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COLD IN THE EAST

A SEVERE TEMPEST RAGES IN NEW ENGLAND STATES.

Wall of Water Hits Boston—Resultant Damage is Estimated at a Million—Many Cellars Flooded—Property Loss Reported Heavy Along Coast.

Winter began in New England Sunday on the wings of a northeast storm with terrific energy. The gale drove a tide into Massachusetts bay which nearly equaled that of the famous storm of 1851. The wet snow prostrated the wires, telephone, telegraph, electric light and trolley, and railroad trains were stalled. Three physicians lost their lives in Everett and Chelsea by the sudden rise of the tide.

Frim midnight Saturday until late Sunday the storm's destructive powers were unusually extensive and severe. Its center was somewhere off Nantucket, but the gale swept over the greater portion of New England, and was accompanied by a fall of snow. Coming on a full moon, the gale rolled a wave along the coast, which in some places reached a height of over fourteen feet above low water mark. In Boston the tide went across Atlantic avenue on the water front, and filling hundreds of cellars caused an estimated damage of \$1,000,000.

Large cities, such as Cambridge, Somerville, Lynn, Brockton, Providence, Fall River and New Bedford were in darkness except for the light afforded by the full moon.

Hundreds of persons were driven from their homes by a flood resulting from the breaking of a dam gate at a place known as "the dykes," in Chelsea, just over the Everett line.

At Lynn the tide made a clean sweep across the narrow isthmus which connects Nahant with the mainland.

New York and its environments were practically stormbound for the first time this winter. The west wing of railroad service was almost wholly cut off, wire communication in every direction was crippled, metropolitan streets were blocked with snow, and shipping, even within the protection of the harbor, suffered considerably.

WOMAN KNOCKED SENSELESS.

Wealth of Hair, Envy of Many, Chopped Off by Assailant.

Mrs. William J. Erlen, with a flow of brown hair which has been the envy and admiration of St. Louis women for years, was knocked unconscious by an unidentified man as she was leaving her home Sunday morning for church and her hair was chopped off close to her head with a razor.

She was dragged, unconscious, into the hallway of her home and lay in that condition for an hour before she was found. Her condition is serious.

The hair fell far below her knees and she had refused many large sums for it. She is 28 years old.

TRIPLE MARYLAND CRIME.

Asylum Employee Shoots Two Girls and Burns Self to Death.

Because he thought she had laughed at him in passing, Conrad Yox, employed at the Maryland asylum and tanning school for the feeble minded at Owings Mills, Md., shot and killed Miss Rita Phillips and fired five bullets into the body of Miss Edith Spencer, an attendant at the institution. He then barricaded himself, and, scattering kerosene about, set fire to the building. It was destroyed and Yox was burned to death.

Where is Harry and Isabella Allen?

Harry is now aged 20 years, and his sister, Isabella, aged 18 years. The children were taken in charge by the Nebraska Children's Home society in 1897 from Grand Island, following the death of the father, Silas Allen. The mother is now in Oklahoma, and is distracted because she cannot locate her children, whom she has not seen since they were taken by superintendent of the society twelve years ago. If the children will address P. O. Box 898, Omaha, Neb., giving their own address, it will be sent to their mother.

Morgan Sells Holdings.

Announcement was made in Chicago Sunday of the purchase of the J. Piermont Morgan interests in the Chicago City Railway company and other city traction lines by Chicago financiers and the organization of a new company to be known as the Chicago City and Connecting Railway company, a deal involving \$70,000,000.

Artist Remington Dead.

Frederic Remington, the artist, died at his home from heart failure and shock superinduced by an operation for appendicitis, performed on Thursday.

H. B. Peairs, superintendent of the Haskell institute in Lawrence, Kan., has been appointed national superintendent in charge of the work of educating the Indians, with headquarters at Washington, D. C.

Gen. Ezra Ayres Carman, since 1905 chairman of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga park commission and previously a member of the Antietam battlefield board, died at his home in Washington D. C. Sunday, aged 75.

