SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

Today's Weather:

Washington, February 18.—East Texas—Rain or snow in north, rain in south portion Thursday; warmer in northwest portion, Friday rain; fresh north to east winds.

Arkansas—Rain or snow Thursday and probably Friday; warmer Friday.

New Mexico—Fair in north, rain or snow in south portion Thursday. Friday fair.

Oklahoma and Indian Territories—Snow and warmer Thursday. Friday probably fair.

West Texas—Rain or snow Thursday. Friday probably fair.

Alabama—Fair Thursday, colder in interior, rain at night or Friday; warmer Friday, fresh east winds.

Mississippi—Fair Thursday, colder in the interior, rain at night and Friday; warmer Friday; fresh east winds.

Louisiana—Rain Thursday. Friday rain and warmer; fresh east winds.

(Special to The Post.)

Observations taken by the United States weather bureau at 8 p. m., 75th meridian time:

Stations—	Temperature. Max.	Min.	Rain fall.	State of weather.
Abilene	60	34	.00	Cloudy
Amarillo	34	2	.00	Cloudy
Atlanta	40	14	.00	Clear
Corpus Christi	56	38	.12	Raining
Davenport	8	12	.00	Clear
Dodge City	12	6	.00	Clear
El Paso	48	30	.00	Cloudy
Galveston	56	38	T	Cloudy
Jacksonville	52	28	.00	Clear
Kansas City	6	4	.00	Clear
Memphis	34	18	.00	Clear
Montgomery	50	24	.00	Pt. cloudy
Nashville	30	12	T	Clear
New Orleans	54	30	.00	Cloudy
North Platte	16	4	T	Pt. cloudy
Omaha	8	14	.00	Pt. cloudy
Pueblo	50	20	T	Raining
San Antonio	48	32	.10	Raining
St. Louis	24	..	.00	Clear
St. Paul	6	18	.00	Clear
Vicksburg	52	28	.00	Clear

DOMESTIC.

Three negroes were legally hanged in Mississippi for murder. A fourth was reprieved on the gallows after the black cap had been adjusted.

Arnold's string of race horses has mysterious disappeared from San Francisco.

Four Rock Island passenger trains are snowbound in New Mexico.

The Florida fruit crop suffered no serious injury from the recent cold weather.

A wrecked houseboat floating in the river near Paducah, Ky., was found to contain three drowned people.

New indictments were found by the Federal grand jury at Tampa, Fla., against mental science healers on the charge of fraudulently using the mails.

WASHINGTON.

The president nominated an army appointments.

Justice Shiras of the United States supreme court has resigned. Hon. W. R. Day will be his successor.

The senate committee has reported the postoffice appropriation bill, carrying with it the Statehood bill as an amendment.

The chairman of the house committee on public buildings conferred with Secretary Cortelyou relative to a building for the new department of commerce.

The state department has instructed Minister Powell to insist on a prompt settlement by San Domingo of the Clyde line and Ross claims.

The prospects for the Houston postoffice appropriation are regarded as rather gloomy.

Speaker Henderson is holding up the Burleson stockades bill in the interest of the tobacco trust.

Postmaster Strong's nomination will probably be confirmed today.

CONGRESS.

The house rejected the conference report on the army appropriation bill, considered the naval appropriation, and appropriated $100,000 for expenses incident to the occupation of the new naval station the government is to acquire from Cuba.

In the senate Quay's resolution declaring it to be the sense of the senate that there should be a vote on the Statehood bill before adjournment of congress precipitated a lively debate, participated in by a number of senators. No action was taken on the resolution.

In executive session the senate considered the canal treaty and voted down Senator Morgan's resolution of inquiry into Minister Herran's credentials.

FOREIGN.

The plague situation at Mazatlan appears to be improved. There was not a death Wednesday.

The village of El Oso, where a few cases of the plague have developed, will be burned.

In awarding the government of Spain damages against a shipbuilding company, the court of sessions at Edinburgh, Scotland, held that the war with the United States might have been averted if the contract for the building of four torpedo boats had been carried out.

Mr. Bowen will not represent Venezuela before The Hague.

It is claimed that San Salvador and Guatemala have arranged their differences.

