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## FREEZE KILLS TENDER TRUCK

REPORTS FROM OVER LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY INDICATE TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF TENDER VEGETABLES.

### AVERAGE 30 DEGREES

CABBAGE ESCAPES WITH LIGHT DAMAGE, BUT POTATOES, CAULIFLOWER, BEANS, ETC., SUFFER FROM COLD.

Reports received from over the Lower Rio Grande Valley by The Herald today indicate that the destruction of the vegetable crop by the freeze of last night was practically complete. Cabbage was the only vegetable to escape from the average minimum temperature of 30 degrees, and it was damaged to some extent. Telephone conversation with various truck centers up the Valley indicate conclusively that there is no hope for the tender vegetables.

Mission says that all tender vegetables including beans, tomatoes, cauliflower and cucumbers in that section were killed last night by frost, the temperature falling to 28 degrees above zero.

The cabbage crop in the Mission section will show a damage of about 25 per cent.

From Harlingen comes the information that all tender vegetables, such as tomatoes, beans, potatoes, etc., were killed. Cabbage escaped with only slight damage. The government thermometer at Harlingen at an early hour this morning registered 28.5 degrees above zero.

Mercedes reports slight damage. The thermometer there went down to 30 degrees above zero. McAllen reports the minimum temperature for the night at 29 degrees.

The section immediately around Brownsville, which ordinarily escapes freezes because of the proximity to the coast was also visited by the freeze, the thermometer at the United States weather bureau in this city registering a minimum during the night of 28.6 degrees.

Protection of the growing tender crops in this section was undertaken by many farmers in this immediate section yesterday, and it is expected that as much as they were able to protect they saved. However, it is impossible to estimate the amount of damage that may have been done in any particular section, or in the Valley as a whole.

By many truck growers it is not believed that potatoes were entirely destroyed, but that this vegetable has been set back, probably two weeks. The tops were undoubtedly nipped by the freeze, but dying off they will be replaced by the growing shoots.

The Valley up to last night had been fortunate in escaping damaging freezes this winter, but the great blanket of cold weather that seems to have spread over the country at large could not be forced back by the warmth of the gulf breezes. However, growers generally consider themselves fortunate that the freeze came at this time, for it caught them at a time when they still have opportunity to save themselves a great loss.

It is expected that repainting of many crops will begin at once, and that soon the plants will again begin to grow, to fruit, to be plucked and to be sent to the waiting markets of the country.

## BECKER TO RUN DOWN MURDERERS OF ROSENTHAL

(By Associated Press.)  
Ossining, N. Y., Feb. 25.—As soon as Charles Becker gets out of prison he said today he will devote his energies to running down the men responsible for the Rosenthal murder. He added, "after I have done that, I shall be willing to go back into the police department if they want me."

Becker said he believed the men granted immunity were the ones responsible for the murder.

### FRANK IS REFUSED REHEARING BY THE GEORGIA COURTS.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 25.—The Georgia Supreme court today refused a rehearing for Leo M. Frank under a death sentence for the murder of Mary Phagan.

## DIFFICULTY WITH ANTI-TRUST LAWS

COUNTRY'S BELIEF THAT ANTI-TRUST LEGISLATION WOULD PASS ON GREASED WHEELS DID NOT PAN OUT.

### MONTHS TO INTERVENE

SUMMER MAY HAVE COME AND GONE BEFORE ANTI-TRUST LAWS ARE COMPLETED—FEDERAL PATRONAGE IN ARREARS.

(Special Staff Correspondence.)  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—There is always a big Washington flurry when the President seems to be encountering trouble with Congress. It has been especially so since Mr. Wilson came into office. A break between the executive and legislative branch is evidence par excellence of political difficulties. The consequences are far reaching. They extend into matters of administration and effect political campaigns. The country rang with predictions as to tariff and currency, but there were none as to the anti-trust bills. No danger of a "break" attends the anti-trust bills and yet this Congress is having more difficulties with them than it has had with any other legislation. It will be months before the anti-trust legislation is finally written, even though current chronicles have it that these bills will be perfected in a few weeks.

