# NEWS OF THE Northwest.

## ALL NORTHWEST BLIZZARD-SWEPT

RAILROADS AGAIN TIED UP AND SUFFERING AND DEATH SURE TO FOLLOW.

## $200,000,000 LOSS AT BUFFALO

St. Paul, Jan. 22.—The tw Dakotas and Minnesota are in the clutches of one of the worst blizzards in the history of the state. Minot and Grand Forks in North Dakota, as well as Huron, S. D., report that the snow is drifting badly and the wind is blowing a gale, and should it continue the situation will be alarming, particularly in Western North Dakota.

The Northwest never was so poorly prepared to stand a cold wave. With a scarcity of fuel, not more than sufficient for immediate needs; with train service on all the railroads nearly paralyzed, and with food supplies running low, the storm brings serious complications.

**Many Deaths Feared.**

Fargo, N. D., Jan. 22.—One of the worst storms in the history of the state is sweeping over North Dakota. Wind is rushing over the prairie at a terrific rate and carrying with it great swirls of snow which cuts like a knife.

The snow is being driven into every crevice and piled in huge drifts in all cuts.

The fuel shortage from which many parts of the state are suffering adds to the terrors of the storm.

Great suffering is the result and the storm is certain to bear ghastly fruit.

Many a homesteader is certain to be found frozen to death in his claim shanty 'ere the storm is over.

Reports from Minot say that the worst blizzard in years is sweeping through Western North Dakota. Railroad traffic is at a complete standstill. It is feared that many lives will be lost. Shortage of fuel and provisions make great suffering imminent.

Grand Forks reports the worst blizzard of the winter. Railroads are blockaded, and as all the towns in that vicinity are already short of fuel and supplies, the situation is alarming.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 22.—During the last twenty-four hours this city has been swept by the most destructive wind storm of a decade. After a day and a night of continued hurricane the Niagara frontier lies a scene of wreckage and destruction in the wake of the storm. Two lives reported lost so far and a property damage that will aggregate $2,000,000 is the toll of the storm. Lake Erie, with its level higher than has been known for twenty years, has gorged the Niagara river to overflowing, and thousands of dollars' worth of property has been carried down the stream. Miles of docks at the great lumber market at North Tonawanda have been destroyed, and millions of feet of lumber have been carried out into the river.

The damage to shipping in Buffalo harbor alone is $1,500,000. Five leviathans of the Great Lakes torn from their moorings and run aground tell that part of the story.

### SISTERS SAVE BABIES.

**Fargo Home Takes Fire While Occupied by 100 Small Charges.**

Fargo, Jan. 22.—Fire completely destroyed St. John's orphanage. The building is situated on the outskirts of the city, where it is difficult to obtain a good supply of water.

About a hundred children, besides several Catholic sisters were in the place at the time it caught fire, but all got safely out of the building, the sisters performing heroic work in rescuing their young charges.

The total loss on the building was about $18,000.

### DEATH FROM COAL GAS.

**Man Found Dying in His Room at Madison, Wis.**

Madison, Wis., Jan. 22.—After lingering unconscious four days, C. W. Barnes, aged sixty, died yesterday. He came to Madison Wednesday and filed charges with Gov. Davidson against the management of the soldiers' home at Waupaca. Thursday morning he was found nearly dead from coal gas escaping from a stove.

**Bed Shut on Them.**

St. Paul, Jan. 22.—Katrina Tschida, eighteen years old, and Annie Tschida, fifteen years old, were seriously injured yesterday morning by the closing of a folding bed.

### NO TRUST, HE SAYS.

**Lumber Association President Denies Senator's Statements.**

Des Moines, Jan. 22. — "Political buncombe," is the way Ralph Burnside, president of the Northwestern Lumbermen's association, referred to the charge made by Senator Kittredge of South Dakota in the United States senate ,that the association is a trust. Mr. Burnside declared that the association does not fix prices and is maintained simply for the protection of its members.

## NORTH DAKOTA IS ENTIRELY CUT OFF

MOST COMPLETE PARALYSIS OF RAILROAD TRAFFIC IN MANY YEARS.

