

WINDSTORM IN VIRGINIA

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RAILWAY TRAVEL BADLY IMPEDED

New Trains Able to Move During the Last Two Days, Though Strenuous Efforts Were Made to Keep the Tracks Clear— Several Stalled at Various Points—General Complaint of Scarcity of Fuel— Attempts to Relieve Suffering.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 12.—The greatest snow storm experienced in Virginia since the memorable one of 1857, in which many lives were lost, has been raging here for two days, and Richmond is practically cut off from the rest of the world by either water or rail. In some respects the storm surpasses that of forty-two years ago. The average depth of the snow is equally as great, and the fall of snow has been continued through the day, but the drifts are not altogether as deep, though it is common to find banks eight feet high.

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ROANOKE CUT OFF ENTIRELY.

Norfolk and Western Blocked—Trains on Shenandoah Valley Snowbound. Roanoke, Va., Feb. 12.—Roanoke has been completely cut off from the outside world so far as railway communication is concerned since yesterday afternoon. The Norfolk and Western Railroad is completely blocked in all directions, save on the western division, and only one train has left this city since yesterday, that going to Lynchburg. Snow began to fall here Saturday afternoon about 2 o'clock and continued without interruption until about 10 o'clock this morning, with a result of about fourteen inches of snow on the level, and in many places it drifted to an extent of four or five feet.

Norfolk and Western trains which left here Sunday on the Shenandoah Valley are stuck in the snow at Basic City, while one which left Washington last night on the same line is reported stalled at Berryville. The thermometer has, since Sunday morning, registered anywhere from 3 degrees above to 10 degrees below zero, the coldest weather in the history of the city.

SCHOONER IN DISTRESS.

Revenue Cutter Algonquin Goes to Her Assistance at Great Peril.

Norfolk, Feb. 12.—The blizzard which has paralyzed the country for sixty hours continues to-night with unabated fury. Communication by boat and train is cut off, except for an occasional express that manages to get through the drifts that are half piled all deep cuts. Hampton looks like a frozen island, and there are several impassable ice bergs between Norfolk and Fort Monroe. All schedules have been abandoned, and there have been no mails. The wires, which have thus withstood the blast are beginning to go.

THAINS STALLED ON R. & O.

St. Louis Express Snowbound at Boyd's and Chicago at Barnsville.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 12.—The Metropolitan Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad is completely blocked; cuts filled to a depth of ten to twenty feet and country roads impassable. A coal famine is snowbound at Boyd's with three engines and six cars. All passengers are being taken care of by citizens of the town, who are responding to the call. The Chicago train is snowbound at Barnsville. From the present outlook the trains will not be moved for twenty-four hours. Mr. Spurrer, Superintendent of the Baltimore and Ohio, is in the city, and is looking out for the wants of the passengers.

SEVEN TO TEN FEET DEEP.

Conditions Around Falls Church Since the Snow.

Falls Church, Va., Feb. 12.—It has been snowing here since 3 o'clock yesterday morning, and the snow in Northern Virginia in places has drifted until it is from seven to ten feet deep. On the Washington and Annapolis Railroad traffic is tied up. There are three morning passenger trains scheduled southbound and not one of them started to-day. All are frozen in at the terminal points and no train can be treated the great drifts in the railroad cuts.

Worst For Forty Years.

Warrenton Has Seen No Storm Like This Since 1856.

Warrenton, Va., Feb. 12.—The most furious snow and wind-storm experienced here since 1856 has raged to-day. It has snowed continuously since 4 p. m. Saturday, and the snow is now forty-eight inches deep on a level, and it is still snowing. Drifts fifteen feet deep are in every direction. The thermometer is at zero. All traffic is suspended.

Recruiting for Regular Army.

Fredericksburg, Va., Feb. 12.—Lieut. C. P. Faulkner, of Battery G, Fourth Artillery, U. S. A., son of Senator Charles P. Faulkner, of West Virginia, will open a recruiting office here this week for enlisting both white and colored recruits for the regular army. From here he will go to Richmond, to Norfolk, and outside his work in this State at Hampton.

Many Cattle Frozen.

Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 12.—The worst storm and blizzard for years has been raging here for the past fifty-four hours. All roads are blocked with heavy drifts. Trains over this end of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad have been discontinued. The snow is now forty-eight inches deep on the level. Stockmen report the freezing of many cattle.

One Death from Smallpox.

Newport News, Va., Feb. 12.—The first death from smallpox since the disease was introduced to this city occurred to-day at the post-house to-day. The victim was a negro. The disease is of a very mild form.

Naval Cadets Resigned.

