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DIED FROM EXPOSURE

Stories of Destitution From Nebraska.

RELIEF WORK BEING PROSECUTED

In Some Localities Want of Wholesome Food Has Caused Scurvy—Many Leaving the State.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 2.—Special dispatches from Western Nebraska tell of the destitution and distress prevailing among the inhabitants of the drought-stricken districts. A dispatch from Hastings says:

"Terrible destitution exists in Perkins, Chase, Dundy, Lincoln, Hays, Hitchcock and Frontier counties and the worst feature is that the people in several localities are afflicted with scurvy for want of wholesome food. The state relief committee find themselves unable to relieve all the people in distress, so great are the demands for aid."

The railroad men report that since the cold snap no less than a dozen persons have perished in the above counties for want of wood and fuel. Hundreds of families are without coal, and in the border counties, where no trees or brush exist, the poor people have a hard time to keep from freezing to death. In Perkins county destitution is complete. Over 600 families are appealing for help. Near Lisbon the wife and two children of Settler Burns suffered for want of proper nourishment and clothing to cover them. In Hitchcock county the wife of one of the settlers gave birth to twins during the storm, and before the neighbors could reach the home the poor woman expired for want of sufficient food and attention. The twins are still lying and in charge of charitable neighbors.

Coal is most needed in the drought district, and Mr. Ludden of the state relief committee and General Manager Holdridge of the Burlington & Missouri River are doing everything in their power to forward supplies to the more destitute localities. Very few of the farmers in the border counties have any stock left, having let their cattle and horses roam at large. Stock is being driven out of the state to prevent starvation. Corn planted in eight or ten of the western counties never reached a height of over six inches and contains no more nourishment than seagrass. People are leaving in covered wagons by the hundreds rather than face starvation and freeze to death.

Burned and Frozen.

REGINA, N. W. T., Jan. 4.—The house of William Thompson, a farmer, twenty-five miles north of this place, burned last Friday morning. Mrs. Thompson and two children were badly burned, and one child died shortly after being taken from the house.

Placing his wife and the remaining child in a henhouse, Thompson set out for a neighbor's a mile and a quarter away, having only some rags around his head and feet, being otherwise nude, although the thermometer was 30 degrees below zero. He reached within 100 yards of the neighbor's house, when he fell exhausted and almost frozen stiff. He was seen and was carried into the house and cared for. When assistance reached Mrs. Thompson and the child the frost had added to the torture of their burns, and it is doubtful whether they can survive. Thompson is also in a critical condition.

A Heavier Tax on Beer.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The continued excess of expenditures over the receipts of the government and the continued depletion of the gold reserve are causing the administration great anxiety. With the possible failure to put the income tax into operation and the possible reduction of the tariff on sugar, made necessary by the retaliatory action of foreign countries, the administration is casting about for some means of increasing revenues and meeting expenditures. It is reported that Chairman Wilson and some of his democratic colleagues on the ways and means committee are considering the proposition to place an additional \$1 per barrel tax on beer. It is said that a bill for that purpose will be introduced shortly. It is estimated that a tax upon beer, as above suggested, would yield a revenue of \$30,000,000 a year. During the last six months there has been an excess of some \$28,000,000 in expenditures over receipts. The administration realizes this sort of thing cannot continue much longer. The plan of issuing bonds to make good the deficit is not a popular one and already

there are indications that the credit of the government is threatened. The simple principle advocated by republicans that an excess of receipts over expenditures means the highest government credit and the greatest confidence in government currency is making some impression upon the democrats, and the proposition to increase the national revenues is likely to prove a popular one.

Bonanza King's Must Explain Their Shady Transaction.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Judge Sewell, in the district court, rendered a decision today in two suits instituted in 1891 by Theodore Fox, stockholder in the Consolidated California and Virginia Mining Company, who charged John W. Mackay, Senator John Jones and other directors of the Consolidated California and Virginia Mining Company with fraud in the management of the California and Virginia property. Judge Sewell sustained the demurrer entered by the defendants as to all but one point, thus throwing out of court all the charges save one, that Mackay, Jones, Flood and others, as managers of the Consolidated California and Virginia mine, sent ore from the mine to the works of the Comstock Mill and Mining Company, which they owned, to be crushed and milled at an exorbitant rate.