## WORST STORM IN FIFTY YEARS

St. Paul, Jan. 23. — Nothing but snow, deep and trackless, can be perceived over the wide areas of North Dakota. Snow is everywhere, piled in drifts of unprecedented depth, covering the houses and barns, swirling in vast clouds over the plains of white waste. Houses and habitations of all kinds are, in come cases, completely covered, and railroad traffic is more completely demoralized than ever before

This time, however, the residents were prepared. Although completely snow-bound, there are no reports of any suffering. During the lull just before the storm all of the railroads bent every effort to bearing trains filled with coal and provisions to the stricken towns.

**Railroads Fear Worst.**

Now, however, the railroads are fearing the worst. Every line in the storm-stricken state is completely at the mercy of the elements. Not a train on any of the lines has arrived in this city for three days.

The blizzards which swept over the entire Northwest on Saturday were the worst recorded in half a century. The weather, however, has mercifully moderated and activity is evincing itself everywhere by gangs of men who are striving to clear out the houses and tracks.

**Fight Unequal Batttle.**

The Great Northern road, which got into shape for fighting the storms during the last tie-up, got out early into the field with its eight rotaries and twenty-five snow plows and has been valiantly fighting the unequal battle.

In the mountain district the road has fared badly. The snow fell to greater depths in that district than ever white men saw before; monstrous snowslides are filling in the tracks, and in the mountain districts giant slides are filling in the right of way and banks are piling up as deep as fifty and even seventy feet.

The Northern Pacific and the Soo are completely demoralized. Not a train on either line can reach St. Paul for several days. Branch lines have been abandoned and every energy is being put forth to open up the main lines.

**Stock Is Suffering.**

Reports from North and South Dakota and Montana are to the effect that there is great suffering among the cattle, and heavy losses are sure to follow if there be no break up in the weather conditions soon.

Snow covers the ranges to a depth of two feet and cattle are completely shut off from feed. The hay supply in South Dakota is not large enough to last long.

### MAY BE DOUBLE MURDER.

**Dead Bodies of Badger Rural Couple Are Found in Their Home.**

Appleton, Wis., Jan. 23.—A double murder is what the Kaukauna police believe they have unearthed. The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. John Lehrmann were found at their country home yesterday. Lehrmann was found in an upright position on a bed, and his wife lay under the bed, covered with several mattresses and bed clothing. The Lehrmanns were wealthy and lived alone on a farm.

### ROBBERS IGNORE CROWD.

**Billings (Mont.) Man Is Held Up in Saloon While Crowd Is Present.**

Billings, Mont., Jan. 23. — Charged with deliberately holding up a man and robbing him in broad daylight, and that, too, with a number of men looking on, William Parks and Frank Steller are in the county jail. The robbery is said to have occurred in the Montana saloon and the alleged victim was Edmund J. Mitts.

### 17 CHILDREN IN 17 YEARS.

**Iowa Woman, Cousin of Sullivan, Believes not in Race Suicide.**

Des Moines, Jan. 23.—At Mercy hospital yesterday Mrs. Mary McIntyre of Grimes, Iowa, gave birth to her seventeenth child. She has been married seventeen years and all her children are living. Mrs. McIntyre is a first cousin of Pugilist John L. Sullivan.

**Blizzard Takes Two Lives.**

Calumet, Mich., Jan. 23.—Northern Michigan has partially recovered from a fierce blizzard raging the past forty-eight hours, which has caused two deaths and paralyzed railroad traffic. The storm was the worst this year.

**Deliberate Suicide.**

Leon, Iowa, Jan. 23.—Joseph Stanley committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. He had settled up his business and sent his wife away to the neighbors and during her absence killed himself.

## PEOPLE PROMINENT IN THE PUBLIC EYE

MADAME SCHUMANN HEINK,

The world's greatest contralto, who will sing at the People's church, St. Paul, on Thursday evening, Feb. 7. Madame Heink is looked upon as without a peer among the German singers. She will return to New York Feb. 14 to join Conreid's Metropolitan Opera company, of which she is the leading contralto.

DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH,
Whose separation from the duchess has just been arranged.. It costs the duchess $100,000 a year to get rid of him.

ADOLPHUS P. NELSON,
Grantsburg (Wis.) banker, graduate of Hamline university, who is appointed regent of the University of Wisconsin.

