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Mexican Minister Injured. MEXICO CITY, March 16.—An accident to General Mena, Minister of Public Works, is likely to confine him to his room for some weeks. He was caught between the floor of an elevator at the department and the steel cornice of the gateway, in such a manner as to pin him down, inflicting injuries to the abdomen and upper part of the legs.

Tells a New Story. MONTREAL, Quebec, March 16.—Frank Gaudier, under arrest here on a charge of murdering Maud Gentle in New York, told a new story to the police today. He declares that the girl attempted to shoot him. When she pointed the revolver at him he sprang and caught it and the murderer was turned toward her as she pulled the trigger.

Sargent Will Accept. WASHINGTON, March 16.—It is understood that Frank P. Sargent, the chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen will accept the office of Commissioner of Immigration in the Treasury Department when it is formally offered him.

American Yacht at Malta. MALTA, March 16.—The American steam yacht Wanderer, owned by Rear-Commodore C. L. F. Robinson, New York Yacht Club, which left New York early in December and has cruised in West Indian waters, arrived here today.

WORST IN YEARS

North Dakota and Manitoba Paralyzed by a Blizzard.

RAILROAD TRAFFIC STOPPED

Heavy Fall of Snow Piled by the Gale Into Mountainous Drifts—Many Trains Stalled—Great Drop of Temperature.

ST. PAUL, March 16.—North Dakota and the Canadian Northwest has experienced the worst snow storm in many years, and the railroad traffic is practically paralyzed. The Northern Pacific and Great Northern have not moved a wheel for nearly 36 hours in the blizzard-stricken district, and have abandoned all efforts to do so for the present. The high wind has piled the snow in mountainous drifts and packed it in solid masses, many deep cuts being entirely filled. The temperature has been falling gradually, and is now at or below zero. Not a transcontinental train has arrived in St. Paul since Friday, and none is expected for several days.

The Northern Pacific reports that a west-bound Coast train, which left St. Paul yesterday morning, tied up at Fargo, the road beyond there being blocked. It will start a Coast-bound train tomorrow, and hopes to be able to get it through. The east-bound Coast train, due here Saturday morning, is held at Mandan, N. D., and an effort will be made to move it tomorrow. Every effort is being made to keep the snowbound passengers fed and warm, and for the purpose trains are being held at stations where there are accommodations rather than attempt to get through with a possibility of being tied up between stations. The Red River Valley division of the Northern Pacific, between Frankfort and Winnipeg, is entirely abandoned. No trains have attempted to run since Friday night, and the hereabout of extra trains on this division are not known, as the wires are down.

The situation on the Great Northern is equally bad. The line is tied up entirely between Grand Forks and Williston, N. D., a distance of about 55 miles, and all wires have been lost beyond Fargo. Thirty miles of wire is gone between Fargo and Carrollton, N. D., and communication with Western Dakota and Montana points has been lost. So fierce has been the storm that it has been deemed inadvisable to attempt to reopen the road. It abates. Reports tonight indicate that the gale has subsided somewhat, but that the snow still continues to fall.

The branch of the Great Northern running to Winnipeg is tied up. No trains have been started northward since Friday night, and those that were caught out on the road by the storm have been held at the station near the border. Winnipeg is reported entirely cut off from communication with the outside world. The Canadian Pacific transcontinental trains are snowbound somewhere west of there, and no prospect of relief is yet in sight.

The storm of Friday was preceded by a light rain, and accompanied by a high wind, the rain turning to sleet, and then to snow, and falling without cessation for 26 hours. The terrific gale drifted the snow so badly that the streets of the towns in the storm district were filled so deeply that it was next to impossible to wade through them. Business of all kinds has been at a standstill since Friday night, and not much can be done until the storm subsides. So far as known there has been no loss of life, but owing to the demoralized condition of the wires little news has been received from the remoter districts.

IMMIGRANTS SUFFER.

Old Settlers Rounding Up the Tenderloin in North Dakota.

FARGO, N. D., March 16.—The storm prevailing in the western part of the state since Friday struck Fargo today in full force, and still continues. All trains on the transcontinental roads are tied up here, and the passengers are being cared for at hotels. The worst trouble is between Valley City and Bismarck. Freight trains are stalled in the drifts between these points, and the rotaries are unable to clear the track, the wind filling the cuts with snow again as soon as they are cleared.

But little apprehension is felt for the safety of people throughout the state. Those who will fare worst are the recent immigrants. Many who have arrived this week were on the coast with no clothing but tents or board shacks, and their fuel supply is limited. Advances from the northwestern part of the state say that old settlers are driving over the country and rounding up the tenderloin, to see that no one is frozen.

Not Severe in Montana. HELENA, Mont., March 16.—Montana had but a comparatively slight visitation from the storm which prevails in North Dakota. In Helena and the western and northwestern section of the state the temperature Saturday and today dropped to zero from 25 above, and there was a slight wind and some snowfall, but traffic was not impeded. Trains from the west into Helena arrived nearly on time today. East of Helena, in Montana, the snowfall was heavier, and it was heavier in the northern part of the state, but the weather here has not been particularly severe. This evening there has been a rise in temperature, and now it is 15 above.

Two Thousand Sheep Lost. GLENDALE, Mont., March 16.—A heavy snow storm occurred here, a fall of about two feet resulting since Thursday night. A high wind has drifted the snow into great banks on the railroad track, and travel between Glendive and Mandan is conducted with considerable difficulty and only with the use of snowplows. The loss of a band of 2000 sheep is reported as a result of the storm. The snow has crusted on the ranges, making it almost impossible for the stock to pick grass, and stockmen fear the losses will be large. A special train, carrying hay for sheep at Wilbourn, left Glendive today. The thermometer has not yet gone below zero.

Heavy Losses of Stock. PIERRE, S. D., March 16.—The storm which has prevailed since Friday night is the worst of the winter. The temperature is about zero. It is probable that there have been heavy losses of cattle and sheep.

At Aberdeen the blizzard continues, with no sign of abating.

It is the worst storm for several years.

FLOODS IN THE SOUTH.

Heavy Rains Cause Georgia Rivers to Overflow.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 16.—Heavy rains yesterday and last night in Northern and Middle Georgia today caused the Atlanta Weather Bureau to send flood warnings to Eufala, Ala., and West Point and Columbus, Ga., predicting a rapid rise in the Chattahoochee. North Alabama was deluged, as were portions of South Georgia and Northern Florida, and streams in those sections of the South are out of their beds.

At Albany, Ga., the Flint River, which rose at the rate of a foot an hour last night, has not yet reached the maximum height expected. The rainfall there in the past three days has been nearly 12 inches. Many sewers burst and houses in the low-lying quarter of the town were surrounded by water. The river is still rising.

The tracks of the Central, of Georgia, and the Atlanta system between Albany and Thomasville are under water in several places.

The Chattahoochee at Columbus, Ga., rose seven feet today, and is still on the small move. The washout near Everett City, Ga., has not yet been repaired, and has prevented the departure of J. Pierpont Morgan and party, who were to have left on the train for Jacksonville today. Some damage was done to the town of Cordova, Ga., by the heavy rains, and a washout is reported near there.

The country surrounding Brunswick is flooded. Rain has been coming down in torrents since noon, and there is no indication of cessation. Not a train is moving over the Brunswick & Birmingham Railroad. Through Buffalo Swamp water is over the tracks for nearly a mile, and passengers are unable to get to Brunswick.

Seaboard Air Line Suffers. MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 16.—The Seaboard Air Line suffered severely by last night's rains, and its trains in that part of the state are indefinitely annulled. It lost a bridge and considerable trackage near Hartsboro, and lesser washouts are reported at other points.

FAIL IN TEMPERATURE IN MISSOURI.

KANSAS CITY, March 16.—Within a few hours' time tonight the temperature here and throughout this part of the South-west dropped about 25 deg. No snow is reported.

TORNADO IN ALABAMA.

Negro Killed and Five Persons Injured at a Mining Town.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 16.—A tornado struck the mining town of Piper today, wrecking 40 houses and damaging 35 others. A negro was killed, and John Allen, wife and three children were severely injured. The storm also did great damage at Guerne Junction and Belle Ellen. The mines in that section are flooded and cannot be operated for several days.

UNIVERSAL MONEY ORDERS

Bankers Propose to Compete With Express Companies.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 16.—President Bedford B. Wilson, of the Capital National Bank, said today of the bankers' movement to establish a universal money order system.

"The object is to come in competition with the express companies in carrying small money orders, which tend to take the business away from the banks, where it properly belongs. The association's plan will restore to the bankers much of the business in this line, which is now being done by the Government through the postoffice. The general scheme is to have a universal money order issued by bankers, which will be honored at any bank where the order may be presented. The orders are to cost but one-third as much as charged by the Government and the express companies."

General Trust Is Better. NEW YORK, March 16.—General B. F. Tracy, ex-Secretary of the Navy, was reported tonight to be improving steadily.

Intoxicated last night attempted to walk to the post from the Halfway House, a distance of about six miles, and was frozen to death. His body was found on the prairie by searching parties of soldiers.

Loss of Life Feared.

BISMARCK, N. D., March 16.—After 48 hours' duration, the furious blizzard shows some signs of abatement tonight. Great loss to livestock is anticipated, and it is feared that some lives have been sacrificed.

The Worst in Ten Years.

DEVILS LAKE, N. D., March 16.—A blizzard, the worst in 10 years, has been raging for the past 26 hours. A large amount of snow has fallen. All railroads and other traffic are entirely abandoned. The thermometer is at zero.

Upper Michigan Peninsula.

MARQUETTE, Mich., March 16.—The upper peninsula is tonight in the throes of a cold wave. Here the temperature dropped 50 degrees since yesterday. Snow has been falling for 12 hours.

Lake-Shore Is Gale-Swept.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 16.—A veritable blizzard is raging in Western Michigan, and tonight the whole lake-shore is gale-swept, while the inland towns are feeling the force of the wind and the drop in the temperature.

Great Drop at Detroit.

DETROIT, March 16.—Tonight the temperature here dropped 20 deg., with high wind and furies of snow general throughout the state in the extreme southwestern part of the state a veritable blizzard prevails.

Snow Driven by High Wind.

SPARTA, Wis., March 16.—The worst blizzard of the season has prevailed over this section for the past 24 hours, and is still raging. The mercury is below zero and the snow is driven by a high wind.

Drop of Forty Degrees.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., March 16.—Within the past 12 hours there has been a drop in the temperature of nearly 40 deg. A gale is blowing and a blizzard is raging through Southern Michigan.

Small Buildings Wrecked.

LA CROSSE, Wis., March 16.—The thermometer today registered zero, and tonight is still falling. A high wind is blowing and small buildings and trees have been wrecked.


Moderating at Minot.

MINOT, N. D., March 16.—The blizzard which has raged for three days is moderating tonight, and the sky is clearing. All trains are late.

No Sign of Abatement.

ABERDEEN, S. D., March 16.—The blizzard which started Friday still continues, without sign of abatement. It is the worst storm in years.

AMBITION OF SENATOR JOHN C. SPOONER.



Senator Spooner of Wisconsin, is a candidate for United States Supreme Judge when a vacancy shall occur in that office. He had a great ambition to be President of the United States, but now that the death of President McKinley, and the succession of Roosevelt makes it highly probable that the President will be nominated to succeed himself, Senator Spooner has decided that a judgeship is the height of his ambition. He will be strongly indorsed for the place.

HOW IT HAPPENED

Details of the Capture of General Methuen.

HIS MOUNTED TROOPS ROUTED

Isolated With a Small Force, He Held Out Until He Was Wounded and His Ammunition Gone.

LONDON, March 16.—The War Office has received the following communication from Lord Kitchener, at Pretoria: "Lord Methuen has sent me a staff officer with a dictated dispatch, from which it appears that certain particulars previously given are inaccurate. The rear screen of mounted troops was rushed and overwhelmed at dawn. There was a gap of a mile between the ox and the mule trains at the rear guard. The Boers pressed the attack hard, and the mounted troops, attempting to fall back upon the infantry, got completely out of hand, carrying away with them in the rout the bulk of the mounted troops. Two guns of the Thirty-eighth Battery were thus left unprotected, but continued in action until every man, with the exception of Lieutenant Nesbitt, was hit. Lieutenant Nesbitt was called on to surrender, and, upon refusing to do so, was killed."

"Lord Methuen, with 209 of the Northumberland Fusiliers and two guns of the Fourth Battery, then found himself isolated, but held on for three hours. During this period the remaining infantry, namely, 100 of the Lancashires, with some 40 mounted men, mostly Cape police, which occupied the rear guard, the wagons, also continued to hold out against the repeated attacks of the Boers."

"By this time Lord Methuen was wounded, and the casualties were exceedingly heavy amongst his men. The ammunition was mostly expended, and the surrender was made at about 9:30 in the morning. The party in the final still held out, and did not give in until two guns and a pom-pom were brought to bear upon them, at about 10 o'clock, making their position untenable."

"It is contended that most of the Boers wore our khaki uniforms and badges, but satisfaction is expressed with the latest accounts of the affair, as indicating that the British troops behaved better than was supposed from the earlier reports."

"From other dispatches it appears that General Methuen was shot while riding to bring up the mounted troops, and that his horse was killed. After the surrender General Delany rode up and treated General Methuen with the greatest courtesy and consideration. He ordered his return to Kierksdorp under the care of his nephew and a medical officer. According to the Kierksdorp correspondent of the Daily Mail, the burghers were so angry at this that a party of them went out and brought General Methuen back. General Delany, however, overruled the objections of the burghers."

The correspondent of the Daily Mail pays a tribute to General Delany's humanity, and describes him as a "brilliant fighter and a born leader, who brings no bitterness or racial feeling to his task, and who sternly represses any excesses on the part of the burghers."

Further evidence of the ability of the Boers to penetrate the blockhouse lines is contained in a dispatch from Helbroon, Orange River Colony, which describes how Commandant Menta, the night of March 20, crossed the Helbroon-Volvoheer line at Gottenburg. One Boer advanced, firing his rifle. Two pickets between the blockhouses returned this fire, and killed the Boer and his horse. The Boers then cut the wire fence and drove in a mob of loose horses, which knocked down 50 yards of the fence. Commandant Menta then dashed through with over 500 Boers, and the pickets were powerless to stop the overwhelming rush.

Kruger's Messages to Schalkburger. BRUSSELS, March 16.—It is said here

THE MEANING OF IT

Senator Mitchell's Views on Result of Portland Election

DOWNFALL OF THE MACHINE

Highly Gratified at the Victory Achieved by the Independent Ticket—What Moody

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Today has been one of great activity among Oregonians in Washington. All have been eager to learn the result of Saturday's primaries in Portland, and have flocked both to Senator Mitchell and to Representative Moody for the returns. On the one hand there is general and manifest satisfaction; on the other there is doubt, but yet hope.

In speaking of the election Senator Mitchell said: "I am very much gratified at the result of the primaries in Multnomah County yesterday. It means the complete overthrow of a very close political organization in Multnomah County, which for several years has virtually dictated and dominated the politics of that county, and in a great measure of the state. "The result of this primary election, the first held under the new primary law of the state, will be to give the Republicans generally of the county a voice in the selection of the candidates for the various county and state offices, and in the selection of delegates to state and district conventions. "It means, further, clean politics as compared with what we have been having for a few years past in Multnomah County, wherein everything was dictated and controlled by a very close political organization composed of three or four men. In view of the fact that Senator Simon had everything on his side in the way of organization and official support—that is, the support of county officials in the main, the police force and city departments, and all appointees under that organization—and the further fact that Senator Simon himself was on the ground to conduct his own campaign personally, I regard the result as a most decisive and overwhelming victory. Furthermore, I believe it to be a victory that will result in promoting and advancing the best interests of the Republican party of the state. It is to be hoped, and I have no doubt this will be done, that tickets may be placed in the field at the coming convention composed of the very best representative Republicans of the county."

Representative Moody says that all he knows about the result of the primaries in Portland is from a telegram which reports about 100 of the delegates on the independent ticket elected, and about 60 on the regular; that both tickets bear the names of many prominent and representative Republicans of Multnomah County, and as to who any of them prefer for United States Senator he is not informed. He is of the opinion that the personal, together with the influence of the Oregonian, were the most influential factors in the result. Without any knowledge as to those elected on the several tickets at the primaries, he said, his prophecy on the significance of the election before the county convention is held would be purely guesswork.

Representative Tongue is in New York today.

BLOODY BULL FIGHT.

Witnessed by 10,000 Americans and Mexicans at Juarez.

EL PASO, Tex., March 16.—Puentes and 12 Spanish matadors, fought six bulls to death today at Juarez, Mexico, in the presence of 10,000 Americans and Mexicans. The fight was full of action and thrilling incidents from start to finish, and many narrow escapes were made by the banderillas and picadores. Five horses were killed in the ring and three tamed and mortally wounded. Puentes and Masantini have just completed a tour of the United States with a company of 12 artists who form the greatest bullfighting aggregation in the world. The party goes from here to Barcelona, Spain, by way of New York.

ILL-TREATED IN ECUADOR.

British and Americans Imprisoned on Faked-Up Charges.

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, March 16.—News has been received here by telegraph that a man named Kennedy had been locked up in the jail at Alausa, the same place where Michael Bolan, of Springfield, O., was formerly imprisoned. Kennedy is not an employee of the Guayaquil & Quito Railroad, but an Englishman trading legally in Alausa. He appears to be well content. It is believed here that as a result of Kennedy's imprisonment the British Government will have to consider the matter of affording protection to British subjects in Ecuador.

Certain American citizens here have signed and forwarded a statement to the Secretary of State at Washington in which Mr. de Leon, the American Consul at Guayaquil, is complimented on his stand in the matter of the recent alleged impositions upon American contractors in Ecuador on the part of the Ecuadorian officials. Michael Bolan was one of the Americans whose imprisonment was alleged to have been illegal and an outrage.

The cruiser Philadelphia went to Guayaquil to make an investigation of the alleged case of American citizens who had been ill-treated. The Philadelphia left the mouth of the river today. She takes with her an American citizen named Leonard Seizer, from Minnesota, who has been in jail here without trial since July last on the charge of murder. As a result of the efforts made in Seizer's behalf before Consul de Leon, it was learned that no evidence exists upon which he could be condemned. He was therefore released. Seizer was formerly a carpenter in the United States Navy. Mr. de Leon will leave here for New York next week.

GREENE AND GAYNOR HAVE NOT GONE.

QUEBEC, March 16.—Colonel John F. Gaynor and Captain Greene, whose ball was ejected because of their nonappearance before the court in Savannah, to answer to the charge of defrauding the United States Government, are still at the Chateau Frontenac. No effort has been made to arrest them. When asked today if he would leave the city tomorrow, Colonel Gaynor declined to answer or to discuss any phase of his case.

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DEFENSE OF COLON.

Government Prepares to Resist Coming Rebel Attack.

COLON, March 16.—All approaches to Colon are now guarded by small detachments. The government is throwing up embankments at certain advantageous points in the center of the town, and from 200 to 500 troops are kept moving up and down the railroad line. These are necessary precautions to avoid an insurgent surprise and attacks similar to that of last November.

Foodstuffs are becoming scarce in Panama, as small boats are no longer able to communicate with the neighboring coast of Panama, receiving its supply of beef from Cartagena by way of Colon.

VALPARAISO ARSENAL FIRE.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, March 16.—A section of the naval arsenal at Valparaiso has been destroyed by fire. The loss is placed at \$1,000,000.