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FURIOUS GALE SWEEPS CHANNEL, COLD IS BITTER

Great Britain Is Denounced By Hoke Smith

GREEK KING APPEALS TO PEOPLE OF UNITED STATES

COLD WAVE AND STORM HIT JUNEAU

Juneau is today experiencing a cold wave. The official minimum temperature is given as eleven and one half degrees below zero. The storm is not confined to Gastineau Channel alone, but reports received by cable state that Seward, Valdez and Cordova are in the throes of a severe blizzard. The temperature ranged all the way from twelve to fifteen degrees below zero. Sitka reported the mildest temperature, it being only two degrees below there early this morning.

Storm increased in fury. Locally, the storm started late yesterday afternoon. The wind gradually increased in fury and at midnight had reached the proportions of a living gale. It is estimated that the wind blow during the night at the rate of seventy five miles an hour. Beginning at nine o'clock last night few persons ventured out upon the streets and those who did had bitter experiences navigating. After midnight the streets were deserted only those traveling who were forced to go so.

Today the storm has continued unabated. Few people are on the streets and the stores are practically deserted with the exception of the clerks and those who found that warmer articles of wearing apparel were absolutely necessary to keep them warm.

The schools were not in session only about one third of the students reporting this morning, and those who did brave the elements were excused for the day.

Court Not in Session. The United States District Court held no session this morning, few having the elements that raged about that mound upon which it is situated the court of justice. Here and there in the various offices absentees were reported, it being impossible or impracticable for them to venture forth from their homes.

Many cases have been reported during the day, and several last night, of persons being found unconscious.

Chief Sitter early in the evening picked up Tom Thornton near the bottling works. Thornton had fallen on the sidewalk and was dozing off into dreamland when found. He was hustled to the city jail, thawed out and kept in confinement during the night. This morning Thornton was freed \$1000 for being intoxicated. It is likely that the city officers found Thornton where he would have been lying picking for a light fingered gent for over \$100 were found in his pockets.

Several cases of exhaustion from exposure were reported today and many cases have been treated for minor frost bites. Several children out on the streets were nipped but application of remedies brought them safely around.

Girl Falls in Street. About 9 o'clock this morning Miss Eth Anderson, employed at Case's and residing at the Bergmann apartments, looked out of her window and saw a woman fall in front of Mrs. King's boarding place. Miss Anderson rushed to the assistance of the stricken woman and with help of others carried her into Mrs. King's. The woman was Mary Hamilton, aged nineteen, who works for Mrs. King. Mrs. Hamilton had fought the storm from her room at the Alexander to Mrs. King's but fainted at the door from exhaustion. Her face was rigid from cold and was cracking. For half an hour restoratives were applied before she regained consciousness.

Man May Lose Limb. James Duffy, a well known character was found in his shack on Wiloughby avenue early this morning in a freezing condition. Street Commissioner Wheeler was placed on the case and Duffy was sent to the hospital. One of his lower limbs began turning black soon after arrival at the hospital and there is a possibility that he will be forced to undergo an operation for amputation. It appears that Duffy left the door of his shack open and pastebary, exclusive the shack found him with his limbs left in his body. His lower limbs were wrapped in blankets to protect them from the warmth of the fire which was started in a small stove. When Wheeler arrived Duffy was moving about in a dazed manner and the wrappings on his limbs had caught fire.

Frost Hits Plenty. Many cases of frozen or frost bitten noses and ears have been reported. When Mrs. L. A. Green, court stenographer, arrived at the court house this morning and her ears began turning white, for a half hour she applied

snow to them, with satisfactory results. Several of the jurymen were nipped while reporting for duty. Many a woman walking around the streets today very gladly accepted invitations of gentlemen friends, who offered to put their arms about them and assist them in navigating safely. Telephone and electric light wires suffered during the night and today. Citizens, and especially children, are warned not to take hold of any wires found dangling, for it might prove to be a live wire.