Chinese Troops More Brave.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A dispatch in the Times from Tien-Tsin says that letters received there from New Chwang state that the fighting on December 22d about the village of Kang Wan lasted six hours. General Sung then retired west of Tien Chwang and the Japanese returned to Hai Chwang, where the fortified. General Sung, on being pursued, marched back on December 25th, towards New Chwang, which appears to be still in the hands of the Japanese.

Port Wing Tsu is now said to be threatened. The Chinese state that the Japanese are suffering greatly from the cold and that General Sung's force, profiting by experience, is improving in military tactics and seems to be gaining confidence. The general's troops have made some creditable marches during the last two months.

Caucus on the Currency Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—"A democratic caucus on the currency bill will probably be called for 4 o'clock Monday afternoon," said Holman, chairman of the caucus committee, after he had conferred to day with Speaker Crisp and Representative Springer concerning the situation.

Less than twenty senators were in their seats today when Vice President Stevenson called the senate to order.

Nicaragua Canal Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—In the judgment of those senators who remained in the city during recess, the Nicaragua bill cannot pass this session. "It is not a favorable time to urge such a measure," said Senator Davis of the foreign relations committee. "The times have been so hard that the people do not like the prospect of increasing the expense or creating additional debt."

Experienced Terrific Gales.

DELAWARE BREAKWATER, Jan. 5.—The schooner Fannie Kimmie, from Savannah for Philadelphia, which has arrived here, reports she experienced terrific northeast gales December 29, and tremendous seas off Cape Hatteras. She lost one man and several of the crew were injured.

Colorado Senate Organized.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 3.—Organization of the senate was effected this forenoon by a combination between the populists and democrats. Lockwood (populist) was elected speaker pro-tem. Adjournment was taken until the afternoon, when Governor Waite's message was read.

Carlisle and Crisp in Conference.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Secretary Carlisle came to the capitol after the cabinet meeting and joined Speaker Crisp in the latter's private office. It is understood the purpose is to outline a definite plan of procedure on the currency bill.

A Survivor of the War of 1812.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—At the opening session today on motion of Hermann, republican of Oregon, the bill was passed quoting an increase of pension to Haza Brown, aged 103, a survivor of the war of 1812.

More Battle Ships.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—It is practically settled that the naval appropriation bill, as reported to the house, will contain provisions for two, and possibly three, battle ships, at a cost of about \$4,000,000 each.

Gold for Shipment.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The engagement of gold for shipment tomorrow amounts to \$2,350,000.

POOR FAST THUNDER

Kills the Old Sioux Chief, Red Horse.

SUSIE, HIS SQUAW, DECLARES WAR

And Marries Her Husband's Murderer in Order to Make the Punishment Fit the Crime.

Married Her Husband's Murderer.

ROSEMUD, S. D., Jan. 5.—When Fast Thunder and Plenty Bird murdered the old Sioux chief, Red Horse, last week, on the reservation, there was a great sensation. They are Carlisle school Indians, and claimed Divine authority for what they did. They were arrested and released on bail. A few days ago Susie Red Horse, the squaw of the murdered chief, went on the warpath with a big knife in one hand and a rifle in the other. She had heard that her husband's murderers were out on bail. Almost immediately she cut her hair off, this action being a traditional declaration of war. Then she gave away all her property, and started on the trail of Fast Thunder and Plenty Bird. Susie has a record. Fast Thunder and his companion in crime remembered her fighting qualities, and kept out of sight, but the Indian police started in pursuit of the widow. Just as she had struck a clew the Indian police overtook her, and she was compelled to surrender her weapons. A few days later the police arranged an "atonement feast." The friends of Fast Thunder and Plenty Bird gave the widow a number of presents, and persuaded her to let the law take its course. The gentle Susie is 44 years old, but when she met Fast Thunder she fell in love with him. He consented to take the place of the man he had murdered, since it would prevent the prosecuting witness from testifying against him.

