



CITY PROSTRATE IN STORM'S GRIP

Silver Thaw Most Paralyzing on Record.

RAILROADS EAST TIED UP

Communication by Wire Is Cut Off Completely From Every Direction.

RELIEF IS NOT IN SIGHT

Forecast Issued for Today Is for Continued Cold and Strong Winds.

DELIVERY OF MILK TO HOMES HALTED

HORSES AND MEN EXHAUSTED BY STORM HARDSHIPS.

Supplies to Be Left at Stores All Along Carlines in City—Source of Shipping Is Cut Off.

Your milkman will not have the usual bottle of milk this morning or any morning from now on until the storm quits. Dairywomen of the city got together yesterday and decided among themselves not to attempt to make more retail deliveries at present. The milk will be sent by automobiles to stores along car lines throughout the city.

The retail delivery was given up as a result of the horses and men of the dairies being entirely exhausted, many horses being hurt, the inability of the creameries to get milk from the ships out of the city and because of the danger of traversing unlighted streets at night with the tangle of ice wires and the falling trees.

The Williamette Dairy, the Independent Home, the City, the Portland Pure Milk & Cream and the Damascus, the larger plants, adopted the plan at once. Practically all of the smaller dealers fell into line during the day. Notice was given the City Milk Bureau at the City Hall and officials there asked the public to co-operate in the emergency plan.

ECLIPSE ON THIS MORNING

Portland, However, Not Apt to Get Glimpse of Phenomenon.

The poet's optimistic words: "Behind the clouds the sun is still shining," will be given the lie this morning between 7:15 and 7:45.

That is, it will be proved, false to a certain extent, for there is a partial eclipse of the sun due here at that time.

The almanac says that the eclipse will be "visible" in Portland, but, in view of conditions yesterday, it looks as if it will be up to the weather man.

FLOODS DEVASTATE JAVA

Hundred and Twenty Thousand Native Homes Wrecked.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Cable dispatches from Batavia report that floods are continuing in Central Java. Thus far 128,000 native homes have been wrecked, many cattle drowned and many miles of railway destroyed. The property damage has not yet been estimated.

MAN BURIED DEEP IN SNOW

Kenneth Cameron, Snowshoer, Flung Over Precipice.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 2.—Kenneth Cameron, snowshoer near Milton today, went too near the edge of a precipice, and slipping, fell over and is buried somewhere beneath the snow, which is about 20 feet in depth. Rescue parties are working in an effort to find him.

STORM PARALYZES RAILROAD SERVICE

O. W. R. & N. Company Suspends Schedules.

NORTH BANK EAST TIED UP

Trains Overdue at Terminus Not Heard From.

ROADS NORTH CRIPPLED

Several Passenger Trains Are Held in Various Oregon Towns, With No Hope of Moving Until Snow Ceases—South Line Open.

Railroad service east, west and north now is demoralized as a result of the storm.

Communication east of Portland already was cut off Tuesday, and service both north and south as well as west of the city became impaired yesterday.

The storm is the worst in the history of the O. W. R. & N. company. No attempts were made last night to move trains. M. J. Buckley, general superintendent of the road, is in personal charge of the situation in the Columbia River gorge, where the difficulty is the worst. Last night he telegraphed headquarters in Portland that under the circumstances it would be dangerous to move trains even were it possible.

Service East Suspended

As a result all service on the O. W. R. & N. main line east from Portland was suspended.

Westbound trains were held at various stations east of the blockades, where the passengers were cared for in hotels. Some of the westbound trains were turned around and started eastward to take the places of eastbound trains that should have been started out of Portland.

The North Bank road east of Portland was completely tied up last night. The gravity of the situation there is intensified by the failure of the telegraph service. The wires went down Tuesday night.

Trains Not Heard From

Trains that should have reached either Portland or Spokane Tuesday night or yesterday morning have not been heard from. North Bank officials in Portland were hopeful, however, that the train crews were holding the trains at stations where the passengers and crews could find food and lodging.

The North Bank line between Portland and Astoria also was put out of commission yesterday. The storm on the lower Columbia is the worst that that section has experienced in years.

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STORM CAUSES ONE DEATH

Herbert H. Wild Exhausted by Battle With Elements.

One death due to exhaustion brought on by fighting last night's storm was reported to the authorities when Herbert H. Wild, buyer for Wadhams & Co., 4912 Seventy-third street Southeast, dropped dead at Anabel station. He was fighting his way against the storm to his home.

Breathing exhausted, Mr. Wild walked into Kelly's grocery store at Anabel station. He was attended by Dr. Oliver Clarke, but died soon after the physician arrived. Coroner Dammasch took charge of the body.

Police Sleep in Cells

Captain Inskeep Sets Example for Men Who Live Far Out.

Policemen who ordinarily try to fill the city jail with prisoners, and who consider confinement there opprobrious, last night scrambled for cells in which to sleep. Many of the officers on the first night relief live far out on the East Side, and dreaded a walk home through the storm when they finished work at midnight.

Captain Inskeep set the example of sleeping in jail, and his men were quick to follow his lead.