Venezuela's 30 per cent customs increase is regarded as a keen stroke of political finesse, as it practically forces foreign merchants to pay the indemnity.

It is announced that Germany approves the Austro-Russian program of reforms for Macedonia.

Russia has notified Bulgaria that Turkey is acting properly in preparing for every eventuality.

The German cruiser Panther asked for permission to enter Lake Maracaibo, but was referred to the Caracas authorities.

TEXAS.

Mrs. Waggoner has accepted $500,000 in securities and cash for her interest in the Dan Waggoner estate.

The B. Y. P. U. of Texas has decided to hold another encampment at La Porte in July.

W. J. Jackson of Lone Star was frozen to death near Kaufman.

An elaborate program is to be carried out at the university, March 2.

A full length oil portrait has been presented to the State by James Converse, through Judge A. W. Terrell.

The court of criminal appeals handed down a number of decisions, the reversals being numerous.

A number of cattle were drowned near Tyler during the recent blizzard.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans have selected the Southern Pacific as the official route to New Orleans.

The Sam Lockin murder case has gone to trial at Fredericksburg.

Miss Robinson and her two young brothers were burned to death near Abilene.

Four battleships and a transport have arrived at Galveston and are anchored outside the port.

Joe Mills, a Dallas saloon man, was held without bail on a charge of murder.

Bad weather is hindering the work at Sour Lake. More wells are getting pipe line connections.

LEGISLATIVE.

The senate passed the bill requiring cities to set aside 10 per cent of their revenues for paying judgments; passed the bill repealing the maximum penalty in assault to murder cases; passed bill increasing pay of certain convict guards; passed the bill prohibiting the killing of antelope.

The house adopted many amendments to the agricultural department bill, without finally disposing of it.

The friends of the agricultural department bill are confident of its final passage.

The house committee will present a favorable majority and an unfavorable minority report on the World's Fair bill.

The Harris-Galveston criminal court bill has been signed.

The appropriation bill as it now stands carries $3,865,312 for the two years.

Mr. Bryant thinks the bill providing for working short term convicts on the public roads is of much public interest.

SPORT.

Some of the prize fighters have fortunes on which to retire if they please.

A reciever has been appointed for the Arnold get-rich-quick concern.

COMMERCIAL.

Cotton values almost came to a scandalous yesterday on slight weakness at Liverpool and free selling to realize.

The stock market continues stagnant and declines occurred yesterday on a general lack of interest.

The grain markets were dull and all grains declined on bearish foreign news and commission house selling.

RAILROADS.

The commission took up the matter of live stock rates, heard evidence and took the matter under consideration.

The railroad attorneys have made a protest to the governor over the lack of room at the disposal of the commission.

Freight agents are to meet at Galveston to consider the increase in rates.

Employes of the express companies have perfected an organization.

HOUSTON.

Justice Matthews bound over Robert Wilson to the grand jury in the sum of $500 in connection with the Harrisburg road shooting Sunday.

Navy recruiting officers have arrived in Houston and opened headquarters in the Shaw building.

Dick Dowling camp has addressed a letter to Business League and Cotton Exchange with view to tendering barbecue to veterans on way to New Orleans reunion.

Hon. John S. Stewart has declared himself in favor of charter provisions conferring appointment of department heads of city on mayor.

J. A. Robertson, administrator of Donovant estate, applies for writ of habeas corpus after contempt proceeding assessed against him in county court.

By confession of the victims the shooting in which Jack Kennedy was involved Monday night is declared to have been accidental.

Members of the Harris county bar held meeting with view to locating and organizing new court.

Captain R. P. Hobson will deliver a lecture in Houston on March 17.

Correspondence was had between city and county health officers concerning smallpox situation. Settlement of conflict is promised.

The plans and specifications of the new market hall will again come up for consideration by the board of public works, some changes appearing from those formerly accepted.

A large number of dancers participated in the annual masquerade ball of the Houston Turnverein.

Watchman's room at textile machinery plant in Houston Heights was destroyed by fire.

NOT YET RECOVERED.

Victims of Ill-Fated Steamer Still at Bottom of River.