It seemed, indeed, there was smooth sailing ahead for the President after his anti-trust special message. There was such general acquiescence that partisan opposition had little to work on. Some thought there was an era of good feeling, like unto that in the Monroe administration, before Mr. Wilson. Nevertheless, if there has ever been warrant in a whole Democratic year of predicting dissension between the President and the Congress, it is just now. The President has done such unprecedented things with his Democratic legislators, that faith in him is not shaken. But eager conversation on the status of the immigration bill in the Senate and the canal exemption repeal bill before both houses pervades the capital.

On each matter, Senators and Representatives are on record and that record must be reversed if the President is to have his way. Some of the Texas Representatives will persist in voting against the repeal of toll exemption. The Democratic platform is to erably explicit about both topics of legislation, although there is less about the literacy test than about tolls exemption. Perhaps too much stress is laid on the performance of platform promises, however, in this connection. House and Senate have already ignored a Baltimore plank favoring publicity of endorsement for Federal judges. It recently refused to put such a provision into an enactment creating a new judgeship in Pennsylvania.

Somewhat minor matters indicate that the President will win in the most severe test yet made of his influence with Congress. The Senate has ratified by overwhelming vote the arbitration treaties. Enemies of the Panama canal bill in the Senate were ranged against the arbitration treaties, as to certain aspects, but on roll call they were only a handful.

### FEDERAL PATRONAGE IN ARREARS.

Federal patronage is considerably in arrears. Congressmen and prospective recipients are correspondingly restive. President Wilson has been making nominations slowly ever since he came into office. Every little while there is an accumulation of rich, ripe plums on the tree. A great fuss ensues till the President is ready to pluck the fruit. His deliberation, however, rejoices Republicans, for incumbents of that party are permitted to serve on till their successors qualify. Thus it has been with the ambassador from the United States to France. No one hears much these days about Myron T. Herrick of Cleveland, Ohio, a Republican of prominence, who "holds down" the important mission at Paris. But it is characteristic of good politicians in office under an opposition administration not to keep in the limelight or to seek it and, possibly, that explains something about Ambassador Herrick. A Democrat will be sent to Paris one of these days as there has been to London, Rome, Vienna and most other European capitals. But a good diplomatic mission remains unfilled at St. Petersburg, which again emphasizes the President's unwillingness to act at all hastily in naming Democrats to important offices.

The process of sifting office seekers in the first stage at the departments rather than at the White House offices, has worked well. It is not quite as expeditious as for the President to attend to most of this business first hand. Many cases have to be carried up to him, so fiercely do factions contend before members of the President's cabinet. Every few weeks, for a number of days, Demo-

## Newest Type of Aeroplane and Man Who Flies Upside Down.



Photos by American Press Association.

The illustration shows Charles F. Niles, the daring aviator, only twenty-four years old, who has astounded the flying world by looping the loop, flying straight downward and flying a half mile upside down with his engine stopped. He performed these feats in one continuous flight at Hempstead Plains, N. Y. The new picture is that of the new biplane made at Hammondsport, N. Y., which, built of mahogany, has a little cabin which thoroughly covers two passengers. The operator sits in this enclosure and steers. The front of the cabin has celluloid windows. This craft can be operated in a heavy sea, as no water can possibly reach the engine.

## COMMISSIONERS NAME NEW COUNTY JUDGE

COUNTY ATTORNEY H. L. YATES IS APPOINTED TO OFFICE AND A. M. KENT IS NAMED COUNTY ATTORNEY.

### EFFECTIVE AT ONCE

BOTH APPOINTEES YOUNG MEN. EFFICIENT OPERATION OF COUNTY COURT PROMISED BY HOLDERS OF NEW PLACES.

The board of county commissioners this afternoon named H. L. Yates county judge of Cameron county, succeeding E. H. Goodrich, deceased, and A. M. Kent for the past several months as assistant county attorney, was named county attorney.

The appointments are effective at once. The commissioners assembled at the courthouse at 2 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of naming a man to the vacancy left open by the recent death of Judge Goodrich. All commissioners were present, including Graham, Ford, Scriven and Edwards.

County Judge H. L. Yates is well known in the city and county. He was elected county attorney at the elections of 1912, and has given much attention to the affairs of the county. He is a young man.

A. M. Kent, the new county attorney, was appointed assistant county attorney by Mr. Yates a few months ago. He has resided in Brownsville about eight months, having come here from the state of Iowa.

The oaths will be administered at once and the appointees will assume the duties of their offices.

