PORTLAND, OREGON, THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1909.

# IN WINTRY BLASTS

Entire Nation Suffers From Cold Wave.

## WHEAT CROP MAY BE RUINED

Lack of Snow to Protect Late Planting Proves Costly.

TWO FREEZE IN CHICAGO

Hundreds Appeal for Fuel and Ald in Cities, and Many Accidents Result on Interurban Roads From Many Broken Wires.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6 .- (Special.) -- Catching hundreds of thousands of persons unprepared, the whole Northwest, Upper Mississippi Valley, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio are experiencing the severest Winter weather in years. Reports from various points west and northwest are that suffering is acute, that exposed cattle and sheep are endangered, and that late-sown wheat is likely to be much damaged.

Accompanying the low temperature b a fierce northwest wind that cuts to the marrow. The cold wave fell upon city and farm savagely. Western grain fields are especially exposed to the rigors of the season, because there is little snow to protect them.

## Chicago Nine Below.

With nine degrees below zero this morning. Chicago endured the coldest since 1965. With the cold came manifold transportation troubles, chilly cars, broken trolley wires, blockades and wrecks due to broken rails. With the cold also rose the mighty wall of the poor and destitute, who have managed to exist during mild weather, but who are absolutely helpless now.

Hundreds of homes are without food, fuel or clothing. Hundreds of home-less wanderers, the flotsam and jetsam of a great city, were driven to shelter, and the philanthropic societies were taxed to their utmost to afford relief. Enormous demands upon the city and all charitable organizations are expected tomorrow, and plans are in the making tonight to meet them. Two deaths and many accidents were reported due

## Cold Will Remain.

"Florida, Mississippi and other extreme Southern states will awake to find themselves frostbitten tomorrow." said Forecaster Garriott tonight, in explaining the scope of the storm. Chicago may have a few days of comparatively warmer weather, but the present cold wave will linger in the Northwest until the robins arriveprobably the latter end of March."

Telegraph wires were crippled in every direction. A number of accidents due to the cold were recorded. A South Chicago electric car crashed into an Illinois Central train, injuring a number of streetcar passengers, two seri-Twenty-five guests of the Humboldt Park Hotel suffered severely when they were driven half clad into the street by a fire.

COLD WAVE HITS ATLANTIC

Mercury Drops Everywhere, Even Gulf States Feeling Effect.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 -A cold wave which swept over the entire country today spread tenight over the East and South to the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. causing a drop in the temperature of from 20 to 40 degrees. The temperature will be lower tomorrow and the cold weather will continue to be severe until the first of the week. The weather will moderate in the Central West Friday Saturday. Fair weather has prevailed generally over the country except the Western plateau region.

ST. PAUL HAS 30 BELOW ZERO

Regina, Canada, Coldest in Northwest With 40 Below.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 6.-This city today is in the fey grasp of an intense cold wave, the weather bureau reporting I degrees below zero, while street thermometers registered 30 degrees below. Regina, Canada, is the coldest place in the Northwest, with a temperature of 40 degrees below. Coast trains are several hours

Eight Inches of Snow at Butte. BUTTE, Mont., Jan: 6.-With eight

faches on the level from two recent storms, snow began to fall here late this afternoon. The weather had moderated to zero.

SICK JUROR HEARS TRIAL Night Rider Case Continued, Though Measles Threatens Jury.

UNION CTTY, Tenn., Jan. 6.-The defense began its arugment in the Night Riders trial today. Juror Rosson, who is ill with the measles, is being kept in the Courthouse. A room has been fitted up for him and he is carried to his chair high fever, but is determined to complete

## HOT METAL HAILS FROM OUT HEAVENS

SANTA CRUZ WOMAN REPORTS MARVELOUS SHOWER.

Heads and Bare Feet of Children Playing in Open Stung by Falling Heated Particles.

