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ALL EASTERN STATES FREEZE

JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA IN GRIP OF A COLD SNAP.

WORST OVER AT CHICAGO BUT MORE PREDICTED

Vancouver Isolated and Grocers and Meat Dealers Suffer From Want of Transportation—The Entire Atlantic Seaboard Feels a Cold Wave Which Is Working Eastward Rapidly.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—The entire eastern part of the country is gripped in a severe cold spell today. Even Jacksonville, Florida is reported to be having freezing weather. At Saulte Sainte Marie, it is 16 below, the coldest point in the country. It is reported Key West has 60 above, the warmest on the Atlantic coast.

Vancouver Tied Up, Too.

Vancouver, Jan. 16.—No freight has arrived from the east since Friday on account of the trains being tied up by snow. Wholesale butchers and grocers are the worst sufferers.

Normal at Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—The cold wave has passed here. It is 15 above and zero is the minimum predicted for tonight. Another cold wave is expected Wednesday, however.

FIREMAN MEETS DEATH.

Two Hundred Guests Forced to Leave Hotel in Scanty Attire.

Boston, Jan. 16.—After a complete search of the famous old Revere house which was destroyed by fire early today, firemen announced that the only death resulting is that of Fireman Klippenburger who fell from the fourth story. Two hundred guests were compelled to flee in their night clothes.

Illinois Dairymen Exhibit Cattle.

Efingham, Ill., Jan. 16.—The exhibit of full bred dairy cattle at the armory in this city, which constitutes one of the leading features of the annual convention of the Illinois State Dairymen's association, the opening session of which was held here today, is attracting considerable attention among dairymen from all parts of the state. The convention will continue until Thursday and during the three days many interesting and instructive demonstrations of butter making and testing will be given, as well as several lectures upon dairy subjects by noted experts.

Two Years Beyond Century Mark.

Ocean Grove, N. J., Jan. 16.—John Moore Butler, of this place, familiarly known as "Uncle John," celebrated his 102nd birthday anniversary today by quietly receiving his numerous friends at the house where he boards with his 80 year old son, a helpless paralytic. Until a comparatively short time ago Mr. Butler enjoyed excellent health and the full use of all his faculties. But cataracts which formed over his eyes made him almost completely blind and owing to his age the doctors would not undertake an operation for the removal of the films. Mr. Butler, who was born on Staten Island, where he lived many years as the neighbor of the late Commodore Vanderbilt, has been a hard worker all his life, has never used tobacco and liquor only sparingly. He owned a number of fast horses and used to drive them to a trotting cart until about five years ago.

Episcopal Missionaries Meet.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 16.—The annual convention of the missionary department of the Southwest Episcopal church opened here today with service at St. David's church, where Bishop Winchester of Arkansas delivered the opening sermon. At the afternoon session, which was held at All Saints' chapel, Bishop Lloyd, the president of the general board of missions presided. The delegates were welcomed by Governor Colquitt and the mayor of the city and appropriate responses were made. The gathering will remain in session until and including Tuesday.

SINGER RICH, SPOUSE WORKS

SCHUMANN - HEINK ESTRANGEMENT UNREMIEDIABLE.

Children Not Cause of Family Quarrel in Artist's Home.

New York, Jan. 16.—Reconciliation between Madame Schumann-Heink and her youthful husband, William Rapps, who is being sued for divorce, is impossible, according to Rapps. He denied that her children are the real cause of their incompatibility and said that through his managership, she was made rich.

"She had \$60,000 when we married," said he, "and now she has a half million. I managed her for nothing but food, lodging and clothes."

Madam Schumann-Heink was heard by a large number of La Grande music lovers about two years ago when a special train was run from this city to Baker where she appeared one night.

FACTORY ISSUE IN STATUS QUO

ORDERS TO CONTINUE REMOVAL EXPECTED

Work Halted Saturday Still Stands Awaiting Orders.

