



STORM ASSAILS CENTRAL STATES

Wrecked Lake Sailors Flee on Icebergs.

32 MEN AND WOMEN ESCAPE

Like Eliza in "Uncle Tom," They Leap for Life.

RAILROADS ARE AFFECTED

Just as Chicago and Her Neighbors Get Streets Cleaned, Snow Returns—Middle West Farmers Will Suffer Delays.

PORTLAND WEATHER BALMY.

While Portland is basking in the sunshine and warmth of genuine spring weather, the records of the Portland office of the United States Weather Bureau show that practically every other part of the United States is still wrapped in the chill of winter.

4 SAVED; THEN SPANKED

Old Superintendent Speeds After Runaways; Averts Wreck.

RECEIVER FOR FUND ASKED

Strikers' Committee Accused of Improper Use of Money.

STEVENS TO BUILD ROAD

Ex-Chief Engineer at Panama Stated for \$60,000,000 Task in Spain.

NEW YORK, March 11.—(Special.)

Verification of the cable rumor that an American banking syndicate was preparing to furnish some \$60,000,000 for the building of a government railroad in Spain and that John F. Stevens, former chief engineer of the Panama Canal, would have to do with the construction of the railroad, either as contractor or supervising engineer in charge, was obtained today.

QUARREL PROMPTS SUICIDE

Girl Ends Life Because of Mother's Treatment, Jury Finds.

CHICAGO, March 11.—(Special.)

"We, of the jury, find that Miss Ruth Peasey, of Evanston, aged 18 years, came to her death by taking poison when depressed because of quarrels with her mother."

SPEAKER 'ACTS' FOR FILMS

As Cameras Click Clark Presides Over Spurious Representatives.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—(Special.)

"The Speaker will be in order," said Speaker Clark today, bringing down his gavel and addressing a dignified gathering of a handful of pages, twice that number of House employees, three chairwomen and a group of New England canteeniers who had strolled into the chamber.

TRAINS LATE IN COLORADO

Union and Western Pacific Trains Fall to Reach Denver in Storm.

DENVER, March 11.—(Special.)

Because of a severe snow storm no Union Pacific or Western Pacific trains arrived here today. Trains on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe were running about an hour and 45 minutes late.

WRECKED LAKE SAILORS FLEE ON ICEBERGS.

Chicago and vicinity, which have been foundering in snow drifts for practically three months, had just succeeded in clearing paths and straightening up to take a long breath, when another storm swooped down today and continued tonight, bringing a fresh onslaught of wet snow. The temperature, however, remained high enough to assist in the melting process, so the streets will not be blocked.

RAILROADS ARE SUFFERING.

Snowstorms in the Missouri River Valley and through to Colorado are trying up railroad traffic tonight.

CREW FLEES ON ICE.

The steamer's crew, 22 persons, including a woman cook, escaped to a breakwater after a perilous trip over icebergs, and were taken off by a tug which fought its way through the ice. Thrilling stories are told by the survivors of their experiences clambering over the mountains of ice.

ADVICES TONIGHT FROM VARIOUS WEST AND NORTHWESTERN STATES SAY SNOW IS STILL FALLING AND THE TEMPERATURE RAPIDLY LOWERING, WHICH INDICATES THAT THE COUNTRY IS IN FOR ANOTHER SLUG OF SHOVELING SNOW. RAIN IS FALLING IN THE GULF COAST COUNTRY, WHILE THE NORTHWEST REPORTS SLEET TONIGHT.

SUDDEN LOWERING OF THE TEMPERATURE OVER A LARGE AREA WILL CHANGE THE WET SNOW TO SLEET AND PLAY HAVOC WITH THE TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE SERVICE.

FARMING IS DELAYED.

One of the worst features of the present general storm is the fact that it will delay Middle Western farming operations two or more weeks.

THE LAND ALREADY IS SATURATED AND THE PRESENT STORM WILL INCREASE THE DIFFICULTY, NOTWITHSTANDING ITS PROMISED BENEFIT TO PASTURES AND WINTER WHEAT.

THROUGHOUT KANSAS, PORTIONS OF IOWA, NEBRASKA, MONTANA AND THE DAKOTAS RAILROADS ARE BLOCKED TONIGHT FOR THE FIFTH TIME THIS WINTER.

THE BURLINGTON IS THE ONLY LINE OPERATING EAST OUT OF HERE TONIGHT.