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Jan. 6.—Small particles of hot metal like lead falling from the skies was the remarkable pheenon reported by Mrs. W. H. Burns, of 240 Riverside avenue, this city, this norning and when investigated the incldent was fully corroborated by resident of the neighborhood.

Mrs. Burns' attention was engaged and No her curiosity aroused yesterday afternoo by the peculiar antics of a number of barefoot children who were playing in front of her house. When she asked them what was the matter they told her the air was full of electricity and that hot shot were falling from the clouds.

Mrs. Burns then noticed a clatter on the cousetop that sounded like hall and looking in the direction of the grandstand of the Casino ballgrounds, she saw little white threads of smoke rising from the roof wherever these little redhot metal globules struck the damp boards. Every roof in the vicinity showed the same pecultar condition.

This molten rain continued from about 2 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon and varied in intensity. At times, however children who were bareheaded and unshod were compelled to take to cover. One boy carries a burn on his finger as the result of being struck by one of these hot pellets.

One theory to account for the pheno menon is that the molten rain was due to a passing meteor that had become disintegrated.

Mrs. Burns has saved a few of the little pellets. They are about the size of No. 8 shot, and resemble lead.

## THUGS ARE FOUND GUILTY

Late Verdict in Circuit Court Convicts Three Highwaymen.

Guilty of highway robbery, was the verdict returned by the jury last night at 11 o'clock in the State Circuit Court the cases of Carl Carlson, Sigard Johansen and E. Osberg, Swedish robbers who were arrested by Patrolman Sinnott on the night of December 4, 1998, at Grand avenue and Morrison The three men, armed with revolvers, had held up and robbed, but a few mintues before their arrest, John Gunderson, a laborer living at the

Brookyln Hotel. The scene of the robbery was only a distance from the place where they were captured. The policeman, having been apprised by the victim of the crime, saw the three men lounging about on the corner, and, noting their suspicious actions, drew his revolver and effected their arrest. It then developed that these men had held up and robbed two other victims within They were tried for holding up Gunderson

## O. R. & N. TRAIN DERAILED

Westbound Passenger Goes in Ditch at Perry, but No One Is Hurt.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 6 .- (Special.) No. 5, due in Portland at 9:30 tomorrow, went in the ditch at Perry, three miles west of here, at 10 o'clock tonight, but miraculously no one was

The train was slowly climbing the steep hill at Perry when a broken truck suddenly detailed one of the chair cars. Before the air was applied and a full stop effected, the cars had bumped along a considerable distance. The occupants of the chair car were badly shaken up and a small panic was created in the Pullmans. The wrecking train was sent out from this city and at II o'clock the car was again on the track. But for the fact that the speed was slow, a serious wreck would have resulted.

## FALLS AND BREAKS ANKLE

Mrs. F. O. Downing Is Victim of Painful Accident.

While visiting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Huber, 49 Twenty-first street North, last night, Mrs. F. O. Downing broke her ankle as the result of a illar accident. The fracture was received in a fall in the drawing-room, Mrs. Downing slipping on the polished floor, She was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital in an automobile and the bone

Mrs. Downing is one of Portland's wellknown woman. She resides at the Portland Hotel with her husband who is capitalist, with offices in the Chamber of Commerce building.

## FERTILIZER PLANT BURNS

Involves Loss of \$500,000 and Causes Many Explosions.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.-Fire at the stockyards tonight destroeyd a large part of the fertilizing plant of Darling & Co. and burned large stores of chemicals, causing many explosions. The loss was \$500,000.

### RUINED ILLINOIS CLUB

Fire Sweeps Chicago Landmark, Causing \$325,000 Damage.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.-The Illinois Club. constituting with its splendid art gallery each time court opens. He has had a one of the most historic landmarks of Chicago, was destroyed by fire tonight with a loss estimated at \$35,000.

# SENATE REBUFF

Executive Action Not Its Business.

## BUNAPARTE NOT TO ANSWER

Cause for Proceeding Against Steel Trust.