Norfolk, Va., February 18.—Steamboat men who arrived from Chowan river today stated there was no vestige of the ill-fated steamer Olive, which was struck by the hurricane Monday night, fifteen miles below Tunis, while bound from Edenhouse, N. C., when eighteen passengers were drowned. What little remained of the wreck was at the bottom of the river.

Every effort is being made to recover the bodies of the victims and divers will probably be sent from Norfolk.

A Mother's Recommendation.

I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a number of years and have no hesitancy in saying that it is the best remedy for coughs, colds and croup I have ever used in my family. I have not words to express my confidence in this remedy.—Mrs. J. A. Moore, North Star, Mich. For sale by all druggists.

THE HAGUE PROTOCOLS.

Considerable Attention Being Paid to Preparation of Third Set.

EACH OF THE PEACE POWERS

Has Been Presented with a Copy of American Agreement, Which Will Be Their Model.

Washington, February 18.—In diplomatic circles and among state department officials considerable attention is being paid to the provisions of the third set of protocols, The Hague protocols, which will have to do exclusively with the setting in motion of the tribunal's cumbersome machinery. These protocols, in addition to defining the scope of the arbitration, also will stipulate the number of arbitrators to be selected. In order that Venezuela may go to The Hague on the same footing as the peace powers having claims against her, it is expected that the rough draft of The Hague protocol will be decided on at a joint conference between Mr. Bowen and the representatives here of the powers. Secretary Hay will represent the United States at this conference, and it is the wish of the other representatives that he shall preside. This meeting will not be called until all of the second set of protocols have been signed.

Mr. Bowen this afternoon called on the representatives of the peace powers here, the Mexican and French ambassadors, the ministers from Sweden and Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium and Spain, to inform them formally of the signing of the American-Venezuelan protocol. With each envoy a copy of the American protocol was left, Mr. Bowen stating that Venezuela desired that the remaining protocols should in all essential details conform to it. In substance this protocol already has been cabled to the various foreign offices and the latter will instruct their representatives here what steps are to be taken toward the drafting of similar conventions. In the signing of the other protocols diplomatic precedence will be abandoned for the rule of Mr. Bowen, "first come, first served," but in any event, it is expected several days will elapse before any one of the peace powers is ready to sign its protocol.

BOWEN WILL NOT GO.

Rules Prohibit Granting of More Than Sixty Days' Leave.

Washington, February 18.—It does not seem at all probable at this time that Herbert W. Bowen, the United States minister to Venezuela, will go to The Hague in connection with the movement to have that tribunal determine whether or not the European allied governments which maintained a blockade of Venezuelan ports shall have preferential treatment in the payment of the claims of their citizens against Venezuela. If Bowen's pleasure in the matter were consulted the likelihood is that he would participate in the proceedings before The Hague tribunal, but he is not willing to resign his position as minister to Venezuela for that purpose, and the rules of the state department prohibit the granting of more than sixty days' leave of absence in any one year to diplomatic officers.

The impression also obtains ~~here~~ the state department is not over anxious for Bowen to attend, as his presence at The Hague might cause a belief that the United States is over-zealous in behalf of Venezuela.

CANAL TREATY CONSIDERED.

Morgan's Resolution to Inquire into Credentials of Herran Rejected.

Washington, February 18.—The senate spent three and a half hours in executive session today listening nearly all the time to a continuation of Senator Morgan's speech on the Panama canal treaty. At the close of the day's session a vote was taken at Senator Morgan's request on his resolution requesting an inquiry into the credentials of Tomas Herran, who represented the Colombian government in negotiating the treaty, and also suggesting the irregularity of the Colombian government. The resolution was defeated 13 to 39. There were two calls for a quorum during the session, but senators responded readily, showing that, while they were not present in the senate chamber, many of them were in the neighboring committee rooms. Senator Morgan spoke principally on his resolution, and had the clerk read a long report on it which he had prepared and had printed as a minority report of the committee on interoceanic canals.

After the vote was taken on the resolution Senator Cullom moved that the senate adjourn to meet at 11 o'clock tomorrow, saying that he would ask that the sessions be continued into the night and until a vote was taken on the treaty.

VENEZUELA'S CUSTOMS INCREASE

Regarded as a Keen Stroke of Political Finesse.

