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.

PRINCIPAL EFFECTS OF UN-PRECEDENTED STORM IN PORTLAND.

City absolutely cut off from entalds world. Lant telegraph wire to him Francisco went down at a evelock last night.

Train service to Kast suspended; in other directions hadly Electric lighting service in

large East Side district and he many other quarters destroyed by broken poins and wires. Streetours operated only at ir-

regular intervals. Company gives no assurance of regular acryles Thousands of telephone wires

in scattered sections of city are down. Marrison-street bridge open; man't be glessed; streeteny traffic

ever it impossible. Broadway bridge can't be tifted. No school teday and some like-

ly until normal conditions are

Damage from broken wires, poles and other property may run far into thousands of dollars. Continued winds and . 'd. but

Portland was paralyzed last night in the grip of the worst storm in its recorded history.

Yet the word "storm" does not express the situation adequately.

Wind, rain, sleet, snow, ice and flood-in fact, all the furies of which the midwinter elements are capablehave combined to make a plaything of the city and the people are utterly helpless while the strange phenomenon continues.

Higher Wind Predicted.

The weather bureau predicts a conticuation of cold and easterly winds with increased velocity during the next 12 to 24 hours

Some hope of relief can be taken, though, from the fact that the barometer is rising and that the precipitation may crase. But this optimistic view is dis-

counted somewhat by the knowledge of a falling thermometer, which threatens to continue an ley hold on the city.

Temperature Falls Steadily.

The temperature dropped steadily all day yesterday. It was 33-ene degree above freezing-early in the merning, but by 8 o'clock last night had reached 24.

The rainfall which had followed the sleet Tuesday night continued through the early morning, but by noon had turned to sleet again. Later in the day it came down in the form of ASSIST.

Lowering temperature froze the surface of the snow and slush that had covered the city for more than a week. By early last night a thick crust, sufficiently strong to bear the weight of a man, had formed over the answ covering all over town.

Wires Down on All Sides.

Streetcar and railway traffic is demoralized. Portland is entirely that off from rail communication

Even the taxicals were forced to suspend service last night.

Telephone and telegraph wires are down in all directions. But one wire was working between Portland and Sen Francisco last night, and that only intermittently. That was used by the Associated Press to transmit

its news service to The Oregonian. Electric light and telephone wires in all parts of the city are broken under the weight of an key covering Concluded on Page II, Column &J

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 asual bottle of milk this morning or any murning from now on until the storm quits. Dairymen of the city got together yesterday and decided among themselves not to attempt to make more retail deliveries ab present.

result of the horses and men of the dairies being entirely exhausted, many orses being hurt, the inability of the creameries to get milk from the shippers out of the city and because of the danger of traversing unlighted streets at night with the fangle of lige wires,

and the falling trees. The Willamette Dairy, the Independent, the Home, the City, the Poftland Pure Milk & Cream and the Damascus. the larger plants, adopted the plan at ence. Practically all of the smaller lealers 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, Houever, Not Apt to Get.

Glimpse of Phenomenon. The post'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 ecilpse of the sun due here at that

The almanae mays 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.

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 inmany miles of railway destroyed. The property demage has not yet been estimated.

MAN BURIED DEEP IN SNOW

Kenneth Cameron, on Snowshoes,

WALLA WALLA, Wash, Peb. 2-Kenneth Cameron, snowshoeing near Millon today, went too near the edge of a precipice, and slipping, fell over and is buried somewhere beneath the commission yesterday. anow, which is about 28 feet in depth. fort to find him.

STORM PARALYZES RAILROAD SERVICE

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

BANK EAST TIED UP

stores along our fines throughout the 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

Communication east of Portland already was cut off Tuesday, and service both north and south as well as west

of the city became impaired resterday. The atorm is the worst in the ble ory of the O.-W. R. & N. company. No allemnts were made last night to move trains. M. J. Buckley, general superintendent of the road, is in charge of the situation in the Columbia River gorge, where the difficulty is the worst. Last night be telegraphed headquarters in Portland that under the circumstances it would be dangerous to

move trains even were it possible. Service East Suspended.

Az a result all service on the O.-W. L & 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 startes eastward to take the places of eastbound LONDON, Feb. 2.—Cable dispatches trains that should have been started

tensified by the fallure of the telegraph 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 crews could find food and lodging.