## TAKES ALL RESPONSIBILITY

Gary and Frick Asked Approval of Tennessee Coal and Iron Deal, Which Prevented Panic. He Did Not Object.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.-President Roosevelt informed the Senate in plain terms today that he had approved the absorption of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company by the United States Steel Corporation and had instructed Attorney-General Bonaparte not to respond to the Senate inquiry as to the reason for his failure to prosecute the steel company. The President declares that he do s not conceive it "to be within the authority of the Senate to give directions of this character to the head of an executive

department. The message is in response to a resoution introduced by Senator Culberson, calling on the Attorney-General to state whether he had brought an action against the steel company because of its acquisition of the Tennessee concern.
While the resolution was not directed to the President, his attention with called

to it by the Attorney-General. Commenting on the Attorney-General's letter, the President says:

"As to the transaction in question, I was personally cognizant and responsible for its every detail. For the information of the Senate I transmit a copy of the letter sent by me to the Attorney-General November 4, 1907, as follows:

My Dear Attorney-General: Judge E. H. Gary and Mr. H. C. Frick, on behalf of the Steel Corporation, have just called upon mg. They state that there is a certain business firm (the name of which I have not been told, but which is of real importance in New York business circles), which will un-New York business circles), which will undoubtedly fail this week if help is not
given. Among its assets are a majority
of the securities of the Tennesse Coal Company. Application has been unrently made
to the Steel Corporation to purchase this
stock as the only means of avoiding a stock as the only means of avoiding a Judge Gary and Mr. Frick I formed me that as a mere business trans-action they did not care to purchase the stock: that under ordinary circumstances they would not consider purchasing the stock, as but little benefit will come to the Steel Corporation from the purchase; that they are aware that the purchase will be used as a handle for attack upon them on the ground that they are striving to secure a monopoly of the business and prevent competition—not that this would represent what could honestly be said, but what might recklessly and untruthfully be They informed me that as a matter of fact the policy of the company has been to decline to acquire more than 60 per

## SWEET VOICE GETS HUSBAND FOR GIRL

WEALTHY FERNDALE MAN WEDS BELLINGHAM OPERATOR.

Barriers of Existing Wife, Parents' Opposition and Disparity of Ages Are All Safely Overcome.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 6 .- (Special.)-A romance which had its origin in the captivating of John Quincy Tawes, of Ferndale, two years ago, by the sweet voice of Miss Ethel Kaufman, a Bellingham "helio girl," has ended in the elopement and marriage of the couple. Word of their wedding in Mount Vernon, Wash., was received

in this city this morning. The headlong love affair was beset with obstacles, and before it culminated in marriage, had to overcome the barriers of the man's previous marriage, the furious opposition of the girl's parents and the great disparity

of their ages. Tawes is a wealthy citizen of Ferndale and he was first made aware of Miss Kaufman's existence when an uncually awest voice answered a Bellingham call. He succeeded in making the telephone girl's acquaintance, and their friendship ripened into love in short order. Tawes was married at this time, but after a divorce had been secured all other obstacles were brushed ruthlessly aside. Tawes is 40 years old and his bride 19.

## BALL IS MOST BRILLIANT

Idaho's Inaugural Event Surpasses Anything Ever Given in State.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 6 .- (Special.) -- The naugural ball tonight was the most brilliant function in the history of Idaho. It was held in the Natatorium, the Immense floor of which was covered for the dancers. The electrical and other decorations were superbly attractive. Governor Brady led the march, escorting Mrs. Gooding, wife of the retiring Governor. He was preceded by his staff in full uniform. Following were members of the judiciary, both state and Federal, United States Army officers, state officers and members of the Legislataure.

## BURTON'S FRIEND NAMED Washington Notes With Interest Ca-

reer of Former Rival.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 .- The nomina tion of Charles A. Lee Reed, of Ohio, to be a First Licutement in the medical reserve corps of the Army, which was sent to the Senate today by the President, occasioned some interesting comment at the capitol. Dr. Reed was recently a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed Senator Foraker and withdrew from the race in the interest of Mr. Burton who was successful.