BLACK MAN A HERO.

Saves Many Lives in Fire in Kansas City.

Heroic rescue work on the part of Washington Johnson, a negro janitor, saved the lives of a score of persons in the Rialto building, a five-story office structure at Ninth street and Grand avenue, Kansas City, Mo., which was destroyed early Thursday by a fire caused by a gas explosion. The loss is estimated at \$300,000.

Johnson discovered the fire and realizing that a number of physicians and medical students were sleeping on the upper floors, he rushed through the halls shouting an alarm. When he believed everyone had escaped he made his way to the street. There he learned that Charles R. Manley, a medical student, who slept on the fifth floor, was still missing. Without a moment's hesitation Johnson rushed up the stairs to the top of the building. As he started through the hall on the fifth floor he met Manley, dazed and half choked, groping about. Taking the stifled man by the arm the negro guided him through the smoke and flames and the pair reached the street just as a second explosion shook the building.

The second explosion occurred just as twenty firemen entered the building. Six of the firemen were thrown a distance of several feet by the force of the explosion, but none suffered more than minor injuries.

BAR ON DUNN RAISED.

Omaha Attorney Apologizes to Nebraska Supreme Court.

I. J. Dunn, former assistant attorney of Omaha, Thursday evening apologized to the supreme court, thereby purging himself of contempt and was by the court restored to all his rights as an attorney and counselor before the courts of Nebraska. A brief for which Mr. Dunn assumed responsibility was several weeks ago adjudged contemptuous, and Mr. Dunn was thereupon disbarred, with the intimation, however, that an apology would be accepted. Mr. Dunn at a previous hearing questioned the jurisdiction of the court, but appeared in person and tendered a verbal and written apology, which was accepted.

RAID A KANSAS BANK.

Get \$1,500 and Make Escape—Bank Official Attacks Cracksmen.

Robbers early Thursday blew open the safe of the State bank of Centerville, near Mound City, Kan., and escaped with \$1,500.

One of the robbers, the last to leave the building, was fired upon by C. H. Brown, president of the bank. The robbers returned the fire and after a lively fusillade of shots drove Brown to cover and escaped. Neither was wounded. The interior of the bank was wrecked.

NEW CANADIAN NAVY.

Cruiser Rainbow Purchased from British Government.

Canada has purchased from the British government the cruiser Rainbow. This is the first vessel of the new Canadian navy. The government is negotiating for the purchase of a second and larger cruiser from the British admiralty.

The Rainbow is a second class twin screw cruiser. It belongs to the Apollo class. It will be used as a training ship for recruits for the Canadian navy.

Cotton Price Soars.

Predictions of the bull element that cotton would reach the 16-cent mark before the holidays were made good in New York Thursday. The May contract was near that point in the forenoon trading, and stronger cables favored a rise. The bull traders saw their opportunity, and on stronger buying the market went up to the predicted figure.

Lottery a Failure.

The extraordinary Christmas drawing of the national lottery from which the Cuban government expected to derive a profit of \$900,000 proved a failure. The drawing took place. Only 18,000 of the 30,000 tickets were sold. The capital prize was won by a club of eight bricklayers.

Winnipeg Hotel Burns.

Fire which destroyed the Metropole hotel, a three-story brick structure of the second class in Winnipeg, Man., Wednesday, resulted in the death of John Alcock, a railroad freight checker, and the fatal injury of Hilda Brown, a waitress, and George Baxter, a painter.

Three Children Cremated.

The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Williamson—Verner, aged 2; Grover, 4, and Mabel, 5 years—were burned to death in a fire at the home of their parents near Delaware, Wednesday evening. The parents were absent.

Eight Men Die in Mine.

Eight men were killed in a mine explosion of 400 others were imperiled by an explosion in Mine "A" of the Chicago and Carterville Coal company at Herwin, Ill., late Thursday.