Water pipes were hard hit during the night and many a man went trudging through the storm this morning to a neighbor after water to boil coffee. Plumbers were hardly able to be had today for love or money and the man of the house generally had to turn to and thaw out his own pipes. Coal men and transfer companies were kept on the move for it was surprising the number of coal bins that suddenly were found to be empty.

Horses plodded about the streets hauling their loads and the icicles formed about their lips and were only broken off when they came in contact with the tongue of the sleds. One of the large show windows of Goldstein's Emporium was blown out during the night. Several of the articles on display were blown out and today are drifting somewhere between Juneau and the Taku. The Goldstein damage is estimated at \$75. A large window in the Raymond store blew out and one of the heavy plate glass transoms of the Alaskan parted with the sash early in the evening.

During the afternoon, Goldstein's Emporium lost another plate glass window from the storm's work. This loss is estimated at \$175.

Coldest Since 1905. On a day like this the old timers get busy and begin remembering past cold records. The coldest weather ever experienced in Juneau was in 1885 when the thermometer dropped to 25 below zero, and a thick ice formed all along the channel. This is verified by A. Sokoloff. The next record for a cold wave is believed to have been in 1905, the night of the Louvre fire, when the temperature was eighteen degrees below and a high wind was blowing.

Juneau people, however, are always prepared. From midnight to early this morning, between gusts of blowing snow, one could look in all directions and twinkling lights were seen. Men were sitting up nursing the fire or attending to water pipes and preparing for the unexpected.

The coldest corner is around Front and Franklin, opposite the Gastineau hotel. Here the wind gets a powerful sweep down Franklin avenue and reinforced by a counter wind along Front makes navigation something fierce. A wide detour of possibly fifty feet is taken by pedestrians in getting around the locality.

On the heights around the city the wind's velocity is severe. The wind has packed the snow to such an extent on Chicken ridge that one can walk upon its surface. Through the mystery, drifts are over one's knees. This noon many a man telephoned his wife not to prepare any luncheon as he would either remain in his place of business or would go out to the restaurants. At the court house the various minor officials tried to be realistic to the cook in hopes that she would give them a hot lunch but were gratified and hustling on their caps they merged themselves with the elements and hid themselves to places where eats were served, for cash.

An empty coal scuttle from the hill somewhere, came down Main street this afternoon, struck the ground at the corner of Front and hoisted by the gale landed again in front of Young's. Some force behind that scuttle.

In many establishments the employees took different shifts off and perched themselves on the radiators and let the heat ooze through their systems.

The large awning of the Juneau Clothing Company was cut into ribbons this morning all that remained was the iron pipe frame.

Several windows in the Caro building were smashed. Chimneys blowing down was an all night occurrence.

Several windows in the Scott building were missing this morning. Signs of various kinds fared themselves loose during the storm and scattered to the corners of the four winds.

Night watchmen were employed in several stores during the night to keep tabs on the storm's doings and many business men themselves sat up all night in their establishments.

The storm cut down the attendance at the theatres last night, almost all of them playing to small houses. At the Moose Club hall there was a small crowd, but members of the Quarter Hundred club braved the elements and there was a good representation.

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HAWAII IS SWEEPED BY BIG WIND

HONOLULU, Jan. 20.—Seven are lost and many are missing as the result of a great storm of unprecedented violence that for a week has been sweeping the Hawaiian Islands.

The island of Maui has been the chief sufferer, almost all of the roads and bridges having been partially destroyed. The famous Iao valley, one of the show places of the island, to which thousands of tourists annually traveled was swept by the storm and the bodies of six persons were recovered there. The storm also scourged the island of Kauai. Property damage on that island alone will be \$3,000,000, and it is estimated the total damage will reach \$15,000,000.

Advices received at noon today say the American lumber schooner Prosper was blown ashore at Hanapepe, and will be a total loss, as she is pounding heavily in the surf. The captain, his wife, and the crew, were rescued with difficulty, by a life saving crew.

The British bark Yeoman was rescued by the United States naval tug Navajo, which towed her to the lee of the island of Oahu. The Yeoman was in a leaking condition.

The official records show that the rainfall in Honolulu during the month of January so far has been fifteen inches.

