

AVALANCHES OF SNOW AND FLOOD THREATEN ROADS

Chinook Winds Sweep over Cascades, Melting Snow Rapidly.

WARM RAIN BEGAN LATE LAST NIGHT

St. Paul Railroad Blocked on East Slope of the Mountains.

Seattle, Feb. 8.—The Chinook winds, a warm breeze which sweeps snow from the ground rapidly, has begun in the Cascade mountains, threatening railroads using mountain passes with danger of great avalanches.

Streams are swollen. Portland, Ore., Feb. 8.—Out of the foothills and the Cascade mountains swollen streams are pouring their flood waters into the Willamette and Columbia rivers last night and threatening to bring further damage in the wake of last week's sleet storm.

Merchants in buildings near the banks of the Willamette in Portland began moving their goods to basements. Within 24 hours the Willamette rose 7.9 feet in Eugene. In Portland the crest is not expected until Thursday, when a flood stage of 16.5 feet is predicted by the weather bureau.

TRUST FUNDS JUGGLED IS THE CHARGE

Minnesota Auditor Says Irregularities in Treasurer's Office Total \$25,000.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 8.—Irregularities totaling close to \$25,000 in the handling of the state treasury, the funds of the state of Minnesota are alleged by State Auditor J. A. O. Preus, who asserts, however, that the entire amount has been covered into the state treasury.

GARMENT WORKERS SETTLE MATTERS

New York, Feb. 8.—Differences between the Ladies Waist and Dress-makers' union and the Waist and Dress Manufacturers' association, which some time ago threatened a strike of about 15,000 employees, were virtually settled yesterday by a board of arbitration which made an award revising a previous protocol and allowing employees a 10 per cent increase in wages.

The board consisted of Judge Julian W. Mack of Chicago; Robert Bruers and Hamilton Holt, Judge Mack having recently taken the place on the board of Louis D. Brandeis.

FIGHTING ON FRENCH FRONT

German Army Headquarters Claim Success South of River Somme.

Berlin, Feb. 8.—Active fighting on the French front, south of the River Somme, is announced by the German army headquarters. In the course of the engagement the Germans lost a small section of trenches they had captured, but afterwards re-took the position by counter attack.

COTTON CARGO OF THE TEXAS AFIRE

Swedish Steamer Forces to Port of Kirkwall—Left 22, leaves on January 22.

London, Feb. 8.—With her cargo of cotton afire the Swedish steamship Texas is making for the port of Kirkwall, Scotland. The vessel left New Orleans January 22, and Newport News January 27, bound for Gothenburg, Christiania.

EXPECT TO SECURE JURY LATE TODAY

State and Defense Declare They Will Complete List of Men to Try Aged Woman for Murder.

Winterset, Iowa, Feb. 8.—Council for both the state and defense expected to complete this afternoon the jury in the case of Mrs. Ida Meyer, the 60-year-old pioneer woman, who is on trial charged with complicity in the murder of her daughter-in-law.

ATTACKS FAKE CANCER CURES

Former Governor of Kansas Condemns Work of Such Concerns.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Former Governor George H. Hodges of Kansas attacked what he called "fake cancer cure concerns" and quack doctors as "conscienceless vandals, fattening on pain-racked bodies of their stricken victims," in an address before the Congress on Medical Education here.

Mr. Hodges lauded the steps taken by county, state and national medical organizations toward the betterment of medical science and practice in a new era of medicine in a comparatively few years because of their efforts.

DISCUSSES HOLDING OF AMERICAN GOODS

Washington, Feb. 8.—Henry van Dyke, American minister at The Hague, here for conferences with state department officials regarding trade conditions, yesterday took up with Counsellor Folk and the trade advisers questions involved in the detention of American-bound shipments at Rotterdam by the British orders in council.

BIG AUTOMOBILE TO PRIZE WINNER

Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 8.—To stimulate thrift and industry among the 12,000 to 14,000 children under 15 years of age in Oklahoma City, Mayor Ed Verholzer yesterday announced that the winner of a prize of a new five passenger automobile to the boy or girl under that age producing the greatest net profit this summer from gardening or other business activity.

TREMENDOUS LOSS IN LUTHERAN MEMBERSHIP IS PICTURED THROUGH FIGURES BY VARSITY PROFESSOR

Rev. N J. Lohre, Secretary of One of the Leading Synods, Presents Statement Indicating Waste—Used as an Argument for Concentration of Energy.

