

EAST IS PLAYING OF RIVAL BLIZZARDS

Hatteras Gale, Canadian Storm, Clash Midway

WIRES DOWN INTO NEW YORK

Boston Open Only by Cable by Way of Nova Scotia.

WEATHER COLD IN WEST

Trains Arriving in Chicago Show Evidence of Battles With Elements—Worst Storm of Season Due Off Coast.

CHICAGO, March 1.—(Special.)—The blizzard which came out of Western Canada Friday night and struck the Great Lakes region last night is now coursing eastward, doing great damage to telegraph and telephone wires. In the East, especially the territory between Philadelphia, New York and Boston, the storm developed into a heavy, wet snow, which burdened the wires to the limit.

Somewhere along the route the blizzard met a sleet storm sweeping north-east off Hatteras. The tremendous clash of rival elements produced a situation not to be described.

Telegraph Wires Down.

Nearly every telegraph wire into New York went down. No business was accepted for points east of Philadelphia. Washington had limited wire service. Conditions were practically normal as far east as Pittsburgh and to all points west and south.

Communication with Boston was had by way of Montreal into Canada, cable from Nova Scotia into Boston. It is hoped to pick up many of the prostrate wires before the opening of stock exchanges tomorrow.

In the West the blizzard was followed by much colder weather, but the day was clear. Not much snow fell. It was thin and hard and driven furiously by a gale.

Trains Show Signs of Battle.

Trains arriving in Chicago from Eastern points showed evidences of battles with snow and the high winds, which made difficult the generating of sufficient steam to drive the locomotives or to keep the coaches habitable. Incoming trains reported a blizzard raging over Northern Indiana and traveling eastward at a rapid rate.

The sleet and wind storm came out of Hatteras and swept northeast. The gale blew at 40 miles and the barometer warned of worse conditions to follow. The Government issued a special warning to all vessels to remain in port. It is believed the worst storm of the year is due on the ocean between Maine and the Gulf.

Official weather forecasters said tonight they had no trace of any trouble in the West. Temperatures are moderating in all directions except in the East and some of the East-Central states. Government forecasters believe that any further disturbances must be short-lived, as the Great Lakes are comparatively warm and will quickly dispel any cold wave.

Main Freezes Sleeping on Well.

At Connersville, Ind., John Johns, aged 45, whose mother was a Sioux Indian, stuck a well platform for a pump-handle, rolled his overcoat for a pillow and retired. He was found frozen stiff this morning. He had been reared out of doors and had been accustomed to sleeping in the open all his life.

An unusual number of fires in residences was reported in Chicago and other cities and two lives are known to have been lost through this cause.

CONDITIONS WORST IN YEARS

Snapping Wires and Falling Poles Impede Railroad Travel.

NEW YORK, March 1.—A northeast storm sweeping to the northwest, which brought rain, then snow, raged today over New York and vicinity, cutting the city almost completely off from telegraph and telephone communication.

Three deaths due to the storm occurred here, two when a roof collapsed under the weight of wet snow, crushing a man and a boy. Another man, blinded by snow, was killed by a train.

Wet snow snapped telegraph and telephone wires and in a gale blowing 72 miles an hour at times many poles toppled over. On some lines the poles fell across the railroad tracks, blocking traffic.

The westbound Twentieth Century Limited for Chicago was reported halted by fallen poles across tracks north of Ossining. Other trains on the line were stalled at points along the Hudson River from the same cause.

At local offices of telegraph companies it was said conditions were among the worst in years. The Western Union's 59 wires to Chicago and most of the 151 wires to Philadelphia were down. Communication early tonight was possible only as far as Syracuse to the north and Chicago was reached by a few remaining wires by way of Philadelphia and Pittsburg. The Postal Telegraph Company reported wire

JACK LONDON WILL RUN FOR GOVERNOR

WRITER TO ANNOUNCE CANDIDACY AS SOCIALIST.