TWO CHURCHES IN SEATTLE COLLAPSE

Snow Two Feet Deep in Downtown.

CATHEDRAL DOME FALLS IN

Loss Is \$50,000 and Victims May Be Under Wreckage.

STORM HAS NO PRECEDENT

Man Clearing Roof Killed by Falling 6 Stories—University Athletic Field Stands Collapse, Train Service Is Halted.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 2.—The dome of St. James' Cathedral of the Roman Catholic Church, at Ninth avenue and Cherry street, collapsed late today under the great weight of snow which accumulated during the last 48 hours. As far as known no one was caught under the dome when it fell, but the mass of snow-covered wreckage which fell into the nave of the cathedral was so great that the authorities were unable to say definitely soon after the accident whether there were any casualties. The damage to the edifice was estimated at not less than \$50,000.

Christian Church Collapses

The roof of the West Seattle Christian Church, at West Genesee street and Forty-second avenue, Southwest, collapsed under the weight of snow.

A man shoveling snow from the roof of a six-story building in the downtown district was killed when he lost his footing and fell to the ground early tonight.

The grandstands on Denny Athletic Field at the University of Washington collapsed under the burden of snow today. The loss will be \$2000 or more. Many skylights were broken and awnings torn down.

Snow Downtown Two Feet Deep

Late this afternoon snow lay two feet deep in the downtown district of Seattle and deeper in the suburbs. Snow has been falling almost unceasingly for two days and later this evening it appeared there would be continuation of the fall all tonight. The temperature was 28 degrees at 4 this afternoon, or four degrees lower than yesterday at the same hour.

A northeast wind drifted the snow and there was no possibility of street car service tonight except on the three cable lines, which kept cars in motion to prevent snow gathering on the track.

The other car service was almost abandoned. Business was almost at a standstill.

COLONEL HOUSE IS REGULAR SPHINX

PARIS STAR REPORTERS "FALL DOWN" ON INTERVIEWS.

Newspapers Describe Discretion of President Wilson's Envoy as Impenetrable and Admirable.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—The Paris press comments on the discretion of Colonel E. M. House, which is described as being impenetrable and admirable. The Excelsior publishes an article on Colonel House and uses as an illustration for it a composite photograph of the Colonel and the Sphinx. It reads: "It says that the most experienced interviewers admit that Mr. Wilson's envoy has baffled them as they had never been baffled before. All of them had to ask him to confirm or deny the phrase attributed to him by the Berliner Tageblatt to the effect that his love for Germany grows greater every time he visits it. The questioners obtained no satisfaction, but admit that in view of their own experience they do not believe for a moment that he committed himself to that extent."

EAGLE DYNAMITES BARN

Bird Rests on Roof After Rancher Ties Explosive to Its Leg.

SUTHERLIN, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Ike Gervais, a rancher and hunter of the Wild Horse region, has abandoned a sure method of exterminating the American eagle. He has been troubled by the birds preying on lambs. Catching an eagle in a steeltrap, Mr. Gervais wired half a stick of dynamite to the bird's foot, lighted the fuse and turned the captive loose. It took and profanely failed to dislodge it from the roof of his log barn, where it alighted. The roof disappeared in a cloud of smoke and feathers.

WALLA WALLA LIGHTS OUT

Storm Wrecks Power Plant Flume, Halting Streetcar Traffic.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Heavy fall of snow continued all day today at Walla Walla and vicinity and tonight Walla Walla is in darkness, streetcars are unable to run and business is generally paralyzed as a result of the storm's wrecking the flume of the local power plant. Transportation in the city is further affected by inability of taxicabs to operate through the snow-drifts. All trains are far behind schedules.

SUGAR BEET SEED COMING

Britain Promises to Permit Early Shipment From Rotterdam.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Great Britain today promised the United States to permit the prompt transportation from Rotterdam of a large quantity of sugar-beet seed bought in Austria for sugar-beet farms in Utah. This is expected to make the United States independent of the European supply.

American Citizens on Board

A naturalized American citizen, G. A. Tashler, was discovered by Immigration Inspector Morton today aboard the Appam. Morton immediately served written notice on Lieutenant Berg to release him. Berg made no response and Morton reported the case to Washington.

Appam's Resistance Brief

The Appam's resistance to her capture was brief, according to the story told here today by Lieutenant Berg. The capture was made 60 miles north of the Madeira Islands. The Moeve, which made the capture, then had on board the crews of five other previous British vessels. All these were transferred to the Appam. The Moeve encountered on January 17 the Australian trader Clan MacTavish, which she sank after a battle in which 15 of the Clan MacTavish's men were killed. Previously, on January 10, she had captured and sunk the British steamship Farrington. Later on the same day she captured the British steamship Corbridge with a cargo of 6000 tons of coal.

British Transport Sunk

The British Admiralty transport Dromedary was in sight on January 13. She was captured and sunk. Before the day was over the raider had met and destroyed the British steamship Anchor and the Admiralty transport Trader. On the 15th the British steamship Ariadne crossed the raider's path and was sent to the bottom with her cargo of 5000 tons of wheat.