Starting statistics, revealing a net loss of 146,543 in the membership of the three leading Lutheran churches in the United States, are published in Grand Forks by the Normandy, a Norse publication, which carries an extended article by Rev. N. J. Lohre, general secretary of the Hauges Lutheran Synod of America, who has coupled with his article a statement by Prof. J. M. Gillette, sociologist of the University of North Dakota.

To leaders in the three denominations, Rev. Mr. Lohre points out that the great waste in membership presents a problem of unparalleled importance to the Lutherans of the United States, the solution of which is highly important to the future of the church.

Rev. Mr. Lohre's statement shows the net loss to the Hauges Lutheran synod at 9,545; that of the United Lutheran church at 104,844, and that of the Norwegian Synod of America at 32,454.

INTERVENTION IS DESIRE OF GENERAL VILLA

So Declares Madera Resident—Says Outlaw Plans to Force U. S. Action.

BANDITS INFEST MEXICAN DISTRICTS

Party of American Engineers Fired upon as They Traveled by Train.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 8.—The declaration that he would force intervention by the United States within six weeks is attributed to Francisco Villa by a Mexican from Madera and brought to the attention of American officials here and Mexican officials at Juarez. According to the Mexican informant, Villa declared he would cross the international border and hold up an El Paso and Southwestern railroad train if intervention could be produced in no other way.

BANDITS INFEST COUNTRY

New York, Feb. 8.—A party of four American mining engineers, who arrived here from Vera Cruz aboard the steamer Esperanza, reported that the train on which they traveled from Mexico City to Vera Cruz had been under constant fire from bandits throughout the entire journey.

CARRANZA'S POWER Waning

Dr. J. R. Davis, American physician in Mexico City, is quoted as saying that there are several thousand cases of typhus fever in the capital, and that smallpox is raging at Tampico. The engineers asserted that Carranza's power is waning and that General Obregon is the man of the hour in Mexico City.

JOHNSON STILL PROGRESSIVE

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 8.—Governor Hiram W. Johnson, commented yesterday on his conversation last week with Governor Whitman of New York over the long distance telephone in which he referred to the coming presidential campaign.

"I do not abate one jot of my progressivism, nor shall I. At Chicago, in June, when the republicans and progressives assembled for their national convention, if they can make a common ground and select a candidate in sympathy with progressive principles I assume they will unite and go forward together."

WEATHER FORECAST

North Dakota: Unsettled; weather tonight and Wednesday; probably snow. Colder Wednesday.

UNIVERSITY WEATHER

7 a. m.: 0; maximum, 0; minimum, -11; barometer, 29.99; precipitation, .23; wind southeast, 10 miles.

"DOC" COOK IS BACK; WANTS VINDICATION



Dr. Frederick A. Cook, photographed a few days ago in Washington.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Dr. Fredrick A. Cook, the same "Doc" who said he had discovered the North Pole but who, scientists said, was slightly misled, is back in Washington again, seeking vindication. He says he has started the machinery to bring about a congressional investigation and that he will not let up until his story of his travels in the arctic are proven true by congress.

As a preliminary to his present campaign he had gone around the world and added two more discoveries to his list. One is that the wild men of Borneo, whom P. T. Barnum first brought to the attention of civilization, are light complexioned, possess intellect and have been much maligned. His other discovery is a new hair tonic. It is cold air. The "Doc" says hot air will not start anything worth while.

The only disappointing thing about his latest trip was that he did not climb Mount Everest, in the Himalayas, the highest known mountain in the world, as he had planned to do. He was ready and the 29,002 foot mountain was there, but in Calcutta the American consul general told him no one would be permitted to go on an expedition.

But the "Doc" just had to discover something, so he picked out the wild men of Borneo and he had a lovely visit with them.

"They have been pictured," he said, "as a hairy lot of wild devils who don't know anything. As a matter of fact they are fine specimens. The men are head hunters but not cannibals, and they only take the heads of their enemies. Some so-called civilized people are more barbarous than they."

FORMER LOCAL PASTOR CHOSEN

Rev. A. C. Stevens Offered Responsible Campaign Job at Hamline.