Removal of machinery from the Amalgamated Sugar factory in this city, commenced last week and halted pending further developments, is still held up today notwithstanding that George Stoddard has telegraphed David Eccles, president of the company, at Ogden to the effect that the tentative scheme to revive interest in the factory had failed. Following the hastily called meeting of Saturday night when Mr. Stoddard took the initiative in a move to retain the factory here, it was seen that the necessary amount of money needed to put the factory on a cooperative basis was not forthcoming and Mr. Stoddard telegraphed Mr. Eccles to the effect that nothing could be done. At a late hour today, however, the work is still postponed and the situation can be said to be "up in the air." Orders to resume the removal of machinery and to transport it to Burleigh, Idaho, are expected momentarily from the president of the company.

Mr. Stoddard's proposition was to take over \$100,000 of the \$200,000 needed to purchase the factory himself, and to insure \$50,000 more being taken but in the brief time allotted to the consideration of the situation Saturday evening not enough money to warrant the deal was subscribed so that the plan failed, notwithstanding the liberal offer from Mr. Stoddard. The aim was to get a large number of people financially interested so that the acreage of beets would be increased from a spontaneous cause. The matter was forced to a climax in such great haste that all these subjects could not be properly deliberated upon, however.

Mr. Stoddard leaves tonight or tomorrow for California, hence it is not unlikely that before another day has gone by that removal of machinery will again be taken up. Just what will be done by the building is not announced although various rumors are afloat not of which are given substantiation.

National Board of Trade.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—With a three day program calling for the discussion of many of the important matters pending before congress, the National Board of Trade began its 42nd annual meeting at the New Willard hotel today. Nearly all commercial organizations scattered throughout the country were represented at the opening. The meeting has set aside tomorrow for the consideration of the corporation problem. Other leading matters of discussion will include the subjects of banking and of currency reform, the creation of a non-partisan tariff commission and the question of making the Panama canal free to American coastwise shipping.

BOMB MISSES PREMIER YUAN

INSTANT DEATH IS PUBLIC PULSE BEING AVERTED BY NARROWEST MARGIN

HORSE BLOWN TO ATOMS AND TWO MEN KILLED

Assassins Are Captured and Will Be Executed—Chinese Premier Leaving Palace When First Bomb Is Hurlled With No Effect—In Face of Danger Premier Proceeds and Second Bomb Bursts.

Pekin, Jan. 16.—Two men are dead and 15 are dying, while 20 are injured as the result of an attempt to assassinate Premier Yuan by the bomb route here yesterday. Bad aim of the thrower saved Yuan. The assassins were captured and will be executed immediately.

First Bomb Falls.

The attack was made while the premier was leaving the palace for a drive, and when the first bomb fell directly under the horses, it failed to explode. Yuan ordered "Drive on," and then a second bomb was hurled. It exploded under the horses.

The escape of the premier was miraculous. Attendants and drivers were hurled high in the air, and the two dead were literally torn to pieces by the concussion. Bystanders were seriously hurt and the horses practically blown to atoms. Police arrested the assassins instantly overpowering them with little difficulty.

Georgia Live Stock Association.

Athens, Ga., Jan. 16.—The large and representative attendance at the opening session of the 18th annual meeting of the Georgia Dairy and Live Stock association which met today in the auditorium of the State College of Agriculture in this city, augurs well for the success of the two days' convention. Former Senator James D. Price of Farmington, one of the largest dairymen in his section of the state, presided and delivered his annual address. Several noted authorities delivered addresses on their special branches of live stock farming. Following the established custom the Georgia Breeders association will hold its annual convention on Thursday, after the adjournment of the live stock men.

Murderer of Child Sentenced.

Santa Barbara, Jan. 16.—Sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of his four days old baby, John Rech began his journey to San Quentin today. He plead high cost of living as an excuse.

CONVICT, FREE, MRS. MORROW RE-ENTERS CELL WEEPS IN JAIL

HE RETURNS VOLUNTARILY TO PRISON.

Was Afraid of Hurting West Prison Policy.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 16.—After enjoying liberty since 1909 when he escaped, Fred Risinger, a convict, returned voluntarily to Salem this morning. He called on the governor and had a talk and returned to the penitentiary to serve out the remainder of his term. He has something over a year to serve. He has been working in the lumber camps, and said he returned because West has acted so square with the convicts, he feared his remaining away would hurt the policy.