## MOYER SHOOTING WAS ACCIDENT SAYS WITNESS

(By Associated Press.)  
Hancock Mich., Feb. 25.—The shooting of Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, when he was "deported" from Hancock was accidental. This was testified at the coroner's hearing held today.

## AMERICAN AUTHORITIES TO EXAMINE BODY OF W. S. BENTON IN JUAREZ IN ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER BY GENERAL FRANCISCO VILLA

United States, However, Will Not Waive Further Steps To Demand Removal Of Benton's Body To American Soil--Examination To Be Made By American Army Surgeon, And British Consul Percival.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—(Bulletin)—The American government this afternoon accepted General Francisco Villa's offer for American authorities to examine the body of William S. Benton in Juarez.

An American army surgeon and British Consul Percival of Galveston both will examine the wounds.

In this acceptance the American government does not waive further steps to demand the removal of Benton's body to American soil.

The examination probably will be made tomorrow.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—Additional requests for the investigation of Benton's death were made by Washington officials today upon receiving telegrams from Consul Letcher at Chihuahua that the widow and relatives could visit the cemetery with American representatives to see the body exhumed in Juarez.

Washington forwarded a request that the body be turned over to the widow on American soil.

General Venustiano Carranza is expected in Juarez in a week. It is reported he will make an investigation of his own.

## AMERICAN TROOPS MAY ENTER JUAREZ

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—Official opinions are that it is legal and not an act of war for a squad of American troops to enter Juarez to get Benton's body because there is no recognized government in Mexico.

## CONFIRM EXECUTION OF VERGARA

(By Associated Press.)  
Laredo, Texas, Feb. 25.—Official confirmation of the hanging of Clemente Vergara, an American citizen, by alleged Mexican federalists near Hidalgo, Mexico, were received today by American Consul Garrett at Nuevo Laredo. He left immediately to investigate.

Vergara was captured on his Rio Grande island February 13, after he had charged that Mexican stole his horses.

## BAN PLACED ON AMERICAN PAPERS

Mexico City, Feb. 25.—It is rumored that a ban has been placed on American newspapers, which for some mysterious reason failed to reach here as formerly.

## FEW WOMEN TRY TO CAST VOTES SNOWS BREAK LONG RECORD

LESS THAN HALF REGISTERED WOMEN IN ILLINOIS TURN OUT FOR THEIR FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO CAST BALLOTS.

### BAD WEATHER THE REASON

SEVEN CHICAGO WOMEN ARE NOMINATED FOR ALDERMAN—THEY HAD NO OPPOSITION—TWO DEFEATED.

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 25.—Comparatively few Illinois women yesterday took advantage of their first opportunity to vote under the new suffrage law. Less than half the registered women turned out. Bad weather was partly the cause.

Seven Chicago women were nominated for aldermen. They had no opposition, three being progressive and four socialists.

Two women candidates for aldermen on the democratic ticket were defeated.

## MATHEWSON MAY GO WITH THE NEW LEAGUE

(By Associated Press.)  
Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 25.—Christy Mathewson announced today that he is considering an offer from the Federal league to manage the Brooklyn team. He said he would take no action until he can talk with Manager McGraw of the New York Nationals, who is now touring Europe, or some of McGraw's representatives.

Mathewson plans to leave today for Marlin, Texas, the Giants' training camp.

CORPUS CHRISTI IS COVERED BY FLEECY ARTICLE FOR FIRST TIME IN 17 YEARS—NEW ORLEANS GETS IT.

Corpus Christi, Feb. 25.—For the first time in seventeen years snow fell in Corpus Christi last night. It was honest, goodness snow, real snow that looks like cotton and tastes like ice. The snow covered the ground and lasted until this morning when the sun showed herself, and early there was nothing left but slush, with a little drift in shady spots not yet reached by the sun.

### SNOW COVERS SOUTH'

TEMPERATURE AT NEW ORLEANS TODAY 32—FIRST SNOW FALLS SINCE 1903.

(By Associated Press.)

New Orleans, La., Feb. 25.—A light snow fell here today for the first time since 1903. The temperature is 32.

Snow covered much of the entire South. Laurel, Miss., had six inches. Meridian, Miss., 3 inches.

Darkies took a holiday to see the unusual sight all the way from New Orleans to Charleston.

ENGLISH ROYALTY TO SEE A BALL GAME.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Eng., Feb. 25.—King George and several members of the royal family are to see tomorrow the baseball game between the New York and Chicago teams.