OUSTED TENOR TO SING HIS LAWSUIT

G. CAVARDOSI WILL RENT HALL AND WARBLE FOR JUDGE.

Opera Vocalist Hissed Off Stage Strives to Prove Management Broke Contract Unjustly.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—(Special.)—To prove to the court that he is an operatic tenor worth \$90 a week salary, G. Cavardosi will hire a hall and warble from 8 to 11 o'clock in the natural key next Friday evening with Justice of the Peace Barnett comprising the entire audience. The place of entertainment will be determined upon tomorrow and while the expense will probably be as great as any return he may get from a favorable decision in his suit against the Market-street Theatre, Cavardosi's reputation is at stake and costs cut no figure.

Today was music day in Justice Barnett's court. The entire orchestra and a part of the audience of an afternoon two months ago in the Market-street Theatre were present to support Cavardosi's testimony in support of his action. When he saw that the "bill" of the evidence was against him, he voluntarily offered to give physical testimony and sing for the court, then abide by whatever judgment is rendered.

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300,000 EMPLOYEES TO GET MORE PAY

General Advance Planned in New England.

SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE SOON

Notices Posted in Several Big Cotton Mills.

TEXTILE COUNCIL MEETS

Owners in Fall River and Elsewhere Consider Advisability of Granting Increase to Correspond With Wages in Other Cities.

BOSTON, March 11.—It is estimated tonight that 150,000 cotton and wool mill operatives in Northern New England will share in an advance in wages of at least 5 per cent before April 1.

Advices received here indicate that owners in Fall River and elsewhere in Southern New England are considering the advisability of meeting the increase decided upon by mills having their head offices in Boston.

An advance in all New England textile districts would affect directly from 250,000 to 300,000 persons. In New Bedford the textile council held a meeting tonight to consider a plan of communicating with the Manufacturers' Association regarding higher prices.

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RAILWAY CREATES FEAR OF SPOOKS

CAR MAGNETS REMOVE COVERS OF OREGON CITY MANHOLES.

Policeman's Vigilance Finally Shows How Electrical Engines Whisked Off Iron Lids of Sewers.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 11.—(Special.)—Fear entertained by many people that spooks were operating in this city has been dispelled. The queer actions that worried many persons have been traced to the motors on the big freight cars that haul logs through Main street at night, and the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company has been asked to abolish the singular occurrences.

During the last several months the heavy steel covers on the sewer manholes between the car tracks have been removed almost nightly and in several instances taken 200 or 300 yards away. The police at first thought it was the work of boys, but with all their searching they could not capture the supposed offenders.

Policeman Green determined to renew his vigilance and on Sunday night he stationed himself at Ninth and Main streets, opposite a manhole that had almost nightly been robbed of its cover. He made sure that the cover was in place just before a train loaded with logs arrived, but after the cars had passed the cover was missing. He found it many yards down the track with one side polished where it had been dragged along the pavement. He reported the trouble to the railway authorities, and it was found that the dynamo on the immense electrical engines had worked as magnets and drawn the covers off the manholes.

An employee of the company said today that uncovering the sewers was expensive to the company, as it required just that much more electricity and that efforts would be immediately made to correct the mishaps. The covers weigh about 65 pounds.

MIDSHIPMAN UNDER ARREST

Nature of Charges Against James B. Okie, Jr., Not Known.

VALLEJO, Cal., March 11.—Midshipman James B. Okie, Jr., a passenger on the transport Logan, due to arrive at San Francisco Thursday from Manila, has been ordered to report at the Navy-yard at Mare Island under arrest.

Okie is a member of the 1911 class at Annapolis and has been stationed in the Philippines for several months. The nature of the charges against him is not known.

AMITY FARM BOUGHT BY IOWAN.

AMITY, Or., March 11.—(Special.)—J. H. Robbins' farm of 165 acres, about a mile and a half southeast of here, was sold last week to Mr. Ruder, of Iowa, for \$17,000 in cash. This is one of the best improved farms of this district and was purchased by Mr. Robbins about 12 years ago for \$15 per acre, and he has brought it up to a high state of cultivation. The selling price, being a little better than \$100 per acre, looks about as cheap now as did the purchase price 12 years ago, when Mr. Robbins bought it.

NAGEL SAYS TAFT HAS KEPT PLEDGES

Referendum and Recall Are Attacked.

INDEPENDENCE IS IN DANGER

Attempt to Confuse Public Mind Is Charged.