## DISGRACED, WANTS TO DIE

Japanese Count Who Married and Divorced American, Takes Poison.

TOKIO, Jan. 6 .- Count Toda, whose engagment to a royal princess was recently cancelled because of the discovery that he had been married while a student at Cambridge, Eng., and who divorced his wife after his return to Japan, today attempted to commit suicide by taking poison. The attempt was unsuccessful. The Count has been deprived of his seat in the upper house, are located in New York and London. 

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Hamon Cheats Woman Out of \$500,000.

## **CUT DASHING FIGURE IN PARIS**

Transformed Palmist Fugitive From Justice.

## CREDITORS POUNCE ON HIM

Meteoric Career of Young Man Who Ran Newspaper and Bank on Borrowed Capital and Swindled an American Woman.

PARIS, Jan. 6.-"Count" Louis Hamon. formerly known in America and Europe as Cheiro, the palmist, and before that as plain John Warner, is a fugitive from France tonight,, charged with embezzlenent, and his sumptuous offices, where he edited a newspaper called the American Register, and conducted a bank and other enterprises, to which Americans lent capital, are empty, creditors having descended and seized everything.

The complainants against Hamon are Mrs. Julia P. Newall and Miss Josephine Pomeroy, formerly of New York, who declare that they turned over to Hamon stocks to the amount of \$500,000 on which Hamon agreed to raise a loan through London banks of \$150,000. They allege however, that Hamon neither negotiated the loan nor returned the stocks.

Hamon has been a dashing figure in Paris since his arrival here six years ago. He lived in costly apartments in the Rue du Bois de Bologne. It is reported that mystery attaches to his title. He claims to have inherited it from his father, who received it from the Pope. His real name is said to be L E. War

Since arriving in Paris in 1902, when he transformed himself from Chefro, the palmist, to "Count Hanron," he had easy access to society. One of his special friends was a man known as 'Abbe de la Fresnay," whose scholarly and agreeable manner secured for him entry into the most exclusive circles. There are reports that Hamon and friends, as the result of their high onnection, were able to arrange many marriages among people standing high

in the Anglo-American colony. Hamon is penniless, according to his secretary, who further stated that he had lost \$60,000 in recent operations and that he had been trying to pay all his creditors, including Mrs. Newell. The case, however, it is said, does not come under the jurisdiction of the French laws, as the investment has

been entirely placed in England. A statement issued at the bank says that as a result of the proceedings the credit of the institution has been adversely affected and the local branch will close temporarily. Other branches

EIVILIZATION

## SAILOR'S DREAM SAVES HIS GIRL

BURIED ALIVE BY QUAKE, BUT

Italian Finds Her Guided by Vision. Woman Rescued, Thinks She Died and Is in Hereafter.

MESSINA, Jan. 6 .- A curious case of telepathy has been reported by a sailor on board the Italian battleship Regina Elena. He was granted leave to search for his flance in Messina. After four days he returned to the ship exhausted and fell into a deep sleep, during which e dreamed she was saying to him:

"I am alive; come, save me," The saflor obtained fresh leave from his commander, gathered several friends and went to the spot he had dreamed of, penetrated the ruins of a house and found the girl uninjured.

The work of rescue is being pushed on indefatigably night and day a d even now persons alive are occasionally dug out of the ruins. A woman was released from the wreckage of the church of San Fran risco. She did not realize that she had been buried so many days. She explained she thought she was entombed in the church after having died a natural death, and that she was dving in the hereafter

### SENATOR BOOTH DIVORCED

Wife Secures Decree on Grounds of Cruel Treatment.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 6 .- (Special.)-Mabel Bernice Booth, wife of State Senator Robert F. Booth, of King County today secured a decree of divorce from er husband on the ground of cruelsand nhuman treatment. The court granted an alimony of \$50 per month for the wife and \$50 per month for the children.