The North Bank line between Portcommission yesterday. The storm on work at midnight, the lower Columbia is the worst that Captain Inskeep set the example of Business

Paris reporters find Colonel House a regular aphter. Page I.

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Prisoners on board Appam released. Page I.

Allies' plan is to publish enemy. Page T.

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Foreign. orway made richer by war. Page 4. National.

cenare committee strikes apology from Colombian treaty. Page 3. Vice-President casis deciding vote, and Philippine bill passes. Fage 2.
Wilcon says America must insist on its right to trade. Page 2.
Militas keeps up fight in Congress. Page 2.
Patents issued for \$71,622 acres under "innocent purchasers" act. Page 14.

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Pacific Northwest. Astoria naval base campaign is explained

Interest in hig military training camps is being aroused. Page 5. Two churches in Seattle collapse. Page I. Commercial and Marine.

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Portland and Vicinity.

Heraic effort made to maintain car and light service. Page 16.

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Telegraph service is practically demoralized and 200c phones are out. Page 10. Business closes early and employers sent to hotele as guests of amployers. Page 10. Furtiand prestrated by storm. Page 3. Crew at Bonneville hatchery is isolated.

STORM CAUSES ONE DEATH

Herbert H. Wild Exhausted by Battle With Elements.

on by fighting last night's storm was reported to the authorities when Herbert H. Wild, buyer for Wadhams & town district was killed when he los 4912 Seventy-third street South- his footing and fell to the ground early east, dropped dead at Anabel station tonight. He was fighting his way against the storm to his home

Beoming exhausted, Mr. Wild walked into Kelley's grocery store at Anabel today. The loss will be \$2009 or more station. He was attended by Dr. Oliver Many skylights were broken and awa-Clarke, but died soon after the physi- ings torn down. cian arrived. Coroner Dammasch took charge of the body,

POLICE SLEEP IN CELLS Captain Inskeep Sets Example for Men Who Live Far Out.

the city jail with prisoners, and who yesterday at the same hour. the train crews were holding the trains last night scrambled for cells in which and there was no possibility of street at stations where the passengers and to sleep. Many of the officers on the car service tonight except on the three land and Astoria also was put out of through the storm when they finished track.

Rescue parties are working in an efthat section has experienced in years steeping in jail, and his men were (Concluded on Page 3, Column 3.)

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TWO CHURCHES IN SEATTLE COLLAPSE

Snow Two Feet Deep in President Wilson's Envoy as Im-- I of O Library St. Nov.16 Downtown D:

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., Fch. 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 of the Wild Horse region, has abanaccumulated during the last 48 hours. inder the dome when it fell, but the bled by the birds preying on lambs. nass of snew-covered wreckage which fell into the nave of the cathedral was Gervais wired half a stick of dynaso great that the authorities were unable to say definitely soon after the and turned the captive loose. Sticks accident whether there were any casualties. The damage to the edifice was the roof of his log barn, where it

estimated at not less than \$50,000. Christian Church Collapses.

The roof of the West Seattle Chris tian Church, at West Genesee street and Forty-second avenue, Southwest, col-One death due to exhaustion brought lapsed under the weight of snow A man shoveling snow from the roof of a six-story building in the down-

> The grandstands on Denny Athletic Field at the University of Washington collapsed under the burden of snow

Snow Dountown Two Feet Deep. Seattle and deeper in the suburbs.

lnow has been falling almost unceasingly for two days and later this evening it appeared there would be con tinuation of the fall all tonight. temperature was 28 degrees at 4 this

A northeast wind drifted the snow

DESTRUCTIVE STORM PRESENTS MANY FANTASTIC FIGURES

AS IT MERCILESSLY PARALYZES ACTIVITIES OF CITY.

COLONEL HOUSE IS REGULAR SPHINX

PARIS STAR REPORTERS "FALL

Newspapers Describe Discretion of penetrable and Admirable.

PARIS, Feb. 2.-The Paris press comments on the discretion of Colonel 2, M. House, which is described as be-

ing impenetrable and admirable.
The Excelsior publishes an article on Colonel House and uses as an illustration for it a composite photograp of the Colonel and the Sphinx. It head he article, "A Sphinx in a Soft Hat. It says that the most experienced in terviewers admit that Mr. Wilson's enoy has baffled them as they had never been baffled before.