Annapolis, Md., Feb. 12.—The following naval cadets have resigned: Second class—William H. Shea, of New York, and Kirby B. Crittenden, of Missouri. Fourth class—Kelsey D. Aldrich, of Mississippi; William Arrington, of South Carolina; Herbert M. Apted, of Massachusetts; John S. Arwine, Jr., of Indiana; John M. Austin, of Alabama; Daniel T. Ghent, of Texas; and Charles W. Adams, of Mississippi. J. Hickman, of Kentucky; Daniel J. Murphy, of California; Clarence H. Price, of Georgia; William T. St. George, of New York; George N. Thompson, of Pennsylvania; and William H. Athalsh, of Missouri.

Annapolis Without Mails.

RAILROADS STOPPED.

Train No. 23, going north, is held here, while train No. 3, going south, is held at Rippon, a few miles below here, by the drifts that block the track.

PETERSBURG'S FUEL SHORT.

Negro Woman Frozen to Death—Several Persons Injured by Fall of a Roof. Petersburg, Va., Feb. 12.—The snow-storm of Saturday and yesterday has continued all-day with unabated fury, and it is still snowing hard. The storm is the worst experienced here since 1857, and the ground is covered with snow to a depth of twenty inches, while in some places it has drifted to a depth of from five to ten feet.

The street committee this morning authorized the City Engineer to employ at once 500 snow cleaners to remove the snow. All of the public schools and cotton factories have been closed. The superintendent of the latter throws out of employment over 700 men, women, and children. The Petersburg Iron Works shut down to-day on account of their water-supply pipes being frozen. The shutting down of these works throws seventy-five men out of work.

The snow has greatly impeded railroad travel, and no trains have arrived here from the North or South since last night. Impassable quantities of snow and other game are dying in the neighboring woods and fields from cold and hunger. It was almost impossible to get coal here to-day at any price, and the dealers would sell only half a load to be delivered to any one person.

AGERSTOWN SNOWBOUND.

Of Sixty-one Daily Trains Only Few Arrived or Departed.

Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 12.—Hagerstown is snowbound. The blizzard is the worst ever known here. It has been snowing continuously since Saturday night. Of the sixty-one trains which arrive and depart, only a few have got in or left. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and Western Maryland road monster steam snow plows, but could not overcome the gigantic drifts which they encountered.

CONDITIONS AT LAUREL.

No Mails Dispatched or Received—Railroad Reading Uncertain and Dangerous.

Laurel, Md., Feb. 12.—The streets are almost impassable. No effort will be made to clear the sidewalks with snow plows until the storm abates. No cases of smallpox have been reported, although such are bound to occur if the storm lasts over to-morrow.

SOUTHERN TRAINS STOPPED.

None Running Between Danville and Washington.

Danville, Va., Feb. 12.—The record in the way of snow has been broken in this vicinity last night and to-day, and the end is not yet. Snow lies on the ground to a depth of ten inches, and it drifts in many places to several feet. The road between Danville and Lynchburg has hovered between zero and ten above, falling to three or four below during the night.

ELEVEN INCHES AT LYNCHBURG.

Mercury Dropping, with Indications of Going Below Zero.

Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 12.—Snow fell here nearly all day yesterday and to-day up to 2 p. m., the total depth being eleven inches. The minimum temperature for twenty-four hours up to 8 o'clock to-night was 6 degrees above zero, with indications of going below zero before morning. Passenger trains have been discontinued. The thermometer is at zero. All traffic is suspended.

Married at Midnight.

Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 12.—A midnight marriage was solemnized Tuesday at the home of Mr. William M. Varner, on the Hawkhill, when Miss Bessie, his daughter, became the bride of Mr. Charles N. Spitzer, a prominent young farmer of Page County, the ceremony being performed by Elder D. N. Spitzer, an uncle of the groom.

Sullivan-Bothe Wedding at Salem.

Salem, Va., Feb. 12.—A very pretty marriage was celebrated on Monday, when Miss Marie Bothe, daughter of Capt. P. B. Bothe, was united to Mr. M. A. Sullivan, of Williamsport. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Furman H. Martin, of the Baptist Church.

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Eastern Capitalists Manipulating Deal—Price of Nuts to be Advanced as Soon as Trust is Completed—Marriage at Norfolk of Mr. Charles Parker Breeze and Miss Meta Gordon Moore—Maniac Father Hurts His Child—Other Virginia News.