Rev. A. C. Stevens, formerly pastor of the First Methodist church of Grand Forks, but for a number of years pastor of the Trinity Methodist church of St. Paul, has been elected to an important position in connection with the campaign to raise \$500,000 for Hamline university.

Mr. Stevens has made no announcement as to his plans, however. When asked regarding his appointment, he said that he had not resigned from his present church and desired to say nothing on the subject until action had been taken.

The plans of Hamline university authorities and the Methodist conference are to erect a new fine arts building and chapel combined. They also include dormitory buildings.

DEMOCRATS PREPARE FOR THE CONVENTION

Sub-committee Meets in St. Louis to Make Preliminary Arrangements for National Gathering.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 8.—The sub-committee of the democratic national committee met here today to make preliminary arrangements for the democratic national convention, which will meet here June 14.

GOVERNMENT ARMOR PLANTS ARE FAVORED BY SENATE COMMITTEE

LANSING AND BERNSTORFF TO CONFER TODAY

Expect Lusitania Case to be Settled at Their Meeting.

"HOPEFUL" IS ONLY COMMENT

German Bankers to Stand Behind Their Government.

Washington, Feb. 8.—That the Lusitania case looks "very hopeful," was a statement made by a high administration official following a conference between President Wilson and Secretary Lansing. It is indicated that the president considers Germany's latest offer as almost, if not entirely, acceptable.

Stand Behind Government

Berlin, Feb. 8.—Leading German bankers and financiers, who are likely to be affected most by the threatened break with America, are firmly behind the government in the refusal to disavow the Lusitania incident, but are ready to uphold the government, if the government decides a break is necessary.

Lansing Saw President

Washington, Feb. 8.—Secretary Lansing went to the White House an hour before the cabinet meeting to discuss the Lusitania negotiations with President Wilson. Lansing said an announcement on the acceptance of Germany's latest proposals is improbable today.

CANADIAN FARMERS FROZEN TO DEATH

Charles Purcell of Saskatchewan Landing Meets Death While Returning Home.

(Herald Special Service.) Winnipeg, Feb. 8.—Charles Purcell of Saskatchewan Landing in the Swift Current, Sask., district, was frozen to death while returning home from delivering grain. The body was found last night.

SACRILEGE IS CHARGED

Rome, Feb. 8, via Paris.—There have been published in Italy letters exchanged between Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, who is now in Rome, and German authorities, accompanied by hitherto unpublished documents which charge the killing of a larger number of priests in Belgium than was specified when allegations of this nature were made previously.

German Foreign Assets Withheld By England, Says Helfferich; The English Exports Also Decrease

Berlin, Feb. 8.—By wireless to Sayville.—Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the German imperial treasury, yesterday replied, according to the Overseas News agency, to questions propounded recently to Germany by Sir Edward Holden at the annual meeting of the London City and Midland bank, in which Sir Edward is managing director. In addition to replying to Sir Edward's questions regarding Germany's finances, Dr. Helfferich in turn interrogated Sir Edward with regard to the finances of Great Britain.

To the question whether German assets in foreign countries still exist, Dr. Helfferich said millions of German assets were being withheld by England under receivership and against law and equity. He then asked what conclusion was to be drawn as to English finance from the fact that Great Britain, through Sir Edward, floated a loan in the United States to strengthen the exchange rate on the English pound.

English Exports Shrink. With regard to the decrease in German exports, Dr. Helfferich explained that Great Britain's exports had shrunk by half and that imports, inclusive of those of the government,

14 CHILDREN SHARE, WITH MOTHER, ESTATE OF THOMPSON FARMER

Fourteen children, heirs of John J. Anglesberg, who resided west of Thompson, this county, are remembered in a holographic will filed in the county probate court this morning.

The bulk of the estate, which consists of farm property, chattels, etc., goes to two sons, Frank and Joseph, who are also appointed executors of the estate.

MEDIATOR TO COME TO U. S.

Reported that England Will Send Man Here to Adjust Controversy.

London, Feb. 8.—Manchester Guardian, in an editorial, suggests that Viscount Bryce, formerly British ambassador to the United States, or Arthur J. Balfour, first Lord of the Admiralty, will be sent to the United States with full powers to adjust the blockade controversy with the government in Washington. It publishes a statement from its London correspondent to the effect that people close in touch with Anglo-American affairs express the opinion that some such step should be taken.