FIRES KEEP DEPARTMENT BUSY TODAY

Fire, caused by an unprotected heat pipe running from the boiler of the plant in the basement of the Maloney block, which ignited the wood work immediately above it, caused a general alarm shortly before two o'clock this afternoon. The truck with Driver Sargent and Officer Wheeler, was on the scene two minutes after the telephone alarm had been sent in and a dozen firemen had arrived at the scene in even shorter time and had run a service line of hose to the seat of the fire from Goldstein's store. With this stream and a line from the chemical fire was supposedly brought under quick control, until flames suddenly burst through the floor into the rear of R. P. Nelson's block store. In the meantime a line of hose had been laid from the hydrant at the Owl drug store corner and water was quickly shot through it into the store blaze and the flames were quickly extinguished. No one was in the store at the time, and the firemen were forced to break through a rear door also forced the front door. A second line of hose had by this time been stretched from the corner of Front and Main street but fortunately this was not required to be put in use. Extinguishing the fire in the Nelson store the firemen gave close attention to the basement. Little flames could be seen working along the beams, and as there is no basement under the building except where the heating plant is located, the fireboys were required to squirm along underneath the studding. They accomplished their purpose and the little insipid blazes were extinguished. The fire was first discovered by employees of the Frye-Bruhn Company who quickly phoned to City Clerk Pettit who at that time was at his desk. Mr. Pettit quickly sounded the alarm and it seems that within the space of three minutes the entire department was at the scene of the fire.

Chief Freeman reached the scene at the same time as the truck and took direct charge of the work. A high wind was blowing down Seward street and around the corner at the time and only the prompt work of the department prevented a more serious blaze. The damage to the building is small and the damage to the stock is mostly that caused by water.

The Second Fire. A fire broke out in a due at Stocker's billiard hall, Front street, at 2:25 this afternoon, but the flames were extinguished in short order with the chemical fire from the automobile. Chief Freeman and his men went about their business methodically, establishing fire lines in both instances.

Third Fire Small. Shortly before 3 o'clock a third alarm was sounded. This fire was in the rear of the two story building at 221 East Second, the first building up the hill beyond the customs house.

BRITAIN CALLED TO ACCOUNT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Great Britain's interference with neutral trade was the subject of a vigorous and exhaustive speech in the Senate today by Speaker Hoke Smith, who pleaded for action to prevent England from advancing her own trade at the expense of the United States while attempting to destroy Germany commercially.

Senator Smith declared the rights of citizens of the United States and other neutral nations were being "recklessly disregarded" and emphasized particularly what he denounced as "Great Britain's lawless treatment of America's cotton trade." He asserted that cotton had not been used, or needed by Germany or her allies, for more than eight months, and declared that the action of England in making cotton contraband was revolutionary.

Senator Smith continued: "Paraphrasing the language of Mr. Jefferson, England may feel a desire for absorbing the commerce of Germany and starving her people, but she can have no right in doing it at our loss, or making the United States the instrument of it. Great Britain cannot continue the war without munitions from the United States, Great Britain cannot feed her population without foodstuffs from the United States and other neutrals. Great Britain cannot keep her people engaged in the Lancashire mills at work without cotton from the United States and Great Britain cannot accomplish her scheme for worldwide domination of commerce in her vast products of cotton manufactured products without calling upon the United States."

WAGES RESTORED BY HAMBURG-AMERICAN LINE

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The Hamburg-American line has restored the wages of their employees to the basis which existed before the war. It has been denied, however, that this move has any peace significance.

NEW MONOPLANES OF TEUTONS GOES 150 MILES AN HOUR

LONDON, Jan. 20.—British flying men are out-engineered and out-powered by the new German battleplanes, The Daily Mail said today.

The Mail says that the aeroplanes, which are of the monoplane type, are capable of a speed of 150 miles per hour.

RAILROAD RATE RAISE SUSPENDED BY I. C. C.

