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WIND RECORDS FOR HIGH WINDS ARE SHATTERED

Gale Sweeps Over Cotham With Velocity Of 90 Miles An Hour, Today

SIGNS AND LANDMARKS SWEEP INTO STREET Traffic Paralyzed, Trains Late And Wires Are Down In State

(Special from United Press.) New York, Feb. 22.—The local records for high winds in the all weather bureau were shattered, today, when a gale swept across the city, attaining a maximum velocity of 96 miles an hour. Scores of plate glass windows were shattered in the business section and many mammoth electric signs, landmarks of the city, along Broadway, were swept into the street. Although many persons were bruised and cut by being hit with flying glass and pieces of demolished signs, no one was killed. A six thousand pound electric sign was torn from a building at 42nd street and blown down the Broadway roadway, just missing a crowded electric car. Another big sign was blown into the middle of Columbus Circle. Reports from Boston say that the rain of last night has turned to snow and all trains are hours late. Traffic generally is held up and several cities are absolutely cut off from communication with the outside, telegraph and telephone wires being down. One result of the wind, and a rainfall that accompanied it, was a collision on the Brooklyn Bridge between a Smith street trolley car and a repair car in which a dozen passengers were bruised and killed. The trolley car and repair car were struck and the trolley car was derailed and overturned for an hour in the early rush.

EVERYTHING ON CALENDAR.

Thunder, lightning, rain, hail, sleet and blinding snowstorm sweep down on Boston. Boston, Feb. 22.—Thunder and lightning, rain, hail, sleet and a blinding snowstorm of 30 minutes duration about 10 o'clock, today, followed by a 40 mile gale that was in turn succeeded by a heavy rain, during which the scales cleared and the sun forced the thermometer up from 32 to 38 degrees, was followed by a break in the weather between midnight and daylight this morning. Shortly after midnight a downpour was succeeded by a fall of hailstones that hurt when they hit. Dozens of the wild pigeons that roost by the thousands in the cupolas and towers and sheltered nooks of skyscrapers and residences all over Boston proper were blown or maimed by the heavy raindrops. About 2 o'clock the hail stopped and Boston and towns and cities in the metropolitan district were treated to a terrific lightning thunderstorm which did considerable damage in outlying sections.

SOUND VESSELS TIED UP.

Lumber Schooner Ashore at Goshen Point, Cast Up By Terrific Blow, and Crew Missing.

New London, Feb. 22.—The lumber schooner "The Arrow" bound from Bar Harbor to New Haven, is ashore, today, at Goshen Point, two miles west of this harbor. The schooner was driven high on the sand by last night's terrific blow on Long Island Sound. The crew has not been heard from although the vessel is believed to have escaped to the mainland. The vessel is in no danger of breaking up. The T. A. Stearns Company's wireless station to a revenue cutter to hurry to the aid of two barges adrift between Montauk Point and Block Island. A third barge sank at 9:30 this morning. No tug was mentioned in the wireless messages. The steamer Richard Peck anchored off Fisher's Island, last night, to escape the gale. The steamer's masts were broken for a short time under Haughton's Point but set away at 7 o'clock, this morning. The wind is still blowing at a 60 miles an hour clip. Other steamers are reported several hours late.

DAM WASHED AWAY.

East Haddam, Feb. 22.—The ice in Salmon River broke up, today, and washed away a dam which belonged to the Leesville Electric Lighting Plant and an auxiliary engine below the dam. The dam, which was built by Haddam, East Hampton and Moodus will be without electric lights for some time. The dam was washed away by the river being buried and wrecked by the onrushing ice.

DELEGATES DELAYED.

Oklahoma City, Feb. 22.—Because of the severe storm which swept Oklahoma, yesterday, many delegates to the Democratic State Convention scheduled for today, were very late in arriving. Trains carrying delegates from a half dozen counties were stalled in snowdrifts, last night, and the convention will be held in Oklahoma City this afternoon. It may possibly have to be postponed until tomorrow.

MRS. FOX'S FATHER DEAD.

(Special from United Press.) New Haven, Feb. 22.—Decorated by Queen Victoria for bravery in the Crimean war, James Sault, 78, guardian of the New Haven road's vaults, died, today. He also served through the Civil war in this country. Sault formerly lived in Norwalk. He left a widow and family. One daughter, Mrs. Albert Fox, resides in Bridgeport.