Prohibitionist Friends Seek Indorsement of Their Party Also Under Primary Law.

SACRAMENTO, March 1.—(Special.)—Jack London, citizen of California, novelist and Socialist, will run for Governor of California on the Socialist ticket next Fall. London's Prohibitionist friends also will try to obtain for him the indorsement for Governor under the direct primary law and make him a candidate on both tickets.

London, according to his Socialist friends in Sacramento, will announce his candidacy when he addresses a mass meeting of Socialists here next Friday night. London's friends urged him to enter the fight in San Francisco recently on the author's return from the East.

"I'll run," London told them. The combined Socialist and Prohibitionist vote in California in 1912 was 102,567 out of a total vote cast of 797,778.

Neither London nor his Socialist friends will enter the fight with an idea of victory. They hope, however, to augment materially the Socialist vote by London's popularity. London has registered at his Glen Ellen home as a Socialist. His views and writings on the liquor question will be used to advance the campaign for the Prohibitionist indorsement of his candidacy.

METER BURDEN EXPENSIVE

L. E. Rice Says Second Pipe to Bull Run Would Be Cheaper.

"The meter system in Portland will prove an expensive burden," said L. E. Rice, 212 Ellsworth street, yesterday. Mr. Rice was appointed to investigate the methods of laying water mains in 209 of the largest cities of the United States several years ago by the Richmond Club.

"Reports I received," he said "showed that in cities having gravity supply meter systems were the more expensive. It was less expensive to lay reinforcing mains than to install meters, with the constant repairs required. It will be found, in my judgment, that it would be less expensive to lay another pipe line to Bull Run than to install the meter system. We shall have a never-ending permanent burden."

TODAY LAST DAY OF GRACE

Time Limit for Income Tax Statements Will End Tonight.

Today is the last day of grace for persons with incomes of \$1,000 a year or more who have not yet filed their income tax statements.

Saturday was the last day under the terms of the income tax law, but by special order from Washington a time extension was granted.

Milton A. Miller, United States Collector of Internal Revenue in Portland, and collector of the income tax in this district, said yesterday that clerks in his office worked until midnight Saturday.

Persons who fail to file their statements by today are liable for heavy penalties.

AUTO STAGE ESTABLISHED

Centralia-Lincoln Creek Trip to Be Made Thrice a Week.

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 1.—(Special.)—The second auto stage line ever operated out of Centralia has been inaugurated by Charles Arndt, who will operate between Centralia and Lincoln Creek. Arndt will maintain a regular schedule of three trips daily during the week and two on Sunday.

It is believed that the new line will prove a financial success to both Arndt and the local merchants, as many residents of Lincoln Creek and Ford's Prairie will be enabled to come in and buy and return the same day.

UNDER-SEA TUNNEL IS PLAN

Engineers Propose to Connect Sweden With Denmark by Railroad.

COPENHAGEN, March 1.—(Special.)—A Danish and a Swedish engineer, Mr. Quistgaard and Mr. Ohm, have started negotiations with the Danish and Swedish government for the construction of a railway tunnel under the sound from Malmo, in Sweden, to Copenhagen.

The distance is about 22 miles and the cost is estimated at \$25,000,000.

COMMISSION HALTS ON WAY TO MEXICO

Pasports Refused by Rebel Authorities.

MEMBERS ARE TURNED BACK

Carranza's Efforts to Gain Recognition May Explain.

BRITAIN IN QUANDARY

Recognition of Huerta Regime Complicates Efforts to Secure Investigation of Benton Case by United States.

JUAREZ, Mex., March 1.—The Benton investigating committee was prevented today from proceeding to Chihuahua to examine the slain Briton's body by rebel orders. Colonel Fidel Avila, military commander here, declined to permit them to board the regular passenger train which was waiting. An authoritative admission to this effect tonight dispelled previous reports that the commission was halted on orders from Washington.