QUEEN WILHELMINA,
Who has become an expert motorist.

SECRETARY LOEB,
Who declares that he will remain as secretary to the president until the close of the term.

**No More Rides.**

"So you don't take any more rides with those two friends of yours that owned an airship. What is the matter?"

"The owners fell out."

**Unnecessary.**

"Why don't you get something to talk about?"

"What for?" asked the orator. "People don't fully understand what I have been talking about for the last ten years."

**With a Sting.**

"Your town has a Carnegie library, I see."

"Oh, yes."

"Free reading for everybody?"

"Well, scot free."—Puck.

**An Exception.**

Knicker—The child is father to the man.

Bocker—Not much; the baby who rouses the neighborhood at night becomes the man who takes his shoes off so as not to wake his wife.

**Poor Father.**

Father—It is incredible what a lot of money you need.

Son—I don't need any, father, it's the other people who are always wanting some from me!

## Congress.

Resume of the Week's Proceedings.

Washington, Jan. 17. — Senate leaders regard the end of the Brownsville discussion in sight, and it is confidently expected that a compromise resolution, offered by Senator Foraker, just before the close of yesterday's session will be adopted

Mr. Foraker will make his closing speech to-day. The substitute presented by Mr. Foraker directs the committee on military affairs to take and have printed the testimony for the purpose of ascertaining all the facts with reference to the affair at Brownsville The committee is authorized to send for papers and administer oaths. This resolution is said to be satisfactory to the supporters of the administration

The feature of the debate yesterday was the arraignment by Senator Carmack of Republican senators who have criticised the president for his action in the Brownsville matter

Senators Stone, Money and Knox followed, each upholding the authority of the president to take the action he did.

The fortifications appropriation bill was passed yesterday by the house without amendment, an unusual thing with appropriation bills.

Washington, Jan. 18. — The legal phase of President Roosevelt's discharge of the negro troops was again injected into the controversy in the senate yesterday by notice of an amendment to the Foraker compromise resolution, which Senator Blackburn said he would press. Senator Foraker, who concluded his argument, at once declared his opposition to the amendment. He discussed the power of the executive, holding that the affray at Brownsville ought to be investigated simply as to the facts, and the question of power determined later if it should arise as the result of the inquiry. He reviewed his previous utterances, maintaining the same position in every respect. He replied to arguments which have been made since his first speeches.

The house resumed consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill. During the day an emergency bill was passed for the relief of the sufferers from the earthquake in Jamaica.

Washington, Jan. 19. — By a rising vote of 133 to 92 the house yesterday adopted an amendment to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, which was taken from the speaker's table with senate amendments, increasing the salary of the vice president, the speaker, the members of the cabinet to $12,000 per year, and those of senators and representatives and delegates in congress to $7,500 a year. The increase is to take effect March 4, 1907.

The senate yesterday deferred further action on the Brownsville matter until Monday. It passed a bill authorizing relief for earthquake-smitten Jamaica, agreed to a resolution directing an investigation of the "lumber trust" and passed a bill increasing the artillery corps of the army.

Senator Kittredge spoke regarding the "lumber trust," declaring there was a combination completely controlling the lumber industry and detailing its methods.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Few features of the spectacular were missing from the proceedings of the senate yesterday. The Brownsville affair was the subject of controversy and the day began with the announcement of a compromise resolution which brought Republican and Democratic senators together on the basis of ordering an investigation of the facts of the affray without bringing into question the authority of the president to dismiss the negro troops.

Mr. Foraker made a final attempt to get a vote on his resolution, but objection was made and the matter will be taken up to-day.

**In the House.**

The house yesterday pronounced unanimously in favor of enlarging and making more efficient the field and coast artillery.

The so-called "political purity" bill prohibiting corporations from making contributions in connection with political elections was passed.

Washington, Jan. 23. — The senate yesterday passed the compromise Foraker resolution authorizing the committee on military affairs to investigate the facts of the affray at Brownsville on the nights of Aug. 13 and 14 last, "without questioning the legality or justice of any act of the president in relation to or connected with that affray." This action came after the subject of the president's discharge of the negro troops had been under consideration almost daily since the first day of the present session of congress, and every phase of the question had been discussed on all sides. Before the adoption of the resolution several substitute measures were voted down. There was no record vote on the resolution adopted.