WHITE THREATENS TO TELL COURT INSIDE TAX SCANDAL STORY

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TAFT AGAINST GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF TELEGRAPHS

Sends Message Of 50,000 Words To Congress--Advocates Doubling Rates On Periodicals

(Special from United Press.) Washington, Feb. 22.—President Taft is "agin" government ownership of telegraphs, the pet project of Postmaster General Hitchcock. Today, the President aired his views on the matter in a special message to Congress, submitting the report of a committee of the board of relief which recommended a deduction of \$32,722. The company was assessed at \$382,694 on the list of 1911. This was a drop of \$88,324 over the assessment of last year. The company appealed from the assessment, and the board of relief in its original report, as presented to Mayor Wilson, recommended a deduction of \$32,722. Later, when the second report of the board of relief was made out, several other big manufacturers were granted still greater relief than in the original signed report, and the Union Typewriter Co. was left in the lurch. T. F. White, the veteran of the board of relief, has served notice upon Mayor Wilson that if the figures of the board of relief are brought into court, he will disclose the entire circumstances surrounding the unusual procedure of the making over of the report of the board as at first made out. He signed the report under protest, it is understood, and warned Mayor Wilson that if any question was raised as to the supplementary allowances made to certain factories and to have the less favored factories cut off without help. It was stated, today, that District Attorney Whitman, who is conducting this action and, also, if Justice Gerard's decision is finally sustained, he will move to set aside the indictments against the defendants, on the ground that he has been sufficiently punished. The Gerard decision was withheld until after the end of the court day, yesterday, for the benefit of Governor Dix. It cannot be filed and thus become effective until tomorrow. Meanwhile, the strongest pressure is being brought to bear on Governor Dix to head off the court decision with a pardon. This is because some of those interested in the indictment fear the Gerard decision may be upset and want the governor to act. As soon as the decision is entered, Dix's power to pardon is nullified, because the pardon is presumably an innocent man, simply resting under indictment and awaiting trial. Governor Dix conferred with his special commissioner, former Judge Richard L. Hand, today, regarding the latter's investigation and discussion with him the latest demand made on behalf of Schiff, Mrs. Schiff and attorney Howard S. Gans, that they be permitted to tell their story under oath. District Attorney Whitman has prepared injunction papers and will file them at once if Dix decides to let the Ganses go. He will probably file the papers on Tuesday, that he expected indictments against both men for conspiracy and that, if they are allowed to testify publicly, they will be immune from prosecution. The conspiracy charge will be resumed, tomorrow, when Brandt will be a witness to testify publicly. Brandt is the Gans called on him in his cell, and told him that if he admitted his guilt he would get a mild sentence and a ticket back to his home in Bridgeport. He probably will be the last witness called by the grand jury.

MUCH WORK FOR COLLECTOR COONEY

Expected to Collect Tax Levied This Year and \$50,000 on Lists of Other Years.

Tax Collector B. F. Cooney has his work laid out for him by the board of Apportionment, this year. He is expected to collect not only the entire taxes levied upon the list of 1911, but also \$50,000 from the First District and \$25,000 from the Second District, in back taxes. The board of Apportionment's preliminary rate of 15.8 mills, fixed yesterday, is five-tenths of a mill higher than the estimate of the city auditor. It is part of the task of the city auditor to prepare for the board of apportionment a yearly report with estimates based on the year's operations of the various departments. The auditor always takes into consideration the fact that there will be taxes left unpaid. It has been his custom to estimate as the revenue from taxation an amount equal to the entire tax-payers of the past shows that this is a reasonably accurate method, for the delinquents of the fiscal year are made up in the payments of those in arrears in former years together with the interest charges on the overdue taxes. The board of Apportionment however, has adopted as part of their preliminary estimate two items of \$25,000 each, one for each district, as expected to collect under their estimate, all the taxes on the list of 1911 which were not collected. The motion is an expression of opinion, in effect, from the board of apportionment, and it is forwarded on their motion to the Common Council for its consideration. The resolution follows: That the keeping of the records and checks of the "First district only" taxpayers who are entitled to a rebate of three mills on the list of 1910 under the ruling of the then city attorney should in our opinion be kept in the office of the tax collector irrespective of who the incumbent may be. And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Common Council for its consideration.

