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DEATH AND DISASTER

Follow in the Track of the Storm

All Over the Middle and Southern States

A Dangerous Cloudburst in Tennessee.

SPRING CITY, Tenn., Dec. 14.—A cloudburst in the mountains last night forced the Pinet River out of its banks, and flooded the town driving many people from their homes, and damaging property.

THREE HILLS, Ind., Dec. 14.—Wright Fisher and Dr. Dewitt Jordan, of Vincennes were frozen to death near Rosedale, last night. It is said that when intoxicated they fell from a buggy and thus met their fate.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 14.—The mercury here at 7 a. m. registered 25 degrees below zero. Even colder weather is reported from other points. There was considerable suffering. Joseph Zulager, a farmer of Benton county froze to death within forty rods of his home.

DENVER, Dec. 14.—Fourteen degrees below zero was the temperature recorded by the weather bureau at 7 a. m. today. At Cheyenne, Wyo. it was 20 below and at Lauder, Wyo. 24 below.

Fort Worth, Tex.—The blizzard prevailing over the Panhandle of Texas will likely prove a disastrous one to cattlemen. There has been a long dry spell and feed has been scarce and high, preventing any great amount of provision for the wintering of cattle. The entire section is covered with snow now and if it stays on the ground for any length of time the cattle not in prime condition will die by hundreds.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Street thermometers at 3 a. m. recorded a temperature of eight degrees below zero.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 14.—Eleven below zero is a record for cold weather in Milwaukee. Today an unknown man was found frozen to death in the public school yard at Wauwatosa.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—At 6 a. m. the thermometer registered eight below zero.

RAILROAD SUBSIDY TO FALLS CITY

Has Been Secured and Dallas will Connect with Salem.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14.—Parties from Dallas were here yesterday and closed a contract with the promoters of the Falls City, Dallas, Independence and Salem railroad by which the contracts will be left for construction and the road built during the coming year. They turned over the \$10,000 subsidy that had been raised at Dallas to ensure the enterprise.

W. M. Griffin, a member of the American Retail Packing Company, has secured control of nearly the entire raisin crop.

TO MAKE TELEGRAPHS PUBLIC

Jackson of Kansas Wants to Purchase

Western Union and Postal Telegraphs.

And Operate in Connection With Post Office

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Representative Jackson of Kansas introduced a bill recommending that the United States purchase the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies and thereafter operate them in connection with the post office department. Provision is made for appraisal of the property of the companies and for the payment of its appraised value when the amount is reported to Congress.

MEDIATOR IS NOT WANTED

Chile and Argentina will Settle Their Own Troubles.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—According to the Herald's Buenos Ayres correspondent, official reports give the following account concerning the offer of mediation by the United States:

"The United States Minister in Santiago in formed his government that President Roca was disposed to accept mediation. Secretary Hay thereupon instructed Minister Lord here to extend the good offices to Argentina.

"Mr. Lord conferred with the Foreign Minister, Senor Alcoriza, who declared that he did not believe it opportune to accept foreign mediation at the present time.

The Tribune, President Roca's organ, strongly denies the truth of a dispatch sent to the London Daily Telegraph from Washington announcing that the Argentine Minister, Senor Meron, requested the mediation of the United States. The paper says the Argentine Minister in Washington never did such a thing.

Brazilian and Uruguay papers declare that neither country would remain neutral in case of war, in view of the importance of the interests which would be affected by the struggle.

MENTAL HEALER INDICTED

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec.—The grand jury in the United States Court has returned a true bill in the case against Helen Post, alias Helen Wilman, of Seabreeze, Fla. The indictment charges the defendant violated section 5480 of the revised statutes by devising schemes and artifices to defraud various persons under false and fraudulent pretenses on her part by representing that she possessed the power of mental science of mind to cure all forms of disease and weakness for which she received money that was converted her own use. The case promises to become celebrated as the mental scientists at their recent convention in Seabreeze voted to participate in the defense of the accused woman and her associates. Mrs. Post was arrested in August last but has been out under \$1000 bail. Her husband, C. C. Post, and her son-in-law, S. F. Burgman, were indicted in Macon, Ga., last month.