Whether the incident means delay or the permanent prohibition of the mission could not be learned. The mystery thrown around the occurrence led to many rumors of an apparently exaggerated nature.

Pasports Are Refused.

The most persistent inquiry here and in El Paso failed to establish anything but the fact that passports were refused to the commissioners on this side and they returned to El Paso.

No official in Juarez has authority to take such action as was taken in this case. Only two persons in Northern Mexico have the power—Venustiano Carranza and General Villa.

The order came as a surprise to the commissioner, Villa, at Chihuahua, has repeatedly expressed his desire to hasten the inquiry, and his offer of a special train to take the mission from this city to Chihuahua, in which Benton's body is said to be buried, was formally accepted by Marion Letcher, American Consul there.

Carothers Delays Departure.

George C. Carothers, agent of the State Department in many of its dealings with Villa, also delayed his departure for Chihuahua.

EL PASO, Tex., March 1.—The trip of the Benton investigation commission to Chihuahua was suddenly postponed or abandoned today shortly before the commissioners were about to take the train. Those concerned said that any explanation must come from the State Department.

The commissioners, with their luggage, (Concluded on Page 2.)

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CARS CONVEYING BALLAST

Portland, Eugene & Eastern Finishing Road Bed Into Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., March 1.—(Special.)—A crew of 50 men under D. P. Newman yesterday began work with a steam shovel cutting out a ditch along the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway, where it parallels a county road for a mile and a half westward from the Eugene city limits, preparatory to placing ballast for the railway roadbed and for the graveling of the county road to a level with the track.

All last week the crew was engaged in spreading gravel from this county road to the Willamette-Pacific crossing, which is three miles west of Eugene. Thirty carloads of gravel a day for five days were brought from the Corvallis pits, and the rails on this last section of the railroad are now within two inches of the final grade.

Completion of the three miles or less from Portland, Eugene & Eastern will connect with the city streetcar system at the city limits on Eleventh avenue, west, and will allow the electric cars, as soon as the southern unit of the system is electrified, to come into the center of the city.

SHIPPING COMBINE IS BEYOND CONTROL

Dissolution Held to Be Dangerous.

TRADE'S FUTURE THREATENED

Foreign and Domestic Steamers Strongly Fortified.

SUPERVISION IS ADVISED

Eighty Agreements, Involving 14 Different Ways of Controlling Competition, Are Presented. Conditions Made to Order.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Foreign and domestic shipping of the United States is so combined by agreements, pools and conference arrangements that an attempt to dissolve the combinations would cripple trade.

This is the conclusion reached by the House merchant marine and fisheries committee in the final report of the so-called shipping trust investigation, made public today. The committee, after two years of inquiry, recommends that both foreign and domestic shipping combinations be placed under control of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The final recommendations of the committee set forth that shipping lines in practically every trade route from or to United States ports are operated by agreement or conference to restrain competition. The report sets forth that the advantages accruing to both shipper and ship line through these agreements are so great that the combinations should be allowed to continue, under supervision.

Competition Regarded as Futile.

It would be futile, the committee asserts, to attempt to restore competition by ordering existing agreements terminated. The report deals with 800 foreign and domestic navigation companies and 260 railroad lines. Chairman Alexander says:

"It is the almost universal practice for steamship lines, both on the inbound and out-bound voyage, to operate under agreements and conference arrangements which have for their purpose the control of competition between conference lines or between them and non-conference lines. Eighty agreements or understandings, involving nearly all the regular lines operating on nearly every American foreign trade route, are, in effect, dealing respectively with the traffic to and from Europe, Africa, Australia, Asia, South America, Mexico, Central America and the West Indies.

"In the few instances where several (Concluded on Page 2.)

FIREPROOF UNIFORM STANDS HARD TEST

MAN PLAYS SALAMANDER TO TRY HIS INVENTION.

Running Water Between Layers of Canvas and Air Piped Into Helmet Keep Fireman Cool.