NATIONAL CASH REGISTER CO.'S MEN INDICTED

Concern Regarded As Trust, Having a Monopoly on This Business

ENTERED INTO CONSPIRACY TO RESTRAIN COMPETITION

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BRANDT TO TELL HIS OWN STORY TO GRAND JURY

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(Special from United Press.) New York, Feb. 22.—When Justice Gerard's decision setting aside the sentence of 30 years imprisonment imposed on Foulke E. Brandt, the former Schiff valet, is filed, tomorrow, thus making it effective, his attorneys, Robert M. Moore and Mirabeau L. Towne, will move for his discharge in their custody to await the decision of the appeal to be taken from the decision sustaining the writ of habeas corpus. It was stated, today, that District Attorney Whitman, who is conducting this action and, also, if Justice Gerard's decision is finally sustained, he will move to set aside the indictments against the defendants, on the ground that he has been sufficiently punished. The Gerard decision was withheld until after the end of the court day, yesterday, for the benefit of Governor Dix. It cannot be filed and thus become effective until tomorrow. Meanwhile, the strongest pressure is being brought to bear on Governor Dix to head off the court decision with a pardon. This is because some of those interested in the indictment fear the Gerard decision may be upset and want the governor to act. As soon as the decision is entered, Dix's power to pardon is nullified, because the pardon is presumably an innocent man, simply resting under indictment and awaiting trial. Governor Dix conferred with his special commissioner, former Judge Richard L. Hand, today, regarding the latter's investigation and discussion with him the latest demand made on behalf of Schiff, Mrs. Schiff and attorney Howard S. Gans, that they be permitted to tell their story under oath. District Attorney Whitman has prepared injunction papers and will file them at once if Dix decides to let the Ganses go. He will probably file the papers on Tuesday, that he expected indictments against both men for conspiracy and that, if they are allowed to testify publicly, they will be immune from prosecution. The conspiracy charge will be resumed, tomorrow, when Brandt will be a witness to testify publicly. Brandt is the Gans called on him in his cell, and told him that if he admitted his guilt he would get a mild sentence and a ticket back to his home in Bridgeport. He probably will be the last witness called by the grand jury.

MAJOR DODS UP ORDER ON RENT CHECKS

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WEATHER INDICATIONS

(Special from United Press.) Washington, Feb. 22.—Forecast for New England: Fair tonight and Friday, much colder tonight.

PITTSBURGH--DOMINIO LAGNO, AN ASSISTANT KEEPER AT THE HIGHLAND ZOO, CLAIMS THAT HE IS ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH JOHN, A THREE YEAR OLD CHIMPANZEE, IN MONKEY LANGUAGE.

CLEMENCY FOR LAGNO MAY FOLLOW WHITE SLAVE CONFESSION

DORA HERMANN IDENTIFIES DOMINICO CESARE, ALLEGED LEADER OF GANG, AS MAN WHO POINTED HER OUT TO LAGNO

Ten Prisoners at County Jail Not Allowed to See Anyone--Rumors That Other Members of the Gang Are Anxious to Turn State's Evidence--Lagno's Complete Confession a Sensational One--His Sentence Probably to Be Light in View of His Valuable Testimony for the State.