Next day, January 16, there appeared the biggest prize of all, the Appam, carrying 8000 tons of general merchandise, and, it is said, 25,000,000 in gold bullion. One or two shots were fired at the Appam, but there was no real fight.

British Flag Is Used

The Moeve flew the British ensign and exchanged salutes with the Appam. When she was close enough to cross the Appam's bow she ran up the German flag and lowered the false forecastle, disclosing her armament.

The Appam did not sight a single British or French man-of-war. She is said to have flown the British flag until she reached the three-mile limit. It is assumed here that the Moeve continued her depredations among the allies' shipping after the Appam separated from her, and officials would not be surprised if other vessels appear suddenly in some American port with prize crews in charge.

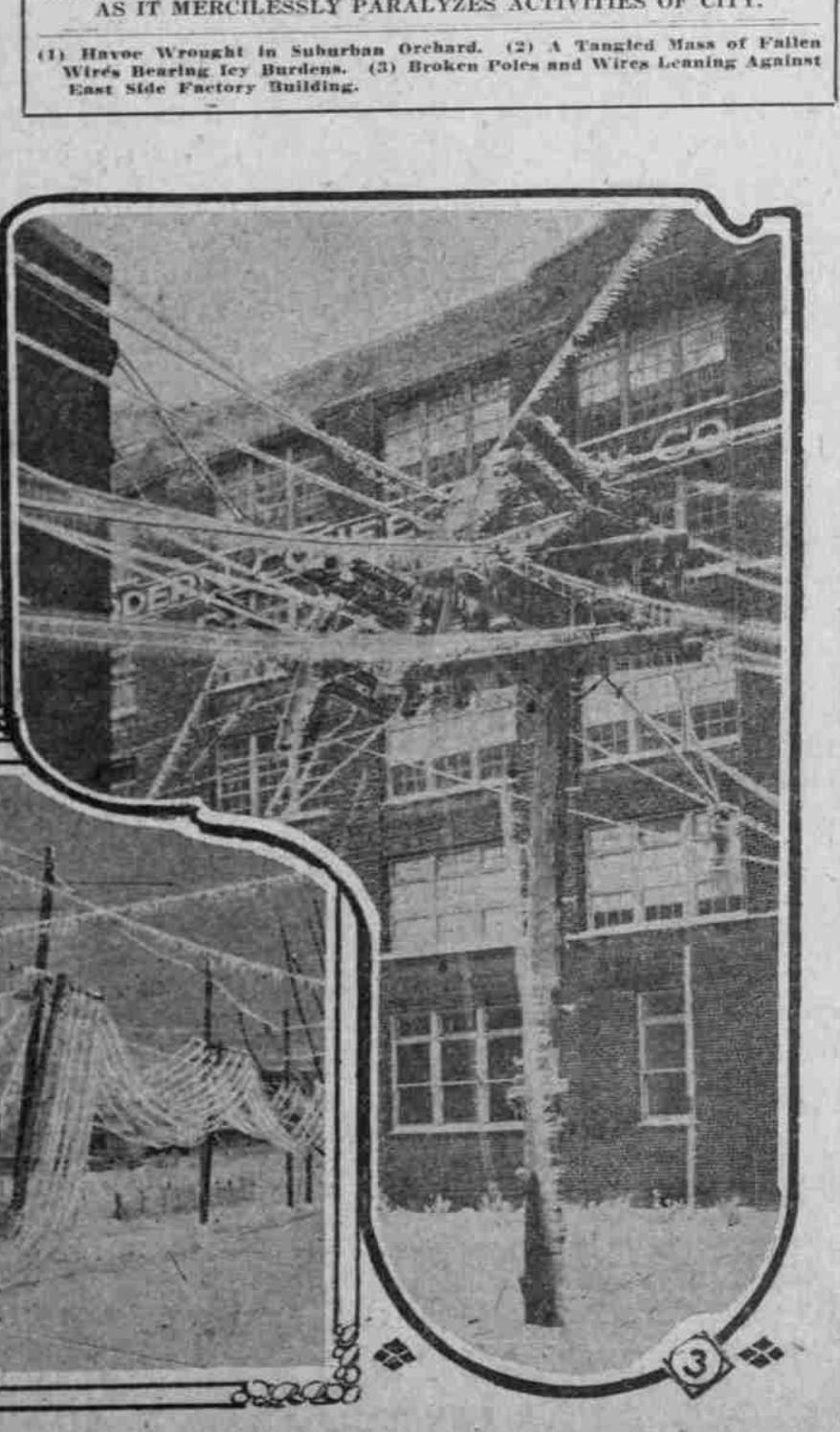
GERMANY FILES HER CLAIM

Contention Made That Appam Is Prize, Under Treaty Rule.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, today formally notified Secretary Lansing that Germany claims the Appam as a prize of war.

DESTRUCTIVE STORM PRESENTS MANY FANTASTIC FIGURES AS IT MERCILESSLY PARALYZES ACTIVITIES OF CITY.

(1) Haves Wrought in Suburban Orchard. (2) A Tangled Mass of Fallen Wires Bearing Icy Burdens. (3) Broken Poles and Wires Leaning Against East Side Factory Building.



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