Special to The Post. Norfolk, Va., Feb. 8.—There is very little doubt but that the entire peanut output of the United States will be in the hands of one heavily capitalized concern in a short time. Several abortive attempts have been made to form peanut trusts, but the latest attempt has taken tangible form. There was a meeting in Norfolk last night of representatives of Eastern capitalists, who have for some time been endeavoring to form the combination. The peanut men are reticent, and exactly what was done is not known. It is believed, however, that the long-talked-of combination has been formed, and that practically all the peanut cleaning establishments in the United States have agreed to enter the trust.

The probabilities are that the price of peanuts will advance as soon as the organization has been completed. The late W. E. Weatherly, formerly of New York, who was largely influential in forming the trust, completed his work here yesterday afternoon and left last evening for Petersburg for conference with peanut men there.

Breeze-Moore Wedding.

Mr. Charles Parker Breeze and Miss Meta Gordon Moore were quietly married at 6:30 o'clock this morning at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Margaret S. Moore, corner York and Botetourt streets. The celebrant was Rev. Edward Mack, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Danbridge Spottedwood, of Petersburg, acted as best man. Among those present at the wedding were the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Breeze, of Connecticut. The groom volunteered for service during the Cuban war, raised a company of engineers, and served in the army of the United States on an expedition to Porto Rico. He has since resigned from the volunteer service.

Yesterday afternoon A. C. Campbell, North Carolina, suddenly became violently insane, and but for the timely action of others in the house, would have killed or done serious injury to his little child, who was badly bruised by the crazed father.

His was later brought to Portsmouth, and confined in the county jail. Campbell has been ill for some weeks, and it is thought to have affected his mind.

In the Law and Chancery Court to-day the receiver was appointed for the Reese Manufacturing Company, which operates a fish fertilizer company near this city. The appointment of receiver was on motion of the Alexandria Fertilizing and Chemical Company.

Judge Hancock to-day chartered the Willoughby Hotel Company with a capital stock of \$25,000. The concern will erect a hotel on Willoughby Beach, opposite the Chesapeake Bay.

Lumbermen in this city, while exceedingly reticent on the subject of the proposed great combine to control the North Carolina pine industry, express the opinion that the big deal is going to be consummated. The first meeting held in Baltimore Tuesday confirm the announcement first definitely made in these columns that the combination is well under way.

The Norfolk concern which the sale of the Norfolk and Western Railroad was reported to have been purchased by a group of financiers, has been narrowly averted. He asked for handbills for the truly paupers, whom he desired to be vigorously dealt with in the case of further disturbances.

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IN THE OLD DOMINION

Sale of Powhatan Gold Mines Confirmed by Court.

Special to The Post. Richmond, Va., Feb. 7.—Judge Waddell, in the United States Circuit Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, entered a decree to-day confirming the sale by receivers of the Powhatan Gold Mines, in the Eastern District of Virginia, of some time ago to Mr. R. L. Johnson, of Culpeper, representing himself and other creditors. There had been a previous sale which the court, upon the advice of the receivers, refused to confirm. Those interested in the purchase of the mines, men in Virginia, New York, Pittsburg, and Washington. The property is very valuable and embraces 1,000 acres of land, on which there is a rich deposit of gold. There is some \$200,000 or \$250,000 worth of machinery in the mines, which have not been operated for five years because of the litigation which has been in progress, and which finally resulted in the sale.

WEARY LITIGATION ENDS AT LAST

Gov. Tyler received a letter to-day from Ellis Moran, of Baltimore, making a claim under the State of Virginia for one-fourth of the \$36,000 of direct tax refunded to the State two or three years ago by the general government. He says his father, the late Dr. A. J. Moran, had an agreement with Gov. Holliday, under which the former secured the refunding of the money thus paid by the people of Virginia, he was to receive 25 per cent. of the amount so recovered. Mr. Moran claims that his father expected that his life was shortened, and that it was through his efforts that the passage of the refunding bill was finally secured. He now makes the claim on behalf of his father's family, and not having the agreement into which his father entered, asks the Governor to have a copy made and sent to him. The full amount of the direct tax fund has been distributed.

Young Student Charged with Larceny.

George W. Butts, a young man attending the Virginia Business College, was arrested at the college this afternoon, charged with grand larceny in Norfolk. The arrest was made by City Sergeant Western B. Epps, on a capias from Norfolk. The nature of the charge was not indicated in the paper. Butts says the trouble grows out of a business matter, and that he will have no difficulty in straightening it out when he gets to Norfolk. Officers are expected to take him in the morning. Butts is about thirty years old.

HEARING OF AN IMPORTANT CASE BEFORE CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 9.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals to-day was occupied mainly with the hearing of an argument in the well-known case of Stephen N. Halsey, plaintiff in