Street Car Men Raised.

The Omaha and Council Bluffs street railway, which three months ago successfully resisted the demands of its employes for an increase in wages, Thursday announced an increase of 1 cent per hour in wages for all its motormen and conductors.

Editor of Farm Paper Dies.

Milton George, 75 years old, editor of the Western Rural, a farm paper, died in Chicago Thursday.

AIRSHIP SEEN AT NIGHT.

Hovers Like Bird Over Town of Worcester, Mass.

Flying at a speed of from thirty to forty miles an hour, a mysterious airship Wednesday night appeared over Worcester, Mass., hovering over the city a few minutes, disappeared for about two hours and then returned to cut four circles above the gazing city, meanwhile using a searchlight of tremendous power. Thousands of persons thronged the streets to watch the mysterious visitor.

The airship remained over the city for about fifteen minutes, all the time at a height that most observers set at about 2,000 feet, too far to enable even its precise shape to be seen. The glaring rays of its great searchlight were sharply defined by reflection against the light snowfall which was covering the city at the time. The dark mass of the ship could be dimly seen behind the light.

After a time it disappeared in the direction of Marlboro, only to return later. At the time of the airship's visit Wallace E. Tillinghast, the Worcester man, who claimed recently to have invented a marvelous aeroplane in which he had journeyed to New York and returned to Boston was absent from his home and could not be located.

The visitor from the clouds was first sighted over Marlboro at 5:30 o'clock. The sixteen miles between Worcester and Marlboro was covered in thirty minutes.

An airship was sighted over Marlboro, Mass., Wednesday night, going northwest at thirty or more miles an hour. Persons in all sections of the city had a glimpse of it. Its general course, they say, was in the direction of Clinton.

TO CLIMB MT. MCKINLEY.

Expedition Leaves Fairbanks to Be Ready in the Spring.

The expedition that was organized several months ago, at the height of the Cook-Pearry controversy, to ascend Mt. McKinley to test Cook's story that he reached the summit, set out from Fairbanks, Alaska, Wednesday with dog teams and supplies to establish a base at the foot of the mountain, to be ready to make a dash for the summit in March at the first break in the winter.

The party is composed of Thomas Lloyd, William Taylor, Charles McConigle, Peter Anderson, Robert Horn and Charles Davidson, all hardy Alaska pioneers and familiar with the mountain. They will forfeit \$5,000 if none of the party reaches the summit.

ROOF BLOWN OFF HOUSE.

Child Killed and Four Hurt in Natural Gas Explosion.

Audrey Condry, 10 years old, is dead, her mother, Mrs. Charles Condry, will die, and three other members of the family were seriously injured as a result of a natural gas explosion at Muskogee, Okla., Wednesday. Mrs. Lillian Harris, who assisted in rescuing the family, was seriously injured.

Plumbers in completing gas connections in the Condry home left an open pipe. When the gas was lighted the explosion followed. The roof was blown off the house.

Jury Fails to Agree.

The government will have to try its big fraud case, all over again. The jury in the case of Joseph McMahon, a former assistant customs house weigher, reported Wednesday in New York it had failed to reach a verdict and was discharged. McMahon was paroled under his former bond of \$2,500.

Whisky Warehouse Burns.

A fire which for several hours threatened the destruction of an entire block in the heart of the business center of Cincinnati, O., Wednesday night, destroyed the five-story whisky warehouse of Sol and Sig Friedberg and the firm's stock of whisky, valued at \$125,000.

Cook's Data Vague.

The general belief is held at Copenhagen that the commission having charge of the investigation of Dr. Cook's polar records will report that Dr. Cook's papers do not provide a basis for any well founded scientific judgment.

Drastic Check on Strikes.

Business has been so demoralized by the coal strike in New South Wales that the legislature Friday took the drastic step of passing a bill rendering both strike leaders and employers who instigate or aid a strike or lockout liable to a year's imprisonment.