The complaint charged that Booth was old and distant in demeanor and had remained away from home for many nonths, and had told his wife that he hated her. The mother was awarded the custody of the two children, both of tender years.

Booth entered a general denial of the charges, but made no aggressive defense. He was not in court, but was represented by an attorney. Booth organized the sucessful insurgent movement in Seattle two years ago. He is a candidate for chairman of appropriations this session.

## COLD SHAKES BUILDING

Bad Case of Shivers Gives Chicago Earthquake Scare.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6 .- Tenants of the Stuart building, a 13-story structure on State and Washington streets, were thrown into a semi-panic this afternoon by a shock which swayed the building. Search for the cause of the tremor was made and in the absence of any evidence of an accident it was attributed to an earthquake. Scores of tenants left the building

The engineer of the building ended the sensation by declaring that the shock was rather a sharp report made by the contraction of the material in the building due to the intense cold.

## NO WEDDING BELLS YET Report of Mrs. Maybrick's Second

Marriage Is Denied. CHICAGO, Jan. 6 .- Charles I. Wagner, secretary of the lecture bureau, which has charge of the public appearance of Mrs. Florence Maybrick,

today entered a vigorous denial of a report that he and Mrs. Maybrick are "Mrs. Maybrick is a charming woman whom I know, however, in a purely business way," said Mr. Wagner, upon his arrival from Lincoln, Neb. "The

report that we are to marry is an in-

## GATES NOW FREE-TRADER

justice to us."

Writes to Cannon Saying 50 Per Cent Cut in Steel Would Not Harm.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 .- John W. Gates has joined the ranks of those who are speaking for free trade on from coal and lumber. In a letter to Speaker Cannon, which was referred to the committee on ways and means, Mr. Gates declares that these articles should be on the free list and that a cut of 50 per cent in the steel schedule would not affect the manufacturers of iron and steel

## HEARST IN MORE TROUBLE

Criminal Libel Indictment Returned Against His Gotham "Yellows."

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 .- A grand jury indictment charging criminal libel was filed here today against the Star Publishing Company, which prints the New York American. The complaining witness was John D. Rockefeller, Jr. The complaint is based on a newspaper article connecting Mr. Rockefeller's name with the alleged practice of peonage in a stockade near Chicago.

## ERB CASE GIVEN TO JURY Famous Pennsylvania Murder Trial

Is Brought to Close. MEDIA, Pa., Jan. 6.—The case of Mrs.

M. Florence Erb, and her sister, Mrs. Catherine Beisel, separately and jointly charged with the murder of Captain J. Clayton Erb, was given to the jury this afternoon.

## ICY RAPIDS ARE CHEATED OF PREY

Two Snatched From Death in Cascades.

## SCOW BREAKS ITS MOORINGS

Anchor Holds Again Above Brink of Rapids.

### RESCUERS COME IN BOAT

Battle With Current and Floating Ice and Finally Bring Imperiled Ones Back to Washington

Shore in Safety.

STEVENSON, Wash., 6.-(Special.) Two men were snatched from a horrible death, in the raging and icy waters of the Upper Cascades today by the heroism of two young men of this place, Enos John-

son and Will Sweeney.

At the risk of their own lives, these two put out in a rowboat and, braving the current and the floating ice, rescued James Cramblet and his son, Ira, who had been marooned on a wood scow 100 yards from shore for five hours, in constant expectation of being swept away to death.

### Scow Breaks Moorings.

Cramblet and his son had been loading wood at the mouth of Nelson Creek, just above Stevenson, on a scow belonging to men were aboard the scow, when the mooring-rope parted under the strain caused by floating ice, and in an instant the scow and its occupants were swept away from the bank out into the

The Cramblets hurriedly threw out an inchor, with the hope that it might catch on a rock and hold before they should reach the rapids,

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