Washington, February 18.—The following cablegram was received at the state department today from Mr. Russell, who is in charge of the United States legation at Caracas during the absence of Mr. Bowen:

"Minister foreign affairs, Venezuela, has decreed 30 per cent increase duties on all imports as war measure."

Just why this decree was issued by the minister of foreign affairs, instead of President Castro, in the ordinary course, puzzles the officials here. The action recorded in the cablegram, however, is regarded as a keen stroke of political finesse, for practically it amounts to placing the indemnity which Venezuela is to pay the powers wholly upon the shoulders of the foreign merchants who conduct all of Venezuela's import trade. The increase mentioned—30 per cent—is the same figure as the percentage of customs duties at La Guayra and Puerto Cabello to be assigned to the claimant nations.

THE TEXAS NOMINATIONS.

Mr. Strong Will Probably Be Confirmed Today.

(Special to The Post.)

Washington, February 18.—Senator Culberson today presented to the senate from the committee on postoffices and postroads a favorable report on the nomination of Seth B. Strong as postmaster at Houston. The nomination will probably be confirmed tomorrow.

The civil service commission is understood to be giving careful consideration just at present to the case of Collector Dowe of Eagle Pass.

The president today sent to the senate the nominations of Claude Newman Feamster and Thomas Coburn Musgrave, both of Texas, as second lieutenants of infantry.

Favorable Report Authorized.

Washington, February 18.—The senate committee on foreign relations today authorized a favorable report on the extradition treaty with Mexico and, also an agreement with France, extending the provisions of the French reciprocity treaty to Porto Rico.

BILLIONS IN COMMERCE

There Will Be Plenty to Keep the New Department Busy.

GROWTH OF THE INTERNAL TRADE

From About $2,000,000,000, in 1850, It Has Expanded to Almost $20,000,000,000 in 1902.

Washington, February 18.—A bulletin of the treasure bureau of statistics calls attention to the fact that the new department of commerce will have dealings with the largest commercial interests of the world.

Figures presented estimate the internal commerce of this country at $20,000,000,000, an amount equal to that of the entire international commerce of the world, the United States being first in domestic exports, in manufactures, in transportation and in internal commerce. In arriving at this estimate of $20,000,000,000, the census includes only one transaction in each article produced, while, in fact, a very large number of the articles produced pass through the hands of several "middlemen" between those of the producer and those of the consumer. The estimate is based upon the figures of the census, which put the total value of manufactures in 1900 at $13,000,000,000; those of agriculture at nearly $4,000,000,000, and those of minerals about $1,000,000,000. Adding to these the product of the fisheries, the total value of the products of the great industries in 1900 would be $18,000,000,000, and the rapid growth in all lines of industry since 1900, especially in manufacturing, seems to justify the conclusion that even a single transaction in all the products of the country would produce an aggregate for 1902 of fully $20,000,000,000.

Estimating the internal commerce of the country at former census years by the same method, the bureau of statistics finds that the total internal commerce has grown from about $2,000,000,000 in 1850; $3,900,000,000 in 1860; $6,250,000,000 in 1870; $7,750,000,000 in 1880 and $12,000,000,000 in 1890. It will be seen from this that the internal commerce seems to have increased 50 per cent in the decade from 1890 to 1900, and is ten times as large in 1902 as in the year 1850.

During the same period, from 1850 to 1902, the population has increased from 23,000,000 to 79,000,000, and is therefore only three and a half times as great as in 1850, while the internal commerce is ten times as great as at that time. This relative gain of internal commerce over population is due, in part, to the greatly increased facilities for transportation, the cheapening of cost of articles utilized, and the increased earnings and increased wealth of the people. The railroads have increased from 9021 miles in 1850 to 201,276 miles in 1902, and the estimated wealth of the country from $7,135,780,000 in 1850 to $94,300,000,000 in 1900—a per capita increase of from $308 in 1850 to $1236 in 1900. This increase in wealth has been accompanied by an increase in deposits in banks, those in saving banks alone increasing from $48,431,336 in 1850 to $2,597,094,580 in 1901.

Senate Confirmations.