Senator Sutherland occupied the first three hours of the day's session delivering his first speech in the senate. It was in behalf of the right of Reed Smoot of his own state to a seat in the senate.

In addition to listening to several speeches the house passed the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, which carries over $3,000,000, and the military academy appropriation bill carrying $1,915,483.

## MONTANA NEWS

### GAME IN YELLOWSTONE.

**Maj. Pitcher, Superintendent of the Park, Makes His Annual Report.**

The annual report of Maj. John Pitcher of the Sixth cavalry, acting superintendent of the Yellowstone National Park, states that during the season just closed the number of visitors reached 17,182. Of the repairs done, the greater portion was confined to the lessening of grades and the repairing of roads and bridges.

Game fared well during the winter months, and when the snow fell heavily the antelope, deer and small game came down from the fastnesses into the alfalfa fields near the town of Gardiner, where they found food in abundance. The large herd of elks also fed on the grass in these fields, and it is estimated that 1,500 head of game animals were fed there during the winter. During the present winter this number will reach 2,000.

The buffalo herd is doing nicely and now numbers nearly sixty, showing an increase from eighteen cows and two bulls. All young buffalo in the future will be removed to Lamar creek in order that they may be better cared for.

There are now more than 1,200 elk in the park, and the number is constantly increasing. Poaching during the past season has been reduced to a minimum.

### PLEAD IN "RUSTLING" CASE.

**Ranchman and Business Man Say Not Guilty.**

Thomas Merryfield, a prominent ranchman, and George Campbell, a well known business man of Gilt Edge, have appeared before Judge Edward Bassy at Lewistown for a preliminary examination on the charge of horse stealing which had been lodged against them as the result of alleged information furnished by Berney Hedican, who recently was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for horse stealing.

The hearing was not held before the justice, however, it being found that the county attorney, shortly before, had filed an information in the district court, which had the effect of transferring the cases there. The defendants appeared before Judge Cheadle and entered pleas of not guilty. Hedican is expected to be the most important witness for the state when the cases come to trial.

The arrest of Merryfield and Campbell caused a great sensation throughout Fergus county because of their prominence in stock raising.

### WINS IN DOPED RETURNS?

**Montana Telegraph Operator Accused of Falsifying Race Reports.**

After winning $2,000 in a Great Falls poolroom on the results of the races at Oakland and Ascot, William H. Molden, a telegraph operator in the employ of the Postal Telegraph company, was arrested on a charge of sending false messages. The poolroom management alleges that he was a party to a successful wire-tapping scheme.

Molden commenced betting with $10 and made three bets, which netted him $1,950. It was later learned by the manager of the poolroom that false returns had been received over their wire, as two of the horses on which Molden had cashed bets were not winners on the day's card.

When arrested Molden declared that he had done the betting for another man, a stranger, to whom he had turned over his winnings and from whom he had received $100 for his services. He was unable to describe this man. No other arrests have been made.

### CHARGE POLICE GRAFT.

**Policemen Say They Were Invited to Help Rob Express Wagon.**

The recent investigation by the police committee of the Butte city council of charges of graft among the police and others has developed sensations. An effort was made to have an investigation, but this failed. Then in view of charges made in the legislature the police committee took up the matter.

The most astounding testimony was adduced when two officers charged that they were invited by an officer into a conspiracy to rob a delivery wagon of the Northern Pacific Express company between the depot and the office on the night of Nov. 11 last, when it was expected a large amount of currency could be taken.

The robbery was frustrated by the plan being tipped off to the manager of the express company in Butte, who telegraphed Chief Detective Gardner at St. Paul. Gardner and a dozen men hastened to Butte to protect the company's property.

### HANDS AND FEET FROZEN.

**Man Is Found Wandering in the Cold in Montana.**

Thomas Thompson, a stranger in Billings, was found at Lockwood station, east of Billings, wandering with a lantern in his hand. The man's feet were frozen. He was brought to this city and placed in a hospital. It is believed that it will be necessary to amputate both feet and possibly his hands. He is in a precarious condition and his recovery is doubtful.