Rather than face her six children Christmas morning without presents or money to buy them, Mrs. Sarah Ennis, of Philadelphia, Pa., Wednesday went into her kitchen, turned on the gas and ended her life.

Bishop of Fargo, N. D.

The pope Tuesday appointed Rev. James O'Reilly, now rector of St. Anthony of Padua, Minneapolis, Minn., to the bishopric of Fargo, N. D.

United States Senator McLauren died suddenly Wednesday night at his home in Brandon, Miss. Death was due to an attack of heart failure, and came without the slightest warning at 6:30 o'clock.

Charles L. Warriner, deposed treasurer of the Big Four railroad, pleaded guilty to embezzlement in the common pleas court at Cincinnati, O., Wednesday and was sentenced to serve six years in the Ohio penitentiary.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

News of the Week in Concise Form

MAN ACCUSED OF DESERTION.

Jacob Marshall Arrested in Pierce County on This Charge.

"Jake" Marshall was arrested Thursday on the charge of wife desertion, the warrant being sworn out by County Attorney Stewart. Marshall lived with his family on a farm near Foster, Pierce county, up to about two years ago, when he left. About the same time the wife of John Marshall, a brother of the accused, left home. Last week the woman returned to Foster and was taken back by the deserted spouse. A few days later "Jake" Marshall put in appearance at the reunited home and has been living with his brother up to the time he was placed under arrest. Marshall is the father of four children, the oldest a boy about 14 years of age. The boy is a cripple, having lost a leg when about 6 years old. Mrs. Marshall and the children moved to Pierce some time after the husband and father deserted them and have been a charge on the county for several months. The county will endeavor to make him put up bond for the care and keeping of his family in the future. Should he refuse he will be prosecuted under the wife desertion act.

FORGER AND ROBBER.

Grook Beats Landlady Out of Board and Cash.

A man giving the name of L. Luciest came to Nebraska City and boarded for a week with Mrs. Frank Carlton, who keeps a boarding house, and then tendered her a check on one of the local banks for \$25, which she cashed, as he seemed to have plenty of paper of this kind. She left the house to go down town to cash the check, which she found was no good and on her return home found the new boarder gone and with him a diamond ring, her gold watch and some other jewelry. The man made good his escape and the police have sent a description of him to the adjoining towns, offering a reward for his apprehension.

EXPLOSION IN BERWYN STORE.

Large Stock and Goodly Sum in Currency Burned.

J. O. Taylor & Son's general store at Berwyn was completely destroyed by fire, caused by a gasoline light system exploding Saturday evening. The frame building and an \$8,000 stock of merchandise, all their books and \$500 in currency was burned.

The gasoline lights had been burning for some time when the explosion took place. F. Taylor, who was at the store at the time, barely had time to get out. Two thousand dollars insurance was carried.

M. E. Schultz Dead.

Word was received in Beatrice Thursday announcing the death of M. E. Schultz, formerly of that city, which occurred at the home of his son-in-law, W. W. Ames, at Newark, N. J. Mr. Schultz was twice mayor of Beatrice and at one time was grand master workman of the A. O. U. W. of Nebraska.

Sentenced to Five Years.

J. Nelson, formerly a resident of Grand Island, an alfalfa meal mill promoter, who was charged with embezzlement of several thousand dollars by the York Alfalfa Meal company, was found guilty of embezzlement of funds of the company and of appropriating \$1,900. He was given five years in the penitentiary.

Postmaster Secor Reappointed.

Postmaster Secor, of Madison, received a telegram Thursday stating that he had been recommended for reappointment as postmaster at Madison and his name had been sent to the senate for confirmation. Mr. Secor is serving his eighth year as postmaster.

Morphine Smuggler Fined.

Frank Hart was fined \$100 for smuggling morphine into the state penitentiary. Deputy Warden Delehanty discovered the drug in English walnuts and Hart was arrested in Omaha.

Tag Day at Lincoln.