WHEELING, Jan. 19.—The Interstate Commerce Commission has suspended the increase of 15 cents a ton in rates on bituminous coal from the mines in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky to points east of the Mississippi river and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers to the Buffalo-Pittsburgh-Wheeling line.

REAL SAMARITAN HAS BEEN FOUND

There is a good Samaritan in Juneau, who should read this and come to The Empire office and secure his mittens and handkerchief which he gladly gave to a fellow man in need.

C. C. Miller was coming along Wiloughby avenue this morning when he was suddenly stopped by a man who said: "Your face is nearly frozen. Here, rub it with snow," and suiting action to the word the unknown rubbed Mr. Miller's face until the frost disappeared. The unknown then handed Mr. Miller a handkerchief to wrap his face in, also gave him a pair of heavy woolen mittens, and went on his way.

Mr. Miller brought the articles into The Empire office this afternoon and the good Samaritan can have them after he tells where the incident occurred, in order that they will fall into the rightful owner's hands.

Hot ashes are believed responsible and the blaze was extinguished with chemicals. The first floor of the building is an unfinished store room and the second story is a lodging house.

SWEDISH REPRISALS ARE MADE

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Sweden is making reprisals on Great Britain, for interference with Swedish merchant shipping, by seizing all mail which Great Britain is sending to Russia. It was expected in some quarters tonight that Great Britain will deliver a flat note to the Stockholm government, demanding that Sweden refrain from tampering with British ships carrying mail.

Stockholm dispatches report that King Gustave, in his speech opening Parliament, urged a vigorous preparation for national defense, and this was taken in London to mean that Sweden may be planning entrance to the war on the side of Germany, her natural ally by reason of her difference with Norway.

ALL MALES OVER 15 IN MEXICAN TOWN SLAIN

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Jan. 20.—Persons arriving here from the interior of Sonora confirmed reports of a massacre of male residents of San Pedro de la Cueva. All men over 15 years old were killed, they said by the Villa soldiers before they retreated into the State of Chihuahua. Among those killed, it was said, was Father Ramon Flores, who was shot when he interceded with Gen. Villa on behalf of the men.

Friends investigating the reported death of George Saunders, an American automobile agent, who has been missing from Nogorzi, Sonora, four months, said they had verified reports that Saunders' body was found by Mexican soldiers and buried. Efforts to locate the place of burial had been fruitless, they said.

JAFET LINDBERGG IS HONORED BY KING

SEATTLE, Jan. 20.—King Haskan has conferred the order of St. Olaf on Jafet Lindbergg, a well known banker and mining man of Seattle, San Francisco and Seattle, for meritorious services to Norwegianians in the United States.

The notification from Christiania reached Seattle yesterday. A letter from the Norwegian King, highly praising Mr. Lindbergg, was enclosed.

DR. W. N. HAYES DIES.

SEATTLE, Jan. 20.—Dr. W. N. Hayes, a pioneer veterinarian of King County, was found dead of heart disease in the Seattle Hotel this morning. Dr. Hayes was 55 years old and came here in the nineties. He leaves a comfortable fortune.

EXPLOSION OF GAS TANK CAUSES DEATH OF WRANGELL MAN

WRANGELL, Jan. 20.—John Schuler, a plumber, yesterday started to patch a leaky gas line tank. An explosion occurred and Schuler was terribly burned. He was rushed to the hospital but died of his burns at 5 o'clock this morning.

LATE NEWS BULLETINS

STORY IS MYTH. DOUGLAS, Ariz.—Official reports indicate the story of the capture of seven American soldiers by Mexicans is a myth.

30 CONVICTS ESCAPE. LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Thirty convicts escaped in a sensational jail delivery at the penitentiary at Cummins today.

RADIO CONTRACT APPROVED. WASHINGTON—Secretary Daniels today approved a contract with the Federal Telegraph Co., of San Francisco for the equipment of big radio stations at San Diego, Cavite and Pearl Harbor. Further advancement in U. S. wireless development this year includes a larger station for Alaska to the Canal zone.

