

CLEVELAND SHORT ON RATIONS; STREETS STILL IMPASSABLE

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 12.—Polly half of Cleveland was on short rations today.

Of the sufferers by no means all were the very poor. The storm had ceased, street car traffic was partially resumed and dealers were striving desperately to make deliveries of food supplies.

Many streets, however, were still practically impassable, buried under snow drifts, in some places fifteen feet deep and filled with an almost hopeless tangle of fallen poles, wires and trees.

More than this, following three days during which the city was nearly cut off from the outside world, with no fresh shipments either of food or fuel coming in, an actual shortage existed. Relief was expected by tomorrow but in the meantime, many who could and would gladly pay for food and warmth will go both hungry and cold.

On account of the coal shortage most of the city's factories were forced to close down.

Two men were known definitely to have perished in the city during the storm. John Richmond was killed when the roof of his house collapsed under the weight of a snow drift and crushed him. William Combert was found, frozen to death, in a snow drift. Nearly a score of persons were reported missing, however and probably not until the snow melts will all of them be accounted for.

That it will be weeks before entirely normal conditions are restored in the city was the consensus of opinion. At least a third of the city was without telephones. The lighting system was badly disorganized. The schools were still closed. Charitable organizations were awamped. Corpses lay in a number of homes, waiting until the undertakers are able to bury them. Warning was issued by the health authorities not to drink water from the lake, stirred to a deep mud color, without boiling.

CITY COUNCIL PLACES 1913 TAX LEVY 12 MILLS

Medford's tax levy for 1913 was fixed at 12 mills by the city council at a special session held Tuesday night, an increase of 2.1 mills over 1912 distributed as follows, showing the levy last year.

Fund	1912	1913	Amounts
Sewer	1.5	1.5	\$253.78
Fire	1.2	1.4	7262.52
Light	1.2	1.2	6603.02
Library	0.6	0.6	3391.51
General	0.7	1.6	8804.04
Sinking	0.5	0.6	3391.51
Park	0.2	0.1	550.25
Interest	2.5	2.5	19258.83
Street & road	1.5	1.5	8253.78

Total 9.9 12 \$66,030.26

The increase is caused by the decrease in assessed valuation, and includes the heavy expenditure for the Shorty Hamilton ranch which will be used to protect the city water supply at Fish Lake. The heaviest increase is in the general and interest funds. \$66,030.26 is the amount that will be raised by the levy, against \$59,229.89 an increase of \$6800.37.

CLEVELAND FACES FAMINE; DEATH LOSS INCREASES

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—The shores of Lake Superior, Huron and Erie were strewn today with the wreckage of a three days' gale and snowstorm which cost the lives of probably a score of persons.

Turned bottom up in mid-lake is a 300 foot steel vessel with her crew, wrecked or grounded, and numerous other craft and caused a property loss running into millions.

On land the storm hit the hardest at Cleveland where five persons were killed, ten others lost and two million dollars damage was done to property. Reports from all points tonight indicated the storm was ended.

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 12.—With fair and warmer weather predicted for tomorrow, Cleveland is hopeful today of a speedy cessation of the difficulties besetting it since the worst snowstorm in its history descended Sunday night.

The resumption of the blizzard would cut off relief from the food scarcity which the city is facing. The rain would seriously complicate the situation as flood conditions would ensue. As a result of the lake's disturbed condition the drink water has turned to a coffee color. The health department warns to boil the water.

The total of dead was increased to five today when John Richmond was crushed by a collapse of a house roof beneath the weight of snow, and

William Combert was frozen in a snow drift.

Fifteen hundred workmen succeeded in putting 14 street car lines in order. Others probably will be working on schedule tomorrow. The hospitals are greatly handicapped by some lack of proper food. Others had to use candle light.

RICH CHINAMAN CHARGED WITH WHITE SLAVERY

SEATTLE, Nov. 12.—Parry Toy, a wealthy Chinese was arrested last night charged with violating the Mann act in making a white slave of Goldie Goddell, the sixteen year old

daughter of Rev. T. C. Goddell of Portland. Toy was arraigned today and remanded to jail in default of \$5000 bail.

Toy created a sensation three years ago when he married Christie Goddell, a worker in a Portland mission. Soon after the marriage she died and her sister, Goldie entered the convent

and after months of pleading Toy induced Goldie to come to Seattle where he is alleged to have placed her in an immoral resort.

Government detectives say she tried to escape but Toy caught her and told her if she escaped he would notify the Chinese tong and she would be sent back or killed.

CABINET SUPPORTS WILSON'S STAND ON MEXICAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—President Wilson's cabinet stands firmly behind him in his efforts to force Huerta's retirement as a necessary step for the pacifying Mexico. For

over two hours the cabinet discussed today every phase of the Mexican situation.

The consensus of opinion was the United States should not take a single backward step. It became known that all the secretaries favored the steps which would convince Huerta the United States was in earnest.

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