The Associated Charity association at Lincoln Wednesday collected \$2,356, prominent society women doing the collecting. The society expected to collect \$4,000, but owing to the cold weather or something else the cash was not forthcoming.

Lawyer Stricken in Court.

While pleading a case in the district court at Kearney Monday afternoon, Judge H. M. Sinclair suffered a relapse of an illness from which he had just recovered and was removed to his home.

Year for Keppord.

Among the cases disposed of in court at Clay Center was that of the State of Nebraska against Ray Keppord, charged with stealing from Mary Deiringer on the 23d of November last \$65 worth of property. He pleaded guilty to the charge of grand larceny and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

OMAHA INDIANS COUNCIL.

Action Taken on Government's Move to Abandon an Agent.

Over 100 Indians of the Omaha reservation held a council at the agency office in Walthill Monday afternoon to take action on the move of the government to put the Omaha and Winnebago reservations in charge of one agent. A. G. Pollock, agent at the Omaha reservation, has been in Arizona, and was delayed. He left for Washington to take the matter of the proposed change up with the authorities.

This is the second council of the Omaha Indians to be held this year. It was the unanimous vote of the tribe that Pollock be retained as its head.

RESTRAINT ORDER GRANTED.

Consolidation Prevented of Presbyterian Colleges in Nebraska.

Judge Troupe at Omaha Monday issued a restraining order temporarily preventing the proposed consolidation of the Presbyterian colleges at Bellevue and Hastings. The trustees of Bellevue college met Monday afternoon to take necessary steps in the matter of the consolidation, but the court's order prevented the transaction of business. The writ was issued on the application of Henry T. Clarke, of Omaha, a trustee of Bellevue and the man who gave the original ground on which the college was established. He wishes to have the institution conducted independently of the synod.

HOMESTEADERS BURN CORN.

Cold Weather Causes Shortage of Fuel Among Farmers.

The cold weather of the last two weeks has been a great hardship for many people in the country around Sutherland owing to a shortage of fuel. There has been a great demand for coal and the coal yards of the various smaller towns have had trouble in supplying the demand. In numerous cases residents of the sandhill country and homesteads have been forced to burn corn in order to keep warm in the house. Some shipments of coal have arrived and hundreds of farmers are flocking to town in the hope of getting a supply.

FOUR LICENSES REVOKED.

Rome Miller, T. J. O'Brien, Lentz & Williams and Renfrow Lose.

Sitting as a license board Saturday afternoon at Omaha, Mayor Dahlman and Police Commissioners Hunter and Wappich revoked the saloon licenses of Rome Miller, T. J. O'Brien, Lentz & Williams and Louis Renfrow, as a consequence of Judge Reddick's decision.

Miller's license was for the bar in Hotel Rome, O'Brien's for Hotel Henshaw, Renfrow's for the Windsor hotel, on Tenth street, and Lentz & Williams for 1408 Farnam street.

Collision on Burlington.

In a head-on collision between a freight train and a light engine on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad at Seneca, late Saturday night, William H. Shoemaker, head brakeman, was instantly killed, and the fireman, Joseph Stevens, was so badly injured that he died at the company hospital at Alliance.

Gets Nine Years in Prison.

Ernest Stout, who was Tuesday convicted of manslaughter at Grand Island for the killing of Joseph Reasoner, an employe, and sentenced to nine years in the penitentiary, after arranging the sale of his farm voluntarily settled \$1,000 on the children of the man he killed.

Blair Roused Over Box Rentals.

Orders were received by Postmaster Cook at Blair last week to raise the rental of postoffice boxes from 45c, 60 cents, 75 cents and \$1 to 60 cents, 75 cents, \$1 and \$1.50, to go into effect January 1. A vigorous protest is being made by the business men and citizens of Blair.

Boy Accidentally Killed.

Harry Fields was accidentally shot by Sam Fields, an older brother, at Elm Creek. The bullet from a small rifle severed the aorta just above the heart and he died within a few minutes.

