

BLIZZARD RAGES ACROSS RANGES

Wires Coated With Ice and Snapped by Its Weight in Middle West.

ROTARY PLOW POWERLESS

From Minnesota to Texas Come Similar Reports of Terrific Wind, Deep Snow, Extreme Cold, Transit Stopped.

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Kansas and Eastern Nebraska last night with a thick fog. Later this turned to rain and then, as the cold wave and strong north wind swept across the Kansas and Nebraska prairies, the wires rapidly became coated with ice and one by one snapped under the burden.

HAVOC WROUGHT AT OMAHA

All Communication Stops—Girl Injured by Falling Chimney.

OMAHA, Jan. 29.—A blizzard which was heightened by a 40-mile wind raged through Nebraska, Western Iowa and Southern Dakota all night and toward single line of communication was open in any direction, and the public-utility corporations were almost all demoralized.

From a temperature of 15 at 4 o'clock Thursday evening, the thermometer fell to almost zero by midnight, increasing the seriousness of the storm. Snow fell all night and during the early hours of this morning increased to a heavy fall. A day was whirled by the strong winds into clouds which completely filled the air and formed into great drifts.

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KANSAS CITY, Jan. 29.—The entire Southwest is in the grasp of a blizzard today which began last night and its height exceeded previous records for severity. In Kansas City several inches of snow, blown by a wind of 72 miles an hour for 12 hours, has fallen. Communication in all directions was entirely shut off at noon.

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The first blizzard of the storm was felt in Chicago at noon and it continued to increase in fury until the wind blew 40 miles an hour and the thermometer registered a drop of over 20 degrees to 19 above.

The snow covered the streets and orders were sent to every police station in the city to turn no shelterless person away.

No trains are running tonight in the storm belt of Iowa, and few in Wisconsin and Missouri. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul limited train from the Pacific Coast, due here at noon today, was nine hours late into Marion, Iowa, and is not expected here until tomorrow.

A freight train was stalled and passenger trains were held up behind it. Another train, a passenger, with neither driver nor sleeper, was reported missing from the La Crosse, as was one which started to Toledo. Both trains, it is said, were stuck in the snow.

Madison, Wis., was one of the cities cut off from the outside world, slow cutting communication in every direction. Coal and supplies will not be ordered until the afternoon, but tonight enough to get a brief dispatch concerning today's ballot.

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No Food on Board and Relief Can't Reach It.

LA CROSSE, Wis., Jan. 29.—Passenger train No. 23 on the Southern Minnesota division of the St. Paul Road, running between La Crosse and Westington Springs, S. D., has been stuck in a snowdrift west of Jackson, Minn., since 10:30 last night. The train has many passengers, but, being a day train, carries no sleeper or diner. A relief train was started out last night, but failed to get through.

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ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 29.—After a blizzard rages throughout the country between the Missouri River and the Rocky Mountains, from Minnesota to Texas, the storm has reached the south. High wind has unroofed buildings, caused several deaths, prostrated all wires, drifted snow and thereby blocked railroads.

The temperature fell rapidly and is now about zero or below. In the Colorado Mountains snow-plows are powerless to clear the railroad tracks. The supply of fuel is exhausted in several towns and is being replenished. A snowdrift has wrecked a power wire and stopped work in a dozen mines.

All telegraph and telephone wires are down in Kansas, several buildings have been unroofed, stock is suffering, a man was blown in front of an engine and had both legs cut off.

In Omaha the wind blew 60 miles an hour, the temperature fell to zero, streets were covered with snow, chimneys crushed through a roof and injured a sleeping girl.

The storm raged throughout Nebraska and unroofed several large buildings at Plattsmouth, Grand Island, Beatrice and Lincoln.

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OREGON MANUFACTURERS TO SEND DELEGATES TO SALEM.

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