NOSTRUMS POISON AIR

Secretary of Commerce and Labor Points Out That President Has Continued Policies Inaugurated by Roosevelt.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 11.—In a speech lauding President Taft's Administration as a complete fulfillment of all the Republican platform pledges of 1898, and a strict continuation of the policies inaugurated by President Roosevelt, Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, made a vigorous attack tonight on the advocates of such governmental changes as the initiative, referendum and recall.

Secretary Nagel declared public men are trying to "confuse the public mind" that they were "busy making promises to which they cannot successfully be held," that the recall of judges "would make trimmers of men," and "deter men of independence and capacity from accepting positions of trust."

Menace to Republic Seen.

"It was conceivable 50 years ago that as a result of our internal strife there might have been two republics," he said. "It is conceivable today that if some of the suggestions put forward at this time are to prevail the question may arise whether or not there shall be one republic."

"Against such a contingency it behooves every citizen to set his face in absolute disregard of every other consideration, personal or political," he said.

"The efforts of President Taft to carry out the pledges of the party, he said, had brought no aid from his Republican detractors."

Taft's Defectors Grieved.

"For the last three years," said Secretary Nagel, "during a period of struggle to realize and bring into action every pledge that was made in the name of the Republican party, there has been uttered by those who are now the Government's enemies a word of approval of those things accomplished."

"Instead they have filled the air with nostrums, the acceptance of which they pronounce to be the sole test of

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"STUDY IN BROWN" ELOPEMENT CAUSE

LITTLE SISTER'S BROWN HAIR AND BROWN EYES LURE.

Perry Harvey's Love for Brown Feature to Match His Brown Garb Takes Him From Home.

A predilection for brown caused Perry Harvey, of Fairview, according to the story his wife told the police last night, to forsake his wife yesterday in favor of her sister, Esther Fourtner, but 18 years old, and, like the Arab, quietly to steal away. It was not in the night, however, but in the broad glare of a Spring day's afternoon, that Harvey, metaphorically pulled his tent pegs.

Harvey has brown eyes and he clearly showed his attachment for that color by the manner of clothes he chose.

He wore a brown suit, brown cap and a pair of brown shoes. So when Miss Esther came along in the amorous worshiper of "symphonies in brown" noted that she, too, had a pair of soft brown eyes to match his own and a head covered with fluffy brown hair in the bargain, the temptation was too strong for him and he fell prey to a desire to study brown further.

Harvey is 23 years old. At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Maggie Harvey says, he took a train out of Fairview with Esther, who had been visiting at their home, and went ostensibly to Portland. The supposed runaways carried with them three valises. Mrs. Harvey feared they were on route to Seattle and asked the police to watch for them.

She says her husband is five feet two inches in height, smooth shaven and, in addition to his brown accoutrements, wore a green tie. Her sister wears a dark blue skirt trimmed with white braid, a red hat with a white cord around it, black shoes with velvet tops and had the brown hair and brown eyes that caused all the mischief.

MAN FILES ON LOST ACRE

Government Surveyors Overlook Land Which Becomes Valuable.

ROSEBURG, March 11.—(Special.)—An unusual transaction was recorded at the Roseburg United States Land Office Saturday when John McNeill, of South-east Oregon, filed upon an acre of land abutting the city limits of Medford, omitted from the territory embraced in Government surveys. In the event McNeill resides on the land continuously for 10 months he can purchase the acre from the Government for \$10.00 and should he wish to waive this payment he can secure a Government patent to the land at the expiration of five years.

The land office map shows the acre to be situated almost directly on the outskirts of Medford, and indicates that it is quite valuable. It is asserted here that McNeill accidentally learned of the non-survey of the acre by the Federal engineers and regards the land as a "find."

TRACK LAYING IS BEGUN

Oregon Electric May Put Down 3 Miles Daily, Salem to Albany.

SALEM, Or., March 11.—(Special.)—The first track to be laid on the Oregon Electric extension was put down today and work will be rushed southward. The work started at the terminal in this city.

For about one mile and a half south tracklaying will be by hand, when a tracklaying machine will be placed in operation and with the machine about three miles can be laid a day. That means a speedy completion of the work to Albany and early operation of cars.

BAPTISTS PROTEST BILL

Church Objects to Paying 80 Cents for Immersion Water.

SPOKANE, March 11.—A strenuous protest was made to the city of Spokane today over an alleged discrimination against one of the smaller Baptist churches here.

A monthly charge of 80 cents has been made by the city for the water used to fill the tank used by the church for the immersion of converts.

H. E. Hayes, spokesman for the Baptists, asserted that converts had been few, that little water had been used and that the charge was exorbitant.