CINCINNATI, March 1.—(Special.)—To prove that he has a suit and helmet absolutely fire-defying, Martin Panian, of Eveleth, Minn., allowed himself to be cast into the flames at a demonstration today. Panian was obscured by walls of fire for five minutes and then stepped out through a blazing curtain of fire—cool and calm.

The helmet is of metal, with two layers of water and fireproofed canvas inside. There is water between similar layers of canvas that form the inside of the suit from shoulders to feet.

To prevent the water from becoming heated, vents at the hands allow the water to escape. The exterior of the suit is fireproofed canvas. One part of a hose is equipped with an air fan and this is driven by water power, the air rushing through a small tube and entering at the helmet.

MRS. CARR WILL BE HEARD

President of Collegiate Alumnae in Seattle to Speak Here.

With the appearance Thursday evening at Library Hall of Mrs. Alvah Lemuel Carr, of Seattle, authorized speaker of the Drama League of America, the local branch of the organization, recently organized, will learn what is being done in other cities in the league's work of encouraging the better class of dramatic productions.

Mrs. Carr is a graduate of Wellesley, president of the Seattle branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, and councilor-at-large for the Northwest for the Wellesley Graduate Council. She will be the guest of the Portland branch of the Collegiate Alumnae at luncheon Saturday.

Besides Mrs. Carr's address at Library Hall Thursday evening, Miss Elizabeth Eugenia Woodbury, of Chicago, will give a dramatic reading of the play, "The Great Divide."

HOTEL DAMAGED BY FIRE

Early Morning Blaze at Newberg Endangers Residents.

NEWBERG, Or., March 1.—(Special.)—Fire was discovered early this morning in the Laurel Cottage Hotel, a two-story frame building leased by J. V. Sweets, recently from Portland, and owned by Will E. Purdy.

From appearances the fire started at the foot of the front stairway. Damage to the amount of probably \$700 resulted.

The furniture and clothing were insured for \$1500. Mr. Sweets says he was sound asleep and was nearly suffocated by smoke, but he succeeded in forcing the boarders and employees. His wife is in a hospital at Portland.

About a year ago an uninsured store building belonging to Mr. Purdy was burned.

TRIPLETS' HEALTH GOOD

Full Lung Capacity Able Demonstrated by Trio at Hospital.

Three chubby, pink baby-sisters, triplets born Friday to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Tooney, 569 Graham street, manifest perfect health through demonstrations of full lung capacity, which is keeping a nurse busy administering to their wants as they lie on a cot in Good Samaritan Hospital.

One of the babies weighs only four pounds, while her big sisters weigh four and one-half pounds each. Dr. Fred Gillette says Mrs. Tooney and daughters are doing exceptionally well.

27 KNIGHTS ARE INITIATED

Members of Catholic Order Make Pilgrimage to Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 1.—(Special.)—More than 400 Knights of Columbus were in the city today, this being an annual pilgrimage here to put on the third degree of the order. Twenty-seven candidates were initiated by the John Carmody team, of Seattle.

Nearly all of the state officers of the organization were present. After the degrees were conferred a banquet was served in the Hotel Columbia, the feast being spread by the young women of the parish of St. James' Catholic Church.

ALASKAN BOAT SAILS SOON

First Steamer in New Trade to Leave Wednesday.

The time of departure of the steamer Thomas L. Ward, the first boat of the Portland-Alaska line to leave Portland, has been definitely set for 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The Thomas L. Ward will leave from the Oak-street dock.

Exercises in celebration of the event are planned. W. G. McPherson, as chairman of the Alaska trade committee of the Chamber of Commerce, has invited Mayor Albee and a number of business men to be present. A brief programme is expected to be given.

ZAMOR TO BE RECOGNIZED

Bryan Decides New Regime Is in Complete Control in Haiti.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Haiti's new government, with General Oreste Zamor, successful revolutionist, as President, will be recognized immediately by the United States.