Falls from Wagon, Nearly Frozen.

J. W. Godfrey, who resides near Syracuse, fell from his wagon while loading hay and was so badly injured that he could not help himself, and when found was nearly frozen to death.

Italian Burned in Car.

A box car occupied by a number of Italian laborers was partially burned in the Burlington yards at Beatrice. Dito Ladina was seriously burned and may not recover.

It is said on good authority that the Burlington contemplates building an elegant depot at Wymore next summer. The location has been purchased and will be a block nearer town, and at the foot of Main street.



The almost impassable condition of the country roads throughout the state preventing farmers from getting to town with corn and produce has inspired Secretary of State Junkin to suggest a plan for good roads, which he believes has never been talked of in any of the many good roads conventions. "In order to prevent a repetition of the bad roads now prevalent throughout the state it is time the state itself was taking some official action in the matter. I would suggest that the next legislature enact a law providing that the county board may make a levy and use a portion of the county funds for the construction of a road running east and west and another running north and south throughout every township in the state. These roads should be constructed as nearly as possible through the center of the township none living in any township would be only a short time before the state would have no poor roads. By putting the roads as near as possible to the center of the township would be more than three miles from the good road. As soon as the good road is built I am sure the farmers who did not live upon it would soon make good roads leading to it. Under this plan it would be possible to clear across the state in any direction on good roads."

Food Commissioner Mains is checking up and investigating cream testers. He has discovered that in certain localities where there is competition, that one operator will test more butter fat in cream than there really is in order that he can get the business of that producer. The same operator, in order to save his employers from losing too much money because of the over-test, will cut down the butter fat in the cream of another customer whose trade he has. The creameries have assured the food commissioner that they oppose this over-testing and under-testing, as it works a hardship on them. One creamery sent an itemized statement to the food commissioner showing how much cream it had bought which failed to test out as the operator had certified. The creamery has to take the test as furnished by the operator, who is paid a commission according to the amount of cream he purchases. When he has completed his investigation the food commissioner expects to revoke a few licenses.

State Auditor Barton has stirred up a hornets' nest in Missouri by ruling that the form of the policy used by the life companies of that state cannot be used in Nebraska. The particular portion of the form to which the auditor objects is this: "This policy is registered and secured by a pledge of bonds or deeds of trust on real estate deposited with this department." From Missouri word has come to Lincoln that this form of policy has been prescribed by a law over a quarter of a century old and that the policy upon which it is stamped is absolutely secured. Auditor Barton introduced a bill in the late legislature to prohibit the stamping on policies of the state auditor. This bill failed of passage, so the auditor simply made a ruling which is being observed by the home companies.

Miss Nellie Leach has completed the recording of probably the longest articles of incorporation ever filed in the office of the secretary of state. The articles provided for the consolidation of the Missouri Pacific lines and contained 63,660 words, of which several pages were the names of the stockholders. The record made 120 pages in the large record book.

Within a few days Walker Smith, corporation clerk in the office of the secretary of state, will have completed checking over the delinquent corporations, and then, the first of the year, the names of the delinquents will be certified to the various county clerks. After that the corporations so posted will be considered as having gone out of business and dissolved. There will be no further proclamation in the matter from the governor. The delinquents number about 4,000.

The supreme court has met again, and still nothing has been done with I. J. Dunn. Attorneys for the disbarred assistant city attorney of Omaha have twice filed motions for the court to revoke its order of disbarment, after which Mr. Dunn will apologize. So far as the records show, and the general public know, those petitions have taken up little, of any, time of the court. They have simply been ignored.

The board of public lands and buildings has bought a stoker for the Hastings asylum. This will enable the fireman to feed the furnace without handling the coal, as the machine works automatically.

Adj. Gen. Hartigan has issued a statement thanking the members of the National Guard on behalf of the governor and himself for efforts put forth to improve the service.