tenths of 1 per cent; for California, four one-hundredths of 1 per cent; for Idaho, one-tenth of 1 per cent. In other words, the cutting is far within the growth capacity of the forests."

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