The Guardian says the blockade question is being pressed through the United States, no less persistently than is the Lusitania question, and with the dispute regarding the phraseology to be employed by Germany in the Lusitania case, once settled, executive attention will be given to the blockade matter.

WOMAN DIES IN BIG FIRE

Five Others Injured—Saloon Building in Chicago is Destroyed.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—One woman was burned to death and five other persons, four men and one woman, were fatally injured by jumping from second story windows to escape flames which destroyed a saloon building at Burnham, Ill., near the Indiana state line yesterday. The dead woman was Rose Staley, 20 years old, of Chicago Heights. One of the men was taken to a hospital at Hammond, Ind., suffering from several broken ribs. Another of the men sustained a broken leg.

One young woman was burned to death in her bed and six other girls and two men were injured by jumping from second story windows of the Hammond road house at Burnham, Ill., yesterday.

The woman who lost her life was Miss Lauro Clark, 26 years old, known also as "Rose Staley." Samuel Sanrob, a waiter, was taken to a hospital at Hammond, Ind. Burnham is near the state line. It is said that all of the injured will recover.

STUDY TURK LANGUAGE

Berlin, Feb. 8.—So great has been the impetus to learn the Turkish language that courses in it are now being given in no less than 30 German cities, according to the German-Turkish association. More than 1,500 persons altogether are studying Turkish.

IS NOW MANAGER

Dallas, Feb. 8.—H. E. Anderson, until recently general superintendent of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway of Texas, has been appointed general manager of the line according to announcement yesterday by Wm. Webb, chief of the operating offices.

THREAT OF THE MANUFACTURERS IS NOT HEEDED

"Armor Plate Barons" Declare They Will Increase Prices \$200 a Ton.

SEIZE PLANTS IN TIME OF TROUBLE

So Declares Senator Tillman—Says Threats Will not Deter Congress.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Private armor plate manufacturers notified the senate naval committee that they would raise the price of armor plate \$200 per ton if congress decided to erect or purchase armor plate factories for the government.

For Government Plants. Committee nevertheless voted to recommend government plants. After brief consideration, the committee ordered favorably reported the bill authorizing the expenditure of \$500,000 to equip the Mare Island Navy Yard for battleship construction, \$100,000 to enlarge the facilities of the New York navy yard, and the bill to add three hundred midshipsmen to the first class at Annapolis next June.

These two bills passed the house yesterday. Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, republican, notified the committee of the stand of the armor plate manufacturers, those concerned chiefly being the Bethlehem and Midvale Steel companies.

Vote for Bill. Committee voted nevertheless, nine to three, to report favorably Senator Tillman's bill to authorize the secretary of navy to provide either by the erection or purchase of an armor plate factory or both, with a capacity of not less than 20,000 tons of armor per year. The bill would appropriate \$11,000,000. Senators Penrose, Lodge, Smith of Michigan, republicans, voted against reporting the bill.

Chairman Tillman and Senators Swanson, Bryan, Gary, Harvey, Chittenden, Thurman, man, democrats and Clapp and Poin-dexter, republicans voted for it.

Will Not Affect Congress. "The threat of the armor plate barons to hold up the government will not affect congress," said Senator Tillman.

"We are given to understand that the armor plate manufacturers would increase their prices because government manufacturers of armor plate would force them to go out of that business, and they would charge the enormous increases in order to provide their own means of support. But I guess we can find a way to stop the robbers. In time of trouble, we would seize their plants and operate them by the right of eminent domain."

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So great has been the demand in Berlin for instruction in the language of the new ally, general announcements have had to be planned for the end of this month. One is to be for beginners and the second for more advanced students. The instruction in all cases is by Turks.

WILSON'S NAME ON OHIO BALLOT

Close Advisors Expect Him to Make Formal Announcement to This Effect.

Washington, Feb. 8.—President Wilson's closest advisors expect him to make the first formal announcement of his candidacy for re-election within a month, when they believe Wilson will notify the secretary of the state of Ohio that the voters of that state will have his consent to use his name in the primary. Under the Ohio law, a candidate is required to notify the secretary of state before February 25, of his willingness to have his name used in the primary.

The president has been formally notified of the law's provisions. He has made no definite announcement as to whether he would be a candidate, even to his friends, so far as is known, but they all take it as settled that he will be.

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