This was announced tonight by Secretary Bryan, who has had the subject under consideration since reports indicated that the new regime virtually was in complete control of the republic.

MIRACULOUS BIRTH IDEA HELD INSULT

Portland Pastor Says Old Belief Error.

'TAINT ON USUAL WAY' DECRIED

Rev. W. G. Eliot, Jr., Says Doctrine Slander on Mothers.

EFFECT ON CHURCH TOLD

Minister of Unitarian Congregation Declares Many Persons Are Kept From Religious Institutions by Persistent Teaching.

That the doctrine of the miraculous birth of Jesus is an "insult to motherhood and to fatherhood, because such a doctrine implies that there is some necessary taint or corruption in being born in the usual way," was the declaration of the Rev. W. G. Eliot, Jr., pastor of the Unitarian Church, in his sermon last night. His subject was "The Erroneous Doctrine of the Miraculous Birth of Christ and Its Unchristian Implications."

"It is not this unintentionally a slander upon our mothers and fathers," he asked. "Does it not involve a crude and materialistic view of God's ways?"

Sermon Attracts Many.

Mr. Eliot's sermon aroused considerable interest and attracted many people, owing to the recent controversy over the same question, in which Dr. Aked, of San Francisco, was the center and on which many of the ministers in the churches have preached sermons upholding the old orthodox view.

"It is somewhat humiliating to have to preach on this question at all," said Mr. Eliot last night, "when there are so many questions of much greater and more immediate importance. Problems of social justice and civic duty, problems of sin and sorrow, vital and practical problems of faith and character—all of these are greater or more immediate and of more lasting concern."

Miracles Are Scouted.

"The doctrine of the miraculous birth of Jesus is important, only because there are still so many people who think it is important; who think that Christianity stands or falls with it, it is important because there are many people who have been taught in their childhood that the Christian religion is based on miracles, and now know just enough to doubt miracles, but not enough to know that no true religious faith was ever based on miracles at all. If these are greater or more immediate and of more lasting concern."

Discard of Belief Desired.

"To show that Christianity is all the truer and more acceptable and more helpful for giving up miracles is a grateful task. There are a good many people who would be happy to be assured that there are increasing numbers of churches where miracles are discarded."

"The belief in miraculous birth is not a condemnation, but a limitation of faith."

"There are those who say that you cannot be a Christian unless you believe in the miraculous birth of Christ. These are unwittingly driving people away from all churches. There are those who say that the belief in the miraculous birth of Christ is a matter of indifference; that it makes no difference whether or not we believe in it. This is a most significant step in advance. It is a radical change of emphasis."

Taint Declared Implied.

"But will not thoughtful consideration lead us a step further? Is it after all of no significance what you believe? Only think of the implications of the doctrine of miraculous birth. Surely in miracles there is some necessary taint or corruption in being born in the usual way."

"Moreover is it anything but very solemn theological hocus-pocus to teach that Jesus could be born miraculously and be really and genuinely at the same time human? And if he were not truly human; if he was but a miracle, what becomes of his influence in the world of our humanity?"

"He is no longer a real example and inspirer, but is become our despair. If to have been miraculously born was essential to Jesus' goodness, why is it not required for me and for you? If it was not essential to his goodness, why is it necessary to believe in order to be a Christian?"

"The true divinity of man, as of Christ, is not in some superstitious non-humanity, but a truer and more genuinely God-like humanity. Jesus and his cross are the undying and universal symbols and attestations that human beings have it in them to embody in their humanity, the love and life of God."

SALEM BOYS ESCAPE DROWNING

SALEM, Or., March 1.—(Special.)—Royal and Arthur Moore, of this city, are being congratulated today because they are alive. While boating in North Mill Creek above the dam, the craft was overturned by the current. One of the boys was swept under a bridge crossing, but saved his life by holding on to a pier until he was released. The other boy was thrown a rope and drawn to the bank. The boat sank.