Were Not the Right Men.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5.—The two men arrested, Steadman and Conley, were this morning brought before Cashier Fred B. Stamm, who was held yesterday morning at the Ontario State bank, and Mr. Stamm says that, while they resemble the men in some particulars, such as height, build, etc., they are not the ones who did the robbery. Steadman said to Chief Glass: "You have sized me up all right as regards my record. I have seven years' time to serve in Joliet and five years' at San Quentin, but you are fooling away your time to try and connect me with the Ontario robbers. I was not there." Conley has been identified as a burglar who is wanted here by the police for work done within the last 30 days. Mr. Stamm says that Sibley, who was also alleged by the robbers at the time of robbery, is in a very serious condition. He was pounded over the head and shoulders, and his hands are badly bruised.

A Blow at Labor Organizations.

OMAHA, Jan. 5.—A local paper declares there is very good reason to believe that the anti-pass rule recently enacted by the railroad managers is intended for a blow at railroad labor organizations more than for any other purpose. Its belief is strengthened by information received from Cedar Rapids and Vinton, Iowa, respectively the headquarters of the railroad telegraphers and railway conductors. This information bears the dismal intelligence that the grand officers are utterly unable to make arrangements for their annual passes used in their work about the country. The amount of travel performed by the grand officers of railroad organizations will foot up into hundreds of thousands of miles annually to each order. They are on the move continually, settling grievances, visiting lodges and performing other services.

Killed in an Instant.

TACOMA, Jan. 5.—Two thousand volts of electricity passed through Peter Peterson, day electrician at the city light station, this morning. It killed him like a lightning stroke. In making changes on the switchboard he grasped two plugs at the same time, his thumb touching them too far up, and on the noninsulated portion. There was a flash and he fell back dead. He has been in the employ of the company six years. It was his own carelessness.

Three Horsethieves Hanged.

WICHITA, Kan., Jan. 5.—News comes from Cantonment, a trading point in the Cheyenne and Arapahoe country, to the effect that a fight occurred near there yesterday between vigilantes and horse-thieves. Gus Gaskell and Syl Campbell,

two of the vigilantes, were wounded and three thieves captured. The prisoners were promptly run up the nearest tree and their bodies filled with lead. The farmers have been robbed of cattle and horses to such an extent that they have determined to put a stop to it, and formed vigilante committees. In this instance the thieves were chased into the Panhandle of Texas, back into Oklahoma, and finally cornered.

Robbers Were Frightened Off.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 5.—While the north-bound train on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad was standing at the Coal Valley mines, six miles from here, at 6 o'clock last night, and while the messenger, Frank Tarrade, was outside his car, robbers entered the car and carried away the steel safe containing \$216 in money and valuable packages. A brakeman, noticing the lights were not burning in the express car, gave the alarm. The robbery was discovered, and a searching party of fifty miners speedily organized. Half an hour later the safe was found a short distance away unopened, the robbers having become frightened.

At the Illinois Insane Asylum.

ANNA, Jan. 5.—Terrible confusion prevailed during the burning of all the old buildings at the insane asylum, and it is remarkable that many lives were not lost. Only the north wing remains standing. The flames were first discovered near the roof of the main building and cannot be accounted for. The asylum has water works, but for some reason the system was ineffective in fighting the fire. The plugs seemed frozen up. The loss is estimated at \$250,000. Only one inmate is reported missing.

Murder Instead of Suicide.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 5.—There is now a strong presumption that John Wall, the Wardner miner, whose death in a lodging-house here was first thought to be suicidal, was murdered. The autopsy showed that one of the bullets passed through both ventricles of the heart, tearing that organ to pieces. The other shattered the skull and sent pieces into the brain. It is not believed that Wall could have fired either shot after the other. Wall was a union miner and had made some bitter antagonists.

Van Arsdal's Revenge.

HARRISBURG, Ky., Jan. 5.—Yesterday John L. Van Arsdal shot and killed Dr. F. L. Harrod in Lawyers' row, where Dr. Harrod had an office. At the recent election a circular was sent out which charged Van Arsdal with throwing a bucket of water on his sick wife in order to make her get up and cook breakfast. It was also charged that he whipped a grown daughter with a club. Van Arsdal was defeated. It was charged that Dr. Harrod was the author of the circular.