With Dominico Cesare of 624 East Main street, picked out and positively identified by Dora Hermann as the man who pointed her out on the street, Saturday night, February 10, just before she was assaulted and slashed by Joseph Lagno, the man who turned State's evidence in the criminal Superior court yesterday, prospects today look blacker than ever for the ten men who were arrested in the sudden and sensational raid that followed Lagno's testimony. The State is rapidly collecting damaging evidence against the accused, and all face the prospect of long imprisonment before the Superior court. The arrest of the ten accused "white slavers" was made without warrant, under the Connecticut statute which provides that arrests may be made on "speedy information" without the formality of waiting for warrants. The raid occurred within twenty minutes time, and the accused men were rounded up so quickly that they had no chance of getting word of the raid to escape, other while the raid was in progress. The denouement in the Superior court which led to the raid was sudden and sensational. Joseph Lagno, known to have acted as the tool of a gang of white slavers, was on trial for slashing Dora Hermann, pointing her cheek from mouth to ear with a hooked carpet knife as a punishment for her defiance of the "white slaver" who had taken her to the court. Under the guidance of his counsel, Attorney Frederick B. Fallon, the accused man, giving his testimony in his own behalf. Suddenly he halted. "I want to tell the truth," he declared. He then made a complete confession. The trial was stopped and a hurried conference of counsel followed. Lagno's confession came as a surprise to Attorney Fallon, who whom Lagno had a ways protested his innocence. Attorney Fallon at once arranged for arranging a raising party to arrange for a change of plea and then Lagno's statement was taken. Knowing that what he had said happened in the city court would spread about "the tenderloin" like wildfire, prosecuting Attorney Alexander Delaney arranged a raising party on the spur of the moment. Deputy Sheriffs J. W. Vollmer, Antonio Abrilla, H. B. Wood and Detective Hall and Patrolmen Bray, Glennon and Barton, and Special Officer Chembles at once started out with Lagno acting as their guide. Then followed a sensational and hurried raid around the "tenderloin", half a dozen different places being visited before pointing out in each place or men whom he accused of being members of the "white save" gang which employed him as its tool and assassin. The patrol wagon was pressed into the service of the raising party and the prisoners bundled together. After this section of the city had been searched, the auto patrol rushed with the party to 624 East Main street, where the alleged Dominico Cesare, the alleged leader of the "white slavers". The raising party surrounded Cesare's home. Prosecuting Attorney Delaney entered through the back door while Cesare was keeping the front door shut against his unwelcome visitors. Cesare was immediately searched for weapons and then bundled out into the patrol wagon with the others. These arrested, and the places at which they were found, was as follows: Dominico Cesare, 624 East Main street; Gaetano Romano, New York city; Albert Tosto, Union Square; James Aricco, South Main street; James Aricco, South Main street. After they were taken to the county court house and booked up in the jail, bench warrants, which bring them immediately before the Superior court, were issued for each of the men. They were removed to the county jail in North avenue, where they are kept in isolated cells today. Nobody is allowed to talk with them. After the raid and arrests, Lagno, who also goes under the name of Giuseppe Vincini was put under a more extended examination and gave a complete statement. While no definite understanding had been reached today, it is probable that Attorney Fallon will enter a plea of guilty to some minor offense for his client when the latter comes to trial. The State will not press for a severe punishment, in view of Lagno's confession and valuable testimony in the other cases. No agreement to this effect has been made between the counsel for the defense and the state's attorney but some leniency is generally accorded a witness who turns State's evidence and confesses. After the arrested men were brought to the county court house Dora Hermann, the victim of the gang's conspiracy, was brought before them and she immediately identified Cesare as the one who pointed her out on the street last night on the night of Feb. 10, just before Lagno entered her apartment and slashed her. She identified him as her members of a group that threatened her in the Waterbury cafe one night and warned her, that she would be attacked for her interference with their nefarious business. The Hermann woman had told her story very frankly, before Lagno was called to the stand. She testified that she had induced a young woman named Stella to leave an Italian procurer named Tony Youngs and come with her to live. Threatened by the band

200 EX-CONVICTS RUN TAXICABS IN THE CITY

They Have Licenses Which Can Aid Them in Committing Crime, The Police Say

New York, Feb. 22.—There are probably 200 licensed chauffeurs who probably one of whom has a criminal record, operating taxicabs and other types of motor vehicles in the City of New York today. This is the substance of a statement made at Police Headquarters yesterday by one of the highest ranking officers in the department, who said that 200 was a very conservative estimate. An investigation of the murder of Adolph Stern, the clerk who was shot by thieves who had robbed the Jacob jewelry store at Thirtieth street and Sixth avenue, which was found no less than twenty licensed chauffeurs who had been in St. Paul, Minn., before he was shot. That the taxicab, as a means of "get-away," has made the detection of crimes such as the hold-up of the East River National Bank messengers in which the thieves got away with \$25,000 in cash, and the Stern murder case, more difficult than ever before is the opinion of every man in the Police Department, as well as of the heads of the various private detective agencies. The last report of William J. Burns to the American Bankers' Association, referring to the automobile as a means of escape, says that it has rendered the detection of crime so difficult as to furnish a substantial portion of the most careful consideration. Within the last three weeks the police of New York have been called upon to run down a number of taxicabs for three of the most daring hold-ups in the history of this city. The first was the case in which several highwaymen held up Beckerman, the paymaster, and after robbing him of nearly \$1,000 in cash escaped in an automobile of the touring car type. The second was the East River National Bank case, in which the booty was \$25,000, and the third the holding up of George W. Horth, the John street jeweler, who was beaten and robbed of diamonds worth \$100,000, after which the highwayman, according to Mr. Horth, jumped into a taxicab and sped away.