Franklin Before Probers.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 16.—With Bert Franklin the center in the county grand jury probe, county officials refused to state whether Franklin would appear before the grand jury this afternoon. It is believed the jury is investigating the disbursements of the McNamara defense funds. Franklin, who is subpoenaed, is charged with attempting bribery of jurors.

TAFT ADMIRES NEW POLICIES

PUBLIC PULSE BEING FELT VIA HITCHCOCK OPINIONS

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF TELEGRAPH LINE DEBATE

Would Cheapen Costs and Better Service Asserts Postmaster General—Taft Will Urge Action Before Congress During His Term—Hitchcock Takes to the Scheme, It is Said from Capital.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—It was learned today that Taft is absolutely in accord with Postmaster General Hitchcock's ideas for government ownership of telegraphic lines. The president is confident that the plan is feasible and probably will recommend some action on the matter before his term expires.

It is also learned that publication of Hitchcock's views are a part of a scheme to feel the public pulse without committing Taft. If the public approves Taft will urge action. At the cabinet meeting today the public ownership plan was discussed lengthily. Although Hitchcock refused to be quoted directly he authorized the United Press to make the following statement: "Government ownership of telegraph lines operated in conjunction with the postal service, will cheapen both and improve the service."

Hitchcock is opposed to government ownership of the telephone systems because of the local character of the service and also against government ownership of the express companies but favors the parcels post with indemnification to express companies for loss of business.

REV. McFARLAND HELD.

Authorities Want Man in Connection With Girl's Death.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 16.—The arrest of Reverend McFarland, wanted in connection with the death of his secretary, Miss Coe, who died from a criminal operation, is momentarily expected. It is said the minister is at Cedar Creek, Tenn., and authorities have been instructed to hold him.

Western Implement Dealers.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 16.—The Western Retail Implement and Vehicle Dealers' association began its annual convention in Kansas City today with an attendance of nearly 1,000 prominent representatives of the trade from a dozen or more states. The proceedings of the convention will occupy three days.

MRS. MORROW WEEPS IN JAIL

ACCUSED ATTORNEY OF SLIGHTING HER.

Says She Could Have Proven Innocence if Allowed to Talk.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Weeping and threatening her attorney for not securing the necessary \$40,000 bail, Mrs. Rene Morrow, charged with the murder of her aged husband, an inventor, following a preliminary hearing, today declared she was innocent and a victim of circumstances.

"I could have proved my innocence if the lawyers would let me go on the stand," she said. "Here I am, charged with murder, because an old man, disappointed with his life's failure, decided to kill himself."

The officials say that Morrow could not have shot herself in the heart and brain as happened.

Must Fumigate Mail.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 16.—All mail to the Canadian capitol is tied up by quarantining the postoffice. Two sorters were found ill with smallpox. Letters will be fumigated and about 100 clerks will be vaccinated today.

CASH, LOVE, CRIME MOTIVE

WHEN CAUGHT MURDERER LAYS BLAME ON "EVE" IN CASE

"Eve" Retallates by Placing Blame for Death on "Adam"—Sensation.

St. Louis, Jan. 16.—Her promise to wed him, \$1150 in cash and all her personal property were the inducements Mrs. Anna Hunning offered Joseph Seidl to assassinate her husband according to Seidl's confession today at Hillsboro, Mo., where the crime was committed on December 9th. The woman lays all the blame onto Seidl. A warm scrap between the two is promised. It is not pointed out that the two had improper relations prior to Hunning's death but such is inferred and all this will be aired in court when the case comes to trial.

Five Thousand Homes Burned.

Tokio, Jan. 16.—Five thousand homes were destroyed today by a fire raging at Osaka. It is now under control.

DETECTIVES HURT IN FIGHT

PORTLAND PRISONER STICKS OFFICERS WITH PIN.

One, Captain Baty, Nearly Killed and Others Badly Hurt.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 16.—Armed with a long steel needle, such as used by opium smokers, Harry Johnson, alias Redfern, a yeggman, and well known to the police, stabbed Captain of Detectives Baty in the breast narrowly missing the heart, and Detectives Malone and Royal in the hands and Frank Parker, a prisoner, in the abdomen, while attempting to break city jail where he was serving a short term for robbery. The prisoners had been lined up for forenoon inspection when he started in. It took six men to subdue him.