Washington, February 18.—Confirmations by the senate:

Willis Vandevanter, Wyoming, United States circuit judge for the Eighth judicial district; Vivian J. Eagle, marshal for the Southern district of Ohio; John T. McDonough, New York, associate justice of the supreme court of the Philippine Islands; United States attorney, M. C. Elstner, Western district of Louisiana; appraiser of merchandise, A. S. Badger, district of New Orleans; Captain John R. Bartlett, United States navy (retired) to be rear admiral on the retired list.

Postmasters—Texas—William D. Raibjen, Cuero; W. A. Stoner, Waco.

Petition for Crum's Confirmation.

Washington, February 18.—A petition, signed by ex-Governor F. B. S. Pinchback of Louisiana, Dr. A. B. Purvis, John F. Cook, Kelly Miller and Whitefield McKinley of this city, urging the confirmation of the nomination of Dr. W. D. Crum, as collector of the port of Charleston, S. C., was submitted to the senate today.

MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED.

Arnold's String of Race Horses Taken from San Francisco.

San Francisco, February 18.—The string of horses raced by E. J. Arnold & Co. since the opening of the season has mysteriously disappeared. Tom Kiley, the trainer, left San Francisco suddenly last evening, presumably for Memphis, with the string. Some days ago Kiley attached the horses for $400, and yesterday they were taken from the track at the request of the sheriff. Kiley paid the money to release the string, and putting the horses on cars left on the evening train. He took Fitzbrillar, Stuyve, Irene Lindsay, Felix Bard, Will Shelley and some brood mares. He sold Ethelyne to William Gall and Bessie McCarthy to G. Brown. R. M. Hennessey, one of the Arnold agents, has also disappeared. There was a rumor in circulation that Kiley might go to Mexico with the horses.

CROSBY-ASHE FIGHT

Was Without Feature and Finally Declared a Draw.

Little Rock, Ark., February 18.—A special to the Gazette from Hot Springs, Ark., says: After twenty rounds of hard fighting tonight, before the Whittington Park club, Referee Bat Masterson decided a draw between Steve Crosby of Louisville and Kid Ashe of Cincinnati. The battle was featureless, except from the continued hanging on in clinches by both men. Referee Masterson could not keep the men apart and make them fight. At the end he stated there had been only one round of actual fighting and that was the last one when the men went at each other like demons.

Were Discharged.

New York, February 18.—Charles E. Rand and Joseph Reagan of C. E. Rand & Co., turf speculators, who were arrested yesterday, charged with attempted larceny, were discharged today for lack of evidence. The men were not rearrested by the postoffice authorities.

AUTHORIZED A BOND ISSUE.

Will Be Used for Extension of Oklahoma Lines.

New York, February 17.—It was reported in Wall street that the board of directors of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad had authorized the issue of $5,000,000 Eastern Oklahoma first mortgage 4 per cent, twenty-five year gold bonds. The issue is at the rate of $20,000 a mile for the extension of the Oklahoma lines now nearly completed, and is secured by a first mortgage on these lines. The part of the road in question is the newly completed Paul's Valley cutoff.

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The liver, the largest and one of the most important organs of the body, is to thousands of young and old, a source of suffering. It has been truly said that a diseased liver means physical and mental tortures and dangers. The common symptoms of liver complaints are loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, furred tongue, constipation, impure blood, headache, depression of spirits and a host of other evils.

Are you a victim of liver complaint? Do you experience any of the symptoms noted above? If so, do not fail to make immediate use of Paine's Celery Compound, the only medicine that directly strikes the root of the trouble, and that infuses new life into every inactive organ. Mr. C. U. Beaumont, Memphis, Tenn., gives the following testimony:

"For many years I was a sufferer from liver trouble, and at times endured terrible agonies. My blood was in bad condition, and headache and constipation added to my miseries. The doctors were unable to cure me, and I lost all hope, and at times wished for death. Upon the advice of a friend, I commenced to use your wonderful Paine's Celery Compound. After taking the medicine for two weeks, I felt very much improved. I have taken in all seven bottles, and, thank God, I am today healthy and strong. Paine's Celery Compound truly saved me from the grave. I shall always recommend it."

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THE ARMY PROMOTIONS

CAME UNEXPECTEDLY AND HAVE CAUSED MUCH COMMENT.