PRODDING WOMAN SUICIDES. WASHINGTON—Mrs. Glasgow, 45 after returning home from the funeral of her husband, Gen. Lyle Glasgow, co

SEPARATE PEACE IS CANCELLED

ROME, Jan. 20.—Fighting between Austria and Montenegro will soon be resumed, peace negotiations having been cancelled.

Notification that there would be no separate peace between King Nicholas' country and Austria-Hungary was made to the Italian war office today. The Giornale D'Italia published dispatches from Paris which said that King Nicholas had sailed for Italy, a fugitive from the invaders, accompanied by the Queen, and the members of the royal suite. Failure to seal the peace pact was due to Montenegro's refusal to allow Austria to maintain a naval base on the Montenegrin coast, according to a variety of reports received from the Balkans. As Austria now occupies nearly four-fifths of Montenegro, that country's status is practically the same as Serbia, overrun by the Austrians, Bulgarians and Germans.

SHERIFF TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIQUOR RAIDS

SEATTLE, Jan. 20.—Prosecuting Attorney Lundin announced today he would refuse to issue any more search warrants for the raiding of private residences. Sheriff Hodge said he would continue to raid residences and prosecute the cases himself, when liquor was found on the premises.

The latest home to be raided was that of D. E. Skinner, head of the Port Blakely mills. Fifty-six gallons of gin, a barrel of Scotch whiskey, several cases of champagne, several dozen quarts and jugs of whiskey and other liquors were taken from the mansion.

Skinner told reporters that Gov. Lister had assured him private homes would not be searched for liquor.

Mayor Gill said this afternoon that under no circumstances would he permit police to search residences for liquor, and that he would not permit the serving of such warrants if sworn out.

WOMAN ACCUSED BY NEGRO OF MURDER

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 20.—George Health, negro chauffeur, and star witness against Cecil V. Brown and Henry Spellman, negroes, who are jointly accused with Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr, of the murder of the latter's husband, Dr. C. Franklin Mohr was on the witness stand yesterday. He testified Mrs. Mohr tried to get Brown to poison Dr. Mohr.

Dr. Mohr was killed four months ago. The State alleges his wife, prompted by jealousy, hired the negroes to commit the crime. Dr. Mohr, who was accompanied by his secretary, Miss Emily Burger, was shot from ambush on the night of August 31, while his automobile was stalled. He died without recovering consciousness. Miss Burger was the daughter of a saloon man and had been in Dr. Mohr's office for two years. The Mohrs were prominent in Providence society.

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HELLENIC KING ASKS U. S. HELP

ATHENS, Jan. 20.—King Constantine today issued a signed appeal to the people of the United States, against what he terms a high-handed encroachment upon Greece, on the part of the entente Allies. The King says the entente is crushing his country, in attempting to force him to do as Great Britain bids.

INDICTED UNION MEN ARE CLEARED OF CRIMES

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 20.—Indictments against leaders of the United Mine Workers of America returned by the grand jury at Pueblo in December, 1915, and growing out of disorders in the coal miners' strike, have been dismissed by Harry Tedrow, United States district attorney.

One of the indictments naming 23 defendants, including John P. White, president of the United Mine Workers of America and other officers of the international union, charged conspiracy to interfere with interstate commerce through the conduct of the Colorado coal strike.

The other, against three defendants, charged a conspiracy to create a monopoly in the coal trade in favor of unionized miners.

"I am convinced that the cases did not come within the scope of the federal law," said Judge Tedrow.

MINE STARTS UP

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 19.—The News-sweet mine of the Anaconda Copper Company, which had been closed for more than a year, has started up with a force of four hundred men.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS IN A SKELETONIZED FORM

ST PAUL—Thomas L. Shevlin, the famous Yale football star, who died recently, was one of the few men in the United States who carried more than one million dollars of life insurance. Policies aggregating \$1,525,000 were written on his life.

NEW YORK—Immorality and commercialized vice are being rapidly eradicated in New York City according to a report made by the bureau of social hygiene.

AMSTERDAM—Newspapers arriving here from Germany, nearly all state that England's conscription is a sign of weakening.

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