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FOR SALE--Roll top desk in good condition, Watson Co., 35 Field Ave. \$10.00. TO RENT--Cottage, Walnut Beach, Broadway. Reasonable for season. Address Box 848, City. \$10.00. SONG BIRDS, pet animals, gold fish and supplies at Courtney's Bird-store, 116 Wall St., upstairs. \$10.00. WANTED--Experienced girl for marking and assorting, also girl for marking, at Most's Book Store, 109 Middle St. \$10.00. WANTED--Man and wife, also second maid for gentlemen's place at once. Harvey's, 61 Cannon street, next to Howland's. \$10.00. HARTMANN'S CAFE, 126 Wall street, 10 a. m. to 11 p. m. daily. Soup, roast beef, fried lamb, vegetable, or fish served free. All invited. \$10.00. FOR SALE--Fine residence on Lawrence Ave., 9 rooms, near North Ave. Fine residence on North Ave. Fine cottage on Wood Ave. Watson Co., 35 Fairfield Ave. \$10.00. FOR SALE--Fine lot on Park Ave. above North Ave. also on North Ave. east of Park. Prices reduced for the next 10 days. Watson Co., 35 Fairfield Ave. \$10.00. FOR SALE--2 family house on Noble Ave. Benham, corner of Norman, 16 rooms, improvements. Watson Co., 35 Fairfield Ave. \$10.00. WANTED--Local salesman as district manager for large Health, Accident & Life Company. No contract with advance to right party. Address A. A. C. care of Farmer. \$10.00. FOR SALE--One ten room two family house situated on South Ave. near Barnum. Price \$2,000. Good location, fine bargain. Address Bargain, care of Farmer. \$10.00. JOHN BELLAUCCI, formerly with Harry Goebel is now managing the Annex Barber Shop, 1036 Main St. \$10.00. FOR SALE--Two family house on Shelton St. with work shop in rear. 60 by 100. Price reasonable. Inquire 683 Kossuth St. \$10.00. LOST--Bank book on Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank No. 21819. Finder will return to bank as same has been cancelled and new one issued. \$10.00. WANTED--Experienced retail hostess-saleswoman. Apply by letter stating experience, salary expected and references. Address "Saleswoman" care of Farmer. \$10.00. D. M. FLEMING has purchased the barber shop at 861 Main St., formerly occupied by Frank Schuster. \$10.00. BOMBS & BLITZ. We will have fresh sausage meat every day from now on. \$10.00. VALENTINE CARDS. Fine assortment, each in envelope. Southworth's, 10 Arcade. \$10.00. TRY A BOX OF Casca Laxative tablets for constipation. 25 cents. \$10.00. GOOD SECOND HAND National Cash Register for sale cheap. \$10.00. BOYS WANTED--I want ten of the brightest and manliest boys in Bridgeport for after school work. Good pay and easy work. Come today to go to work Thursday and Friday, 8 to 10 a. m. or 2 to 6 p. m. Room 8, 167 Fairfield Ave. \$10.00. TO WHOM TO MAY CONCERN: This is to notify the public that my wife, Mrs. A. M. Wolfe, has left me and board and I will not pay any bills contracted by her in my name. \$10.00. A. M. WOLFE.

NEWPORT WOMEN TURN CATHOLICS

Mrs. E. C. Post and Mrs. David King Recent Converts; Others Expected to Follow.

Newport, Feb. 22.—Mrs. Edward C. Post, who was Miss Emilie Thorn King, and Mrs. David King, who was Ella Rives, two prominent members of the society colony of Newport, are among the recent converts to the Catholic faith from the Episcopal church. Their conversions, according to what can be learned today, occurred last summer at St. Mary's Catholic church, where the society colony of Newport is held. Mrs. Post, who was a member of the inner circles of Newport society, will soon adopt the Catholic faith. Report last night has it there are several other prominent women among its members Mrs. Reginald C. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs, Mrs. C. M. Oelrichs, Mrs. Peter D. Martin, Mrs. Frederick P. Garretts, Mrs. Paul A. Andrews, Mrs. Brookholst Cutting, Mrs. Leonard M. Thomas, Mrs. Cameron McKee Winslow, Mrs. Frederick P. Garretts, Mrs. Delancy Astor Kane, Mrs. H. O. Havemeyer, Jr., and Mrs. Lewis G. Jones.

"MY HAT IS IN THE RING"--ROOSEVELT

(Special to The Farmer) Cleveland, O., Feb. 22.—"My hat is in the ring." This is what Theodore Roosevelt said here last night when an admirer of Cleveland friend sought to learn whether he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for the Presidency. During the brief stay of Colonel Roosevelt in Cleveland, W. F. Elrick, who is identified by her as the former President whom he knows well, said: "I want a direct answer, Colonel," said Mr. Elrick. "All your friends want to know and want to know now, whether you are to be a candidate. 'My hat is in the ring.'" He replied "My answer Monday." "You will have my answer Monday."

IN HONOR OF MISS FINKLESTONE

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Finklestone of 28 High street, entertained today, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Lawrence and Henry Hegelme of South Norwalk at a surprise dinner to Miss Hazel Finklestone in honor of her 18th birthday.