Impression Prevails that General Breckinridge's Connection General Staff Law Legislation Was a Potent Factor.

Washington, February 18.—The nominations of Brigadier Generals J. C. Breckinridge, inspector general; M. I. Ludington, quartermaster general, and James F. Wade, to become major generals, sent to the senate today, came as a genuine surprise to army officers, except those directly concerned. The original program of the department, announced several weeks ago, contemplated the single promotion of Brigadier General James F. Wade to the grade of major general, on the statutory retirement of Major General Robert J. Hughes of the department of California, on the 11th of April next. The promotion of Inspector General Breckinridge and Quartermaster General Ludington to major generals on the retirement of General Hughes and their retirement on the same date, in order to make way for General Wade, was an after thought.

There is an impression in well informed military circles that the enactment of the general staff law and General Breckinridge's connection with that legislation were potent factors in bringing about the change of plan. General Breckinridge would not have retired under ordinary conditions until January, 1906. General Ludington, however, is three years older than the inspector general and would have retired for age July 4 next. It was generally supposed that both these staff officers would retire in their present grade of brigadier general, in recognition of their long and honorable service. However, the secretary of war, with the approval of the president, concluded to advance them both to the grade of major general on the condition that they retire at once. This was acceptable to both General Breckinridge and General Ludington. In advocating the creation of the general staff, Secretary Root insisted on the abolishment of the inspector general's department of the army as no longer necessary, since his duties would be performed by the general staff.

This particular feature of the bill drawn by the war department, was resisted vigorously by General Breckinridge, with the result that the inspector general's department was not disturbed by the bill as it became a law. It therefore appears that, while General Breckinridge saved his corps, he no longer will have the direction of its affairs.

Other important army changes in the near future will be the promotion of Major General S. B. M. Young as lieutenant general of the army on the retirement of General Miles in August, next, and the promotion of Brigadier General S. S. Sumner to the grade of major general on the retirement of Major General George W. Davis, in July next, and the promotion of Brigadier General Leonard Wood, to be a major general to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of General Young in August.

Washington, February 18.—The following nominations were sent to the senate today:

Brigadier General J. C. Breckinridge, inspector general, to be major general, April 11, vice Major General R. P. Hughes; Brigadier General M. I. Ludington, quartermaster general, to be major general, vice Breckinridge, to be retired; Brigadier General James F. Wade, to be major general, vice Ludington, to be retired.

Cavalry.—To be colonels: Lieutenant Colonel Winfield Edgeley, Seventh cavalry; lieutenant colonel, Major Walter Schuyler, Seventh cavalry; major, Captain Augustus P. Rockson, Seventh cavalry; captain, First Lieutenant A. E. Kennington, Tenth cavalry.

Infantry.—Second lieutenants, Julius S. Turrill, Vermont; Walter W. Merrill, Ohio; Reginald H. Kelly, California; Edward H. Pearce, California; Claud N. Feamster, Texas; Cyrus R. Street, California; Clarence A. Eustaphieve, New York; Joseph A. Moulenque, New York; Joseph M. Cummins, Missouri; Thomas C. Musgrave, Texas; Converse R. Lewis, Louisiana.

Navy.—Assistant paymasters, Howard D. Lamar, Indiana; Frederick H. Lemley, North Carolina.

THREE NEGROES HANGED.

The Fourth Was Reprieved After Adjustment of Black Cap.

Jackson, Miss., February 18.—Three negroes were legally hanged today in the State of Mississippi, as follows: Emanuel Walker, at Indianola; Alexander Smith, at Poplarville, and Thomas S. Wormsner, at Raleigh. All had been convicted of murder.

Joseph Campbell, colored, who was also sentenced to hang today for murder at Yazoo City, was saved by an eye-lash. On the gallows he whispered to the sheriff the name of his accomplice in the murder of which he had been convicted. The black cap had been adjusted, but the sheriff suspended operations and telegraphed to Governor Longino, asking for ten days' reprieve, in order that evidence might be secured from the condemned man. The governor acquiesced and Campbell will further testify regarding the crime.

A SCHOONER STRANDED.

Life Saving Force Rescued the Captain and Crew.