An Historical Mansion Burned.

HOBOKEN, N. J., Jan. 5.—The old stone mansion on the Kings estate, in Weehawken, which was a portion of the estate upon which the historical duel between Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton was fought, was gutted by fire yesterday. The building was erected in 1816, and was regarded as an historical landmark. The origin of the fire is not known. A stone upon which Hamilton laid his head when he was shot down by Burr was one of the lawn ornaments.

An Indefinite Sentence.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 5.—Judge Sage, of the United States district court, today sentenced ex-United States District Attorney W. B. Burnett to 60 days' imprisonment for embezzling \$9,000 from a client. This sentence is concurrent with a sentence of six months for contempt of court which Burnett is serving. Unless Burnett is able to produce bonds, which seems improbable, the concurrent sentence is practically an indefinite one.

A Murderous Judge.

FRANKLIN, Pa., Jan. 5.—Presiding Judge Charles Elias Taylor, who served 16 years on the Chenango county bench, attempted to shoot Deputy Sheriff M. M. Shoemaker today. The deputy and two other men overpowered him and took away his revolver. Judge Taylor is 74 years of age, and lately has been under the delusion that Sheriff Shaner, Deputy Shoemaker and other officials had been spying upon him.

Warehouse and Grain Burned.

MODESTO, Cal., Jan. 4.—The warehouse at Key's switch, belonging to the Grangers' bank of San Francisco, and containing 750 tons of wheat, was burned to the ground at 3 o'clock this morning. The fire was caused by a tramp. The loss on the warehouse was \$2,000, and on the grain \$13,000.

In Southern Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 7.—Advices from southern Indiana to the News report disastrous floods, resulting from the heavy rains.

CURRENCY IN CAUCUS

House Democrats Discussing the Measure.

NO VOTE UNTIL LATE THIS WEEK

Ransom Elected President Pro Tem. of the Senate—Serious Charges Have Been Filed Against Judge Ricks.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—It has been found necessary to change the general plan of action on the Carlisle currency bill in consequence of the death of Representative Post. The house democratic caucus assembled at 2 p. m. instead of 3 as announced previously. The caucus is expected to take into consideration the unexpected interruption and give tomorrow to general debate. This will postpone the final vote until late in the week. Springer calculates that it will be taken Saturday. The programme for the caucus is pretty well outlined. Springer will submit a resolution reciting in substance that it is the judgment of the democratic caucus that the Carlisle currency bill should pass. It will also direct the committee on rules to prepare a rulearranging future debate and fixing the time for the final vote. The Springer resolution is likely to be the main issue, as it embodies the views of those supporting the bill. Springer conferred with Secretary Carlisle this morning, and it is understood outlined a plan of procedure. Springer and others connected with the management of the bill discredited the report that an entirely new currency bill is to be framed with the administration's approval.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The house democratic caucus on the Carlisle currency bill assembled at 2 o'clock today with 152 members present, including all the leaders. Assurances were given that the caucus was advisory and not binding. A resolution prepared by Springer was offered by Speaker Crisp, declaring the currency bill should be passed substantially as it is, and requesting the committee on rules to bring it to a vote.

Speaker Crisp said the caucus was to test whether the currency bill should pass. Information on this subject was necessary, the situation being grave and important. Representative Bland opposed the resolution. "We have now reached a point," he said, "when for the first time the democratic party is asked to become the advocate of state banks." Springer urged unanimity of action for the sake of the party and the country. Cockran thought the question was an economic one, not political, and could not be settled in party caucus.

In the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—In the absence from the city of the vice-president and the president pro tem. Ransom was chosen president pro tem. today. The oath of office was administered by the venerable Senator Morrill. Ransom briefly thanked the senate for its expression of confidence. It was due to himself to say that on the return of the distinguished senator from Tennessee (Harris), who had been elected president pro tem., he should ask to be relieved from the position. The presiding officer then called Manderson to the chair and a resolution was adopted authorizing the secretary of the senate to inform the president of the United States and the house of representatives of its action regarding the election of a presiding officer. George and Butler opposed the lodge resolution, calling on the secretary of the navy for information why the United States warships had been withdrawn from Hawaii. Peffer then made a speech on the service pension bill, after which the senate proceeded to consideration of the Nicaraguan bill. Mitchell of Oregon addressed the senate.