Fine Poultry at Vermont Show.

St. Albans, Vt., Jan. 16.—Poultry fanciers from all parts of New England are in attendance at the 15th annual exhibition of the Vermont State Poultry association, which opened today at the city hall here. Owing to the fact that in addition to the regular prizes many new special prizes were offered this year the number of entries is unusually large and the exhibition exceeds in number and quality even that of last year, when more than 1,400 birds were shown. H. B. May of Boston and D. P. Shrove of Fall River, Mass., are the judges.

For Murder on the High Seas.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 16.—The case of William DeGraff, accused of murder on the high seas, was called for trial today in the United States district court in this city. The victim of the alleged murder was Captain Charles D. Wyman, who was killed while he lay asleep in his bunk on the barge Glendower while the boat was on its way to this city from Philadelphia last June. The victim's head was beaten in with a hammer or some other blunt instrument and the statements of the crew are said to have indicated that DeGraff, who was cook on the barge, had committed the crime.

Leather Inquiry Begins.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—Representative shoe manufacturers and tanners from various parts of the country appeared before the tariff board today to give their views as to the best methods of conducting the investigation of the board into the leather schedule. In addition to consulting with the shoe men and tanners the board will send its own agents into the field to study the industry and gather statistics upon which to base its conclusions.

Compensation Law Upheld.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 16.—Constitutionality of the Ohio Workingmen's compensation law was upheld by the state supreme court today.

GEO. T. COCHRAN NOW IN RACE

RACE NARROWS TO TWO OR THREE CANDIDATES

WILSON AND SINNOT CONSIDERING RETIREMENT

Water Superintendent Announces definite candidacy for Congress from this District—of Many Runners Up, Only Two or Three Will Hit the Back Stretch of Political Race.

Defining his policy on various important national and local political issues, Attorney George T. Cochran today definitely announces his candidacy for congress from the second district. His action has been forecasted but this is the first authentic information on the subject question and pointing out the basic principles on which he will run Mr. Cochran says:

"I have definitely decided to seek to further serve the people of my state as their representative in congress from the second district. My present position as state water superintendent has brought me in touch with the needs of this district, and I thoroughly believe I can render my constituency more beneficial service by this advancement."

Alaskan Policy Announced.

"A solution of our national irrigation problem, an Alaskan policy that will permit of present as well as future benefit, a more liberal public land policy for the development of our arid lands and the benefit of the home builder, and a continuing appropriation for the Cello canal and the opening of the Columbia river, will have my earnest support."

Knows Insular Possessions.

"I am no stranger to public service. Three years were spent in the government service in the Philippine islands, which gave me personal knowledge of conditions on which to base a proper policy with reference to our insular possessions."

"I have been over Eastern Oregon thoroughly, fulfilling my duties as superintendent of water division No. 2, and have carefully observed the needs of Eastern Oregon in the solution of the problem of its future development, the extension of its irrigated area, and the encouragement of further settlement of our public lands."

As a Republican, Progressive.

"As I have been a progressive water superintendent, and have sought to apply the public waters of the state so as to make two blades of grass grow where one before has grown, I am also a progressive republican, and I pledge the people of my state that no measure shall have my support which does not have their endorsement, and which does not tend to their improvement."

"The people of Eastern Oregon are aware of the difficulty of the homesteader upon the public domain, to earn a living from the homestead for the entire period of five years. I believe that the homestead laws should be amended so as to permit each homesteader to enter at least 320 acres and that the residence requirement should be reduced to three years. This is partially true in other sections of the western states, and no good reason appears why Oregon should not have the benefit as well. Further, every man should have a right by law to leave his homestead for six months out of every year, to work for the support of his family if he so desires."

"I believe an Alaskan policy should be so framed as will develop that country at the expense of neither the present nor the future, but that the people of the present generation, as well as of the future, should have the moral right to enjoy the benefits derived from its vast store house of natural resources."

Trust Laws Insufficient.

"I believe that guilt is personal, and when any man or class of men shall seek to corner the markets, and fix the prices on any commodity or article, in violation of law, that such a man is a criminal, and no distinction should be made on account of position, place

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