HENRY AND HIS QUEEN

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Express says that Queen Wilhelmina and Prince Henry of the Netherlands, her husband, drove in an open carriage through Appledorn today. The correspondent adds the royal pair will return to The Hague tomorrow.

The report of the opening of the Manchurian Railway to traffic is declared to be incorrect. In art circles the news that Mr. Yerkes has bought Turner's "Rockets and Blue Lights," from J. Orrock for £15,000 has caused a flutter of excitement.

The football team of the Reliance Athletic Club of Frisco will soon start for Portland, Or., where it will play the team of the Multnomah Athletic Club on New Year's day.

DEWEY WAS THE ONLY MAN

Qualified to Judge of Schley's Conduct

His Verdict is Most Satisfactory.

The Rest Remains with the People

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Captain Parker, of Admiral Schley's counsel, was told early this morning of the purport of the two Schley reports. He said: Admiral Dewey, better than anyone else in the world, was qualified to judge this case. He is the one man living, besides Admiral Schley, who conducted a campaign and fought a battle with modern ships, under modern conditions. He probably found there was a difference between theory and practice and judged Schley in the light of his own experience.

The two other members of the court were high-minded men of the highest character, and men who would not misjudge knowingly or willingly. They never had the experience the Admiral had, and probably did not see things in the same light as he did. We shall leave the matter to the judgment of the people of the country, confident that in the just popular mind, the findings of Admiral Dewey will be sustained.

Captain Parker seemed almost as much pleased that Admiral Dewey had sustained Rear-Admiral Schley as if the court had been unanimous in the verdict that he (Dewey) rendered. Admiral Schley's mail has been steadily growing lately since it became known that the report of the Court of Inquiry was approaching completion. He has received a number of offers to go on the lecture platform. One proposition was a fixed price of \$500 a night for lectures to last 40 nights. Admiral Schley politely declined this and all other offers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Secretary of Navy has before him for review the report of

Hair Falls

It doesn't take much of Ayer's Hair Vigor to stop falling of the hair. This is because it is a regular hair-food, feeding and nourishing the hair and making it grow thick and heavy. It always restores color to gray hair—all the dark, rich color.

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Alum is used in some baking powders and in most of the so-called phosphate powders. Because it is cheap, and makes a cheaper powder. But alum is a corrosive poison which, taken in food, acts injuriously upon the stomach, liver and kidneys.

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VENEZUELA AFFAIRS MIXED

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The heads of legations in Caracas a few days ago held a meeting and decided to send an identical note to their respective governments regarding the present situation in Venezuela and the inability to transact any business or arrive at any agreement with President Castro concerning their claims or affairs, says the Post of Spain, Trinidad, correspondent of the Herald. The Spanish Minister at once dissented.

FORGOT ABOUT HIS PAST

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 14.—Physicians of the town of New Westminster, B. C., are puzzled over a strange case of apparent loss of memory. A day or two ago a man about 30 years old called at the office of Dr. Kendall and stated that he was troubled with a peculiar mental disease. He could remember nothing of later date than August 21, 1897.

Dr. Bagge and other physicians were called in and to them the man stated that his name is Franklin Strong and that he was for several years an attorney of Aberdeen, Miss. By questioning him the doctors learned that the last he remembered was that on the morning of August 21, 1897, Strong was called upon by an Aberdeen judge to defend a prisoner on the charge of infanticide. Strong gave the names of several of his purported relatives and an alleged uncle has been telegraphed to. After his examination by the physicians Wednesday the man disappeared and has not been seen or heard of since. He sought no financial assistance.

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your Silver tableware; 10 per cent off, remember, while this sale lasts.

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