Norfolk, Va., February 18.—A messenger from the North Carolina coast brought to Cape Henry life saving station today the news of the stranding of the big three-masted schooner William H. Shubert, Captain Dougherty, bound from Philadelphia to Cardenas, Cuba, with a load of coal. The Shubert struck the beach three miles north of Boyd's island, abreast of Roanoke island, North Carolina, Monday night at 11 o'clock, when the great storm swept the coast. A dispatch received at the weather bureau this afternoon says that the Shubert, though in a most perilous position, may be saved, and the Merritt & Chapman wrecking tug Rescue, which left here this afternoon, is now hastening down the coast to the vessel's assistance.

Captain Dougherty and crew of the Shubert were rescued by the Boyd's Island life saving crew shortly after the schooner stranded Monday night. The rescue was made with difficulty, owing to the heavy sea. The Shubert is owned in Philadelphia.

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Leave Galveston—1:40 p. m., 5:15 p. m., 6:30 p. m. and 7:50 p. m.

TRAINS WILL BE OPERATED ...ON TIME...

Santa Fe

LOUISIANA HEALTH MEASURE.

Every Sleeping Car Must Be Thoroughly Disinfected.

(Special to The Post.)

New Orleans, February 18.—The Louisiana board of health at its quarterly meeting decided to protect the traveling public from the danger of infection from contagious diseases. It adopted the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That the State board of health require every sleeping car company operating in Louisiana to thoroughly disinfect each sleeping car after every round trip, under such regulations as this board may prescribe; provided, that after personal investigation the quarantine committee find such measures of disinfection necessary.

NEW INDICTMENTS FOUND.

Mental Science Healers Charged with Fraudulently Using the Mails.

Tampa, Fla., February 18.—Four new indictments were found here in the United States court against Mrs. Charles C. Post, alias Helen Wilmans, also one against Colonel Charles C. Post and Charles F. Burgman, the Sea Breeze Mental Science Healers, charging them with fraudulently using the United States mails.

The defendants are charged with sending out literature advertising "absent treatment" for disease. Other indictments were found at the last term of the United States court in Jacksonville.

RICE AND IRRIGATION COMPANY.

Incorporated with an Authorized Capital of $6,000,000.

Trenton, N. J., February 18.—The Union Rice and Irrigation company, with an authorized capital of $6,000,000, was incorporated today. The capital stock is divided into shares of $5 each, and the list of its incorporators include seventy-five persons, nearly all of whom reside in New Orleans, Baton Rouge and other Louisiana cities and towns. The objects of the company are various and include growing and dealing in rice, oats, grain of all kinds and the manufacture of the grains into various articles. Also the construction and operation of irrigation plants.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

Is Alleged to Be Epidemic in One District of Mexico.

El Paso, Texas, February 18.—Dr. Bray, local quarantine inspector at this port, today, acting in accordance with orders from the bureau of animal industry at Washington, established a quarantine against Mexican cattle on account of the reported prevalence of foot and mouth diseases in and about San Luis Potosi, pending an investigation. Numerous reports are current that the disease has reached an epidemic stage in the district mentioned, and is said to be similar in all respects to that which recently prevailed in the New England States.

PROMPT SETTLEMENT WANTED.

San Domingo Must Not Be Given Any Further Time.

Washington, February 18.—Instructions have been sent by the state department to United States Minister Powell to insist on his demand on the government of San Domingo for a prompt settlement of the Clyde line and Ross claims, notwithstanding a suggestion of postponement until the return from the United State of a Dominican agent.

Rockefeller's Movements.

Thomasville, Ga., February 18.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., arrived here today in his private car. Mr. Rockefeller, his sister and his physician, Dr. Biggers, are registered at the Piney Woods hotel. The party will remain here three weeks, and will then start on a tour through Mexico.

No Settlement Expected.

Topeka, Kan., February 18.—Santa Fe officials report tonight that there is no immediate chance of reaching a settlement in the wage controversy with the conductors and trainmen.

Bond Issue Denied.

Topeka, Kan., February 18.—A Santa Fe officer said tonight that there was no truth in the report telegraphed from Wall street yesterday that the Santa Fe was preparing for a large bond issue.

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