WHOLE TOWN TO BE MOVED

Canadian Government Orders Little City Out of Avalanche Belt.

WINNIPEG, Man., March 11.—A special Government commission today ordered that the whole town of Frank, Alberta, be moved as a protection against rock and snow slides. It has 500 inhabitants.

Nine years ago, in a slide, 34 lives were lost. For several days rock and snow have been tumbling down the side of Turtle Mountain, at whose base the town lies.

DENTIST'S INVENTION KILLS HIM.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 11.—Dr. Angus Rose, 27 years old, was accidentally asphyxiated here while experimenting with a new anesthetic while alone in his dental office. He sought to perfect a machine and a combination of gases which physicians say may become universal in use in both dental and surgical work. He had been working on it night and day for three months, intending to give a demonstration at a dental meeting in May.

AMUNDSEN LAUDS LOYALTY OF CREW

Explorer Pays Tribute to Followers.

HUNGER'S PANGS NOT FELT

Pemmican, Biscuits, Chocolate and Dog Meat Food.

"BOOZE" TABOO ON DASH

Norwegian Finder of South Pole Declares Dogs Served Him on Journey Much Better Than Ponies Could Have Done.

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HOBART, Tasmania, March 11.—It was the privilege of your correspondent today to go on board the Fram and secure a long interview with Captain Roald Amundsen, who furnished further details of his great dash to the South Pole. He said:

"My four companions on the journey were Helmer Hansen, Oscar Wisting, Sverre Hassel and Olaf Bjaaland. We worked well together. I could not have had a finer, more loyal or more determined party."

"For food we relied entirely on pemmican, biscuits, chocolate, powdered milk and, of course, dog meat. The dogs were fed on pemmican."

Provisions Are Satisfying.

"In my opinion we had the best and most satisfying provisions possible. In fact, from the beginning to the end of the journey we never felt any undue craving for something to eat or of any feeling of not having had sufficient nourishment."

"Alcohol of every kind was absolutely barred on the journey. While staying in our winter quarters we had grog as a treat every Saturday night, but when sledging we considered it advisable to carry no spirits. Nor did we take any surgical appliances, with the exception of a few bandages. We trusted to accidents not occurring."

Amuses Camera Man.

"Of course, I had a camera. It and myself were inseparable. In addition to taking various pictures on the way I obtained photographs at the pole. All the films were used and the camera worked well. I am not an expert photographer but the films have been put into most trustworthy hands to be developed, and I hope will turn out satisfactorily."

"We lost two dogs in crevasses, owing to the harness breaking. After that the harness was strengthened and we suffered no more losses of that kind."

"The dogs proved very suitable for the work, but, the weight being so little, they were able to cross any bridges which ponies would certainly have broken down."

Loss of Dogs Mourned.

"Occasionally the leading dogs broke through but the others were able to hold them up, the harness, after the first incident when we lost the two dogs, invariably holding good."

"I think what touched us most keenly on the whole journey was the unavoidable killing of dogs which had shared our dangers and done such splendid work. The killing of them went to the heart of every one."

"I see according to reports cabled here from London that Sir Ernest Shackleton says the plateau at the Pole which I named after King Haakon is really the same as the one he named after King Edward VII."

Shackleton Is Corrected.

"I think Sir Ernest is under a misapprehension, for when he reached his farthest point south he was ascending. We reached our greatest height, 10,750 feet in nearly the same latitude as Sir Ernest Shackleton's further point and we then ascended and at the Pole itself we were on a vast, apparently level area, with a slight slope away southward, shown by the instruments but not perceptible to the eye."

"In a general sense it is of course part of the same elevated area as that named by Sir Ernest Shackleton but it is certainly not the same plateau. We had every right to name the plateau at the Pole."

OPTION LAW AFFECTS ALL

Washington Supreme Court Says It Is Superior to Federal License.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 11.—(Special.)—In directing that the Skagit County Superior Court be reversed and that H. A. Robinson be put on trial for selling a gallon of intoxicating liquor in Mt. Vernon, a dry unit, the Supreme Court today said that it cannot hold to the view that the local option law applies only to the regulation of retailers, and does not affect drug-grocery manufacturers and wholesalers.

The Supreme Court says it will not pass upon the rights of the latter, as cases are now pending in which these issues are involved, and adds that to have Robinson's demurrer sustained would defeat the ends of the present law.

The lower court found that because Robinson operated under a Federal license and was not a retailer he could not be prosecuted, but the Supreme Court says such is not the case.