In the House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The desk of the late Representative Post, of Illinois, was covered with crape, on which rested a wreath of flowers, when the house met today and Chaplain Bagby in a prayer referred to the dead member eloquently. Johnson of Ohio presented a memorial from Samuel J. Ritchie, of Ohio, asking for the impeachment of Judge August J.

Ricks, and the committee on judiciary was instructed to investigate the charges contained therein.

The death of General Post was announced by Henderson, of Illinois, who spoke of the shock caused by the sudden decease of a member who had been seen by many colleagues in good health Friday, and referred to him as a brave and gallant soldier, and a faithful and intelligent representative. Resolutions, prepared by the Illinois delegation, were adopted. Speaker Crisp appointed the following committee to accompany the remains to Illinois: Henderson, Lane, Marsh, Childs and Wheeler, of Illinois; Bynum of Indiana. Boutelle of Maine, Lucas of South Dakota and Stallings of Alabama. The house at 12:15 p. m. adjourned.

Serious Charges Against Ricks.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Charges of a sensational nature against United States Judge Ricks, of Cleveland, are contained in a memorial presented to the house today. Representative Johnson of Ohio, secured immediate consideration for the resolution, instructing the judiciary committee to investigate the charges, and without debate the resolution was adopted. The charges are made under oath by Mr. J. J. Ritchie, of Akron, O., a wealthy citizen and capitalist. While directed mainly against Judge Burke and ex-United States senator Payne, of Cleveland, Ritchie gives the names of a formidable array of counsel in Washington, Cleveland and Akron retained in his behalf. The charges involve losses reaching \$7,000,000. Ritchie claims to have suffered in decisions made by Judge Ricks affecting the Canadian copper and nickel mines.

Of Interest to Lumbermen.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The senate committee on public lands today authorized a favorable report on the bill passed by the house last August, asking the secretary of the interior to permit the use of a right of way through the public lands not within the limits of any park, forest, military or Indian reservation for tramroads, canals and reservoirs, and 50 feet on each side the marginal limits thereof, or 50 feet on each side the center line of the tramroads, by any citizen or any association of citizens of the United States engaged in the business of cutting timber and manufacturing lumber.

In Danger of a Flood.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 7.—There is a possibility of a flood if the river continues to rise any length of time at the present rate. A large amount of ice is coming out of Youghiogheny, and at McKeesport the little steamer Tillie was sunk. The ice is also coming down the Allegheny and the coffer dam at Harris Island is in danger. A 25-foot state in the Ohio river is expected here, and river men fear it will reach 30 feet. Twenty-five feet will flood the mills along the river and cause damage to property. Thirty feet is considered the danger line. It has been raining all night.

A Bark in a Storm.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—The Nicaraguan bark Don Carlos, from Newcastle, N. S. W., reports that December 24 a strong northwest gale was encountered. The seas ran high, and the vessel was tossed about like a cork. The bulwarks on both sides of the vessel were stove in, and the whole deck was swept of everything movable. The doors and windows of the forward house and the donkey-engine-room were broken and the cabin was flooded. The galley was completely gutted, and the cooking utensils were washed away.

They Were ex-Convicts.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 7.—It is now believed that Mr. and Mrs. F. H. L. Weber, who were so brutally murdered a week ago last night, were killed by ex-convicts. It has been ascertained that the bloodstained clothes found in the rear of the premises, and which had been discarded by the murderers, are such as are manufactured at the state prison.

Heavy Rain in West Virginia.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 7.—Rain has fallen here steadily for 46 hours and the river is rapidly rising. At Grantsville, up the Kanawha river, the water is 23 feet, and rising. Timbermen predict immense damage. The steamer Oneida, a river packet, was sunk here at midnight. The ice knocked a hole in her, and she will be a total loss.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE