

# IS BITTER COLD

## Eastern States Swept by a Great Wave.

### TRAFFIC GREATLY IMPEDED

#### New York Reports 20 to 30 Below Zero.

### HARBORS FROZEN FAR OUT

#### Massachusetts Sees the Thermometers Break When Fifty Degrees Down is Reached—Coal Mining is Interfered With.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Dispatches from every section of the state tell of record-breaking cold weather. At a number of points within 20 miles of this city the thermometers marked 20 to 30 degrees below zero at dawn today.

The coldest weather in many years was reported throughout the Adirondack region last night. At Saranac Lake it was 40 below, and Lake Placid 41 below. For the past four nights the thermometer has registered not less than 12 below anywhere and as low as 41 below at some points in Northern New York. An average temperature of 20 below zero prevailed throughout the central and western part of the state.

At several points north of Utica last night the mercury went to 50 below. The intense cold interfered considerably with all outdoor occupations, and delayed all regular and suburban trains from a few minutes to several hours. The effects of the heavy snow had been overcome, but it was difficult to keep up steam, and many local trains had to be abandoned on account of disabled engines.

Traffic on land and water was in serious trouble. Trans-Atlantic liners arrived looking like specter ships. Both the East and North Rivers were barely navigable, while the Harlem River, for the first time in eight years, was impassable above Macomb's Dam bridge, at One Hundred and fifty-fifth street. Ferry-boats and wharves were swept out of their courses by the drift ice, and every ounce of power in them was required to reach their slips. The boats which land at the Battery had to turn battering rams to part the ice in their slips.

Mails from the West and East were six to ten hours late. Snow was not to blame for this, so much as the inability of the locomotives to keep up steam under the great outside cold pressure.

The severe weather, too, was the cause of an unusual number of fires. Between 2:30 and 3:30 A. M. 13 alarms were sent in. All were small fires.

### NEW ENGLAND IS HARD HIT.

#### Records Are Broken and Great Bodies of Water Frozen Over.

BOSTON, Jan. 5.—Reports from all over New England indicated intense cold today. At Salem, Mass., the harbor was frozen over for the first time in 15 years. From New Hampshire, Keene reported 23 degrees below zero, the lowest in 15 years, while at other places the mercury fell to 45 below. Good River Junction reported 35 below.

Thermometers in Orange, Mass., burst last night at 50 below zero. At Tully, Mass., bulbs went down to 44 below. William Patterson was frozen to death in the snow at North Webster last night.

For the first time in ten years the eastern and western passages of Narragansett Bay are closed by ice.

The ice has choked up the wharves along the water-front at Newport, R. I., and soldiers walked today from Fort Grable, on Dutch Island, to the West Ferry over the ice.

Thermometers in different sections of Rutland, Vt., registered from 40 to 44 below zero today. The Rutland public schools were closed owing to the cold weather.

### COLDEST IN THIRTY YEARS.

Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware Are All Affected.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware experienced the coldest weather in years today, in many places thermometers registering a lower temperature than at any time since 1875. In this city the temperature was minus 27 at 7 A. M., after which it grew slowly warmer, and at 3 P. M. 14 degrees above zero was registered at the Weather Bureau.

Bitterly cold weather prevailed in the interior of Pennsylvania during the earlier hours of the day. In some of the mountain regions, temperature as low as 25 degrees below zero was recorded. A rise of 10 to 20 degrees is recorded tonight.

Railroads and industrial establishments all over the state were more or less hampered by the severity of the weather. Mining operations, particularly through the anthracite regions, were also seriously affected, many collieries having to close before freezing of pipes and machinery.

Throughout Delaware the temperature fell to 4 and 5 below zero.

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#### Annapolis and Other Maryland Points Feel the Cold Wave.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 5.—Today is the coldest of the present winter, the thermometer having dropped to low as 2 degrees above zero. In the suburbs the mercury went to 6 below this morning. At Hagerstown, weather records for 20 years were broken when the mercury reached 28 below zero. Sharpburg was the coldest place in the state heard from today, thermometers registering 20 below.

At Annapolis the harbor is frozen far out into the bay.

### Traffic Delayed in Connecticut.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 5.—This was the coldest morning in the last five years in Connecticut. From midnight until 5 o'clock this morning the official thermometer was 5 below. The lowest in the state is at Danbury, 25 degrees below. Traffic was delayed on account of the difficulty of making steam.

### Many Points in Ohio Suffer.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 5.—From many

points in Ohio reports received today indicate a temperature ranging from 5 to 25 below zero.

### ROOSEVELT GOES OVER GROUND

#### With Cabinet, He Realizes That War Would Involve United States.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Long and careful consideration was given to the situation in the Far East by the President and his Cabinet today. The information received through diplomatic channels is most carefully guarded. At the conclusion of the Cabinet meeting, the members were unusually silent. The government's relations to the controversy are purely commercial. If war between Japan and Russia should result, while it is not expected, even in a remote way, the United States would be drawn into it, efforts certainly would be made by this government to protect its commerce in the Far East. It is not unlikely that this subject will be considered at future meetings of the President and his Cabinet. Important appointments in the army are pending but they were not brought up at today's Cabinet meeting.

### More Complications for Corea.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—All the advices of recent date received by the State Department from its own agents regarding the situation in the Far East have been of the most serious character. The present situation, however, has hopelessly complicated for a time the efforts of United

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS AGGREGATE \$6,000,000

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Milwaukee, Wis., says: Captain Frederick Pabst, whose funeral has just been held, on Christmas made gifts to every member of his family, said by his close friends to aggregate some \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000. Captain Pabst fully realized that his illness would be fatal, and that the was not far off. To his wife and each of his four children he bequeathed stock certificates and bonds representing, it is believed, something over \$1,000,000 in each case. The entire wealth of Captain Pabst is estimated at \$10,000,000.

### States Minister Allen to Successfully Press on the Korean Government the Demand for the Opening of Wiju as a Treaty Port.

Already in a disorganized state, the Korean Government has been thrown into further disorder by the death of the Delegation Emperor, who is said to have been a political factor of great influence in the country. It is therefore feared that it may be necessary to await the outcome of the present controversy between Russia and Japan before proceeding with the negotiations as to Wiju.

### PREDICTS A LONG CONFLICT.

#### Ex-Professor in Japan Says War Will Be One of Scarcely Years.

BANGOR, Me., Jan. 5.—Denn W. E. Walk, of the University of Maine Law School, who for 13 years held a high educational position in Japan under the Meiji administration, in a lecture before the Twentieth Century Club, that in the event of a conflict between Russia and Japan a man who at 25 years of age has been the first to die, will never live to see the end of the strife.

### COREA IS LIKELY TO YIELD.

#### Ports Desired by Powers May Be Opened Despite Russian Protest.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Korean Charge d'Affaires, in an interview, says he has good reason to believe that the negotiations between Korea and the United States, Great Britain, Japan and Russia, regarding Wiju and Yongsampo, will result in the opening of those ports at an early date. Russia, he adds, is still opposing the opening, and a few Russian troops have been sent to Yongsampo, but he believes the negotiations would terminate in a decision favorable to the views of Korea and the powers desiring the opening of those ports. The Korean Charge d'Affaires further declared, would never agree to Russia's proposal to establish a neutral zone in Northern Korea, as it would prejudice that sovereignty and integrity of Korea which is guaranteed by the Anglo-Chinese treaty.

### RUSSIA KNOWS CHINA IS A FOE

#### War in Far East Means She Must Fight Her as Well as Japan.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 5.—"We will fight Japan and China together." According to the latest advices from the Far East this was the declaration in Port Arthur by the Russian who had been ordered to fall back on that port from the interior. Formerly it was only war with Japan they talked of, now it is both countries the Russians aim at defeating, and so secure the supreme power across the Pacific.

### Republicans' Choice for Congress.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—The Republican ticket for the Congressional District today nominated George A. Cantor, of this city, to succeed the late Congressman Henry Burke, (Republican).

### Weak Lungs.

Those who have weak lungs cannot be too careful about taking cold, as unless promptly treated, pneumonia is likely to follow. For the cure of colds and as preventive of pneumonia, no one could wish for a better medicine than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The success that has attended its use everywhere shows that it can always be relied upon. It is pleasant and safe for all ages. For sale by all druggists.

### CLOSED FOR GOOD

#### Two-Thirds of Chicago Theaters Will Never Reopen.

### WOULD HAVE TO BE REBUILT

#### Council Committee Begins Its Investigation—Decides on Rigid Building Ordinances—Men Who Broke Skylights Arrested.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—The committee composed of the members of the City Council, which last night decided to investigate the condition of the local theaters and to report upon what alterations are necessary to make them conform to the building ordinances, held its first meeting today.

According to the statement of Alderman Friedstedt, one of the mem-

bers of the committee, it is doubtful if 25 per cent of the theaters ever will reopen their doors. Strict adherence to the building laws would require that every one of the playhouses in the city be of fireproof construction, and this would require the demolition and rebuilding of the majority of the theaters.

Alderman Jones, chairman of the committee, said tonight:

"We will revise the building ordinances. Then we will visit the theaters and decide what alterations will be necessary to make the construction of the house conform to the law. Of course, the owners of theaters will do nothing until they know just exactly what the City Aldermen will demand of them, but they will be obliged to reconstruct their theaters to conform with the ordinances."

Must Be Entirely Rebuilt.

Alderman Friedstedt declared:

"Some of the leading theaters in Chicago cannot conform to the ordinances unless they are entirely rebuilt, and they may find it too expensive to make the changes. I do not believe over 25 per cent of them will ever open again, anyhow."

Late this afternoon the attorneys of the Fire Department caused the arrest of four employees of the Fuller Construction Company, David Jones, a masonry foreman, and Angus McKay, Otto Raush and John Kingston, ironworkers.

Attorneys for the Fuller Company took Jones, who had been sought by the police for several days, to the Fire Department. He had been charged with Jones and his men broke the skylights on the theater after the fire in order to destroy possible evidence. It developed today, after the arrest of Jones and his men, that the skylights were blocked by scantlings which were wired to prevent their opening, so that neither of them had been opened since the theater was built. Jones, in making his statement to the Fire Department, said:

"I took the three ironworkers with me up through an adjoining building and out upon the theater roof over the stage. First, I removed the wooden scantlings which blocked the skylights. Then I found the lights tied with wire inside and broke two panes of glass to get at the wires to untie them. I finally got the wires off and opened the lights."

Jones was asked why he went to the roof of the theater, and replied that he had been told that the north wall had cracked in the fire, and went to see if it was true. He declared he loosened the skylights because he feared they might fall through and injure somebody on the stage.

"Why did you inspect the ironworkers with you to inspect a brick wall?" asked Attorney Fulkerson, of the Fire Department.

Witness is Confused.

Jones was confused, but finally answered that the men went with him through curiosity.

Numerous witnesses who were in adjoining buildings overlooking the theater testified that the skylights were not open during the fire.

Coroner Traeger said tonight that he was almost ready for the inquest, which will commence Thursday morning.

"I wish it understood," he said, "that this is not a trial, but simply an investigation to determine the facts of the fire as far as we can. The Coroner's jury will not attempt to fix the blame of the fire upon anybody nor will it recommend the punishment of anybody. It will simply report on the facts as it has been able to gather them, and the rest of the work will be left for the State's Attorney, if it is found that there is anything for him to do."

According to the managers of the local theaters, the closing of the playhouses in this city has disarranged the theatrical business of the entire country. Companies that have been booked for this city for the next several weeks are either suspended or they are being sent to other cities, thus forcing other companies to change their routes.

Life insurance companies object to the statement of the Coroner that no verdict will be rendered after the in-

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chance that a panic was averted as the result of the first fire. The skylight at that time, he said, was securely closed.

After an interview with Daugherty, Attorney Fulkerson said the rumor of a previous fire at the theater had been investigated several days ago, but as it had been denied by most of the authorities, including Will J. Davis, he had been compelled to believe the report had no proper basis.

"So far as I can learn," said Attorney Fulkerson, "the fire two weeks ago was in a pile of combustibles back of the stage, and was extinguished without alarming the audience. The fire curtain failed to work, and why this warning was disregarded is a matter that somebody will have to explain."

Daugherty's statement was made under oath. Speaking of the skylight on the day of the first fire, Daugherty declared that the skylights above the stage were closed, as were the ventilators between the skylights. The latter were designed to create an upward draught in case of fire. The ventilators were operated by a lever, but Daugherty declared no attempt was made to open them during the fire which came a few days later. The ventilators were in perfect condition, he said, and had been operated a number of times during the engagement of the "Blue Beard" company. He could give no explanation as to why the vents were not opened when the fire broke out.

Recurring to the curtain, Daugherty insisted that it was not a light on the proscenium arch, but the five-foot plank which was used as a platform to sustain the spot light, which obstructed the asbestos curtain.

Two important witnesses were discov-

### DECLARES NEGLECT CRIMINAL

#### Stagehand Swears Curtain Failed to Work at Previous Fire.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Evidence showing grosser criminal neglect than anything previously developed was given under oath today in the fire department investigation of the Iroquois horror. Joseph Daugherty, who had charge of the curtain, swore that two weeks ago, during a matinee performance, there was a fire on the stage and that when he attempted to lower the asbestos curtain was stopped by the same obstruction that prevented its operation last Wednesday, the fatal afternoon.

The curtain manager declared he protested at that time, but no attention was paid to his warning. In his opinion, if the curtain had been run down during the fatal matinee, the lives of many, if not all, the victims of the disaster might have been saved. It was only by the merest

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### Philadelphia Clothing Theaters.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—Acting on the preliminary report of the commission of experts appointed to inspect the theaters in the city Mayor Weaver today ordered the Lyceum Theater, a vaudeville playhouse, closed. The Mayor also ordered the balcony and gallery of the Kensington Theater, and the balcony of the Grand Opera-House closed on account of inadequacy of the exits. Mayor Weaver has signified his intention to take immediate action upon the suggestion of the commission with regard to other theaters.

### First Damage Suit is for \$10,000.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—The first damage suit against the proprietors of the Iroquois Theater and the City of Chicago, growing out of the fire, has been filed by Ivy Owens, an administrator of the estate of Miss Amy Owens and Mrs. Frances E. Owens, her mother. The action is for the recovery of \$10,000 damages, and is directed against the Iroquois Theater Company, the City of Chicago and Will J. Davis and Harry J. Powers, managers of the theater. Miss Owens was a teacher in the public schools.

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