All of them had to ask him to con firm or deny the phrase attributed to him by the Berliner Tageblatt to the effect that his love for Germany grows AUSTRALIAN SHIP FIGHTS greater every time he visits it. The questioners obtained no satisfaction, bu admit that in view of their own expe rience they do not believe for a monent that he committed himself to that

EAGLE DYNAMITES BARN

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

SUTHERLIN, Or., Feb. 2 .- (Special.) -Ike Gervais, a rancher and hunter doned a sure method of exterminating As far as known no one was caught the American eagle. He has been trou-Catching an eagle in a steeltrap, Mr. mite to the bird's foot, lighted the fuse and profanity failed to dislodge it from

alighted. The roof disappeared in a cloud of smoke and feathers.

WALLA WALLA LIGHTS OUT time

Storm Wrecks Power Plant Flume Halting Streetear Traffic.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 2.-(Special.)—Heavy fall of snow con-tinued all day today at Walla Walla and vicinity and tonight Walla Walla story today, is in darkness, streetcars are unable to run and business is generally paralyzed as a result of the storm's wreck ing the flume of the local power plant. Transportation in the city is further eet deep in the downtown district of affected by inability of taxicabs to operate through the snowdrifts. All immediately after they took possession trains are far behind schedules. of the boat. The Appam's commander.

SUGAR BEET SEED COMING

Policemen who ordinarily try to fill afternoon, or four degrees lower than Britain Promises to Permit Early up. Shipment From Rotterdam.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Great Brit- migration Inspector Morton today first night relief live far out on the cable lines, which kept cars in motion ain today promised the United States aboard the Appam. Morton immedi-East Side, and dreaded a walk home to prevent snow gathering on the to permit the prompt transportation ately served written notice on Lieufrom Rotterdam of a large quantity of The other car service was almost 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.

PRISONERS ABOARD APPAM ARE LANDED

Permission Is Given by Washington.

STORY OF VOYAGE IS TOLD

Bombs Set by Prize Crew to Forestall Uprising.

Fifteen Men on Board Clan McTavish Killed Before She Surrens ders-Appam Has \$2,500,-000 in Bullion in Cargo.

OLD POINT COMFORT, Va., Fe's, 2. On receipt of permission from Washington today for the landing of all passengers of the British liner Appam and the crews of the seven other British ships which fell victims to the German sea raider, arrangements were made for Sir E. Merri-wether and wife, F. S. James, the purser of the Appam, and the captains of the vessels sunk by the Appam's captor to land here immediately.

Prince Hatzfeldt, counsellor of the German embassy at Washington, said. after his interview with Lieutenant Berg today, that the Appam was captured by the Moewe. He declined to tell the location of the Moewe at this

Vessel Lined With Bombs.

How the captured British steamer Appam was lined with bombs which could be touched off by the German prize crew at any sign of an uprising among her 400 captives was told by persons on the ship to Quarantine Officer McCaffery, and he related the

"According to stories told me by passengers," said McCaffery, "many bombs are planted about the ship and all of them can be exploded by the touching of a secret button. The bembs were placed by the Germans Captain Harrison, and the other English officers, were warned that any attempt to overpower the prize crew would result in the ship being blown

American Citizens on Board.

A naturalized American citizen, G Tagliaferri, was discovered by Imtenant Berg to release him. Berg made no response and Morton reported the case to Washington.

Tagliaferri was naturalized in Eureka County, Nevada. He had been in Eccompe mining gold and was on his way home via England. He had not made known to Lieutenant Berg that he was an American citizen, but he produced his second naturalization papers when Inspector Morton appeared.

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 Islanda. The Moewe, which made the capture, then had on board the crews of five other previousy captured British vessels. All these

vere transferred to the Appam. The Moewe encountered on January 7 the Australian trader Clan Mac-Tavish, which she sank after a battle in which 15 of the Clan MacTavish's men were killed. Previously, on January 15, she had captured and sunk the British steamship Farringford, 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 Dromonby hove in sight on January 13 She was captured and synk. Before the day was over the raider had met and destroyed the British steamship Authar and the Admirally 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, \$2,500,000 in gold bullion. One or two shots were fired at the Appam, but there was no

British Flug Is Used. The Moewe 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 Moewe continued her depredations among

would not be surprised if other ves-sels appear suddenly in some Ameri-can port with prize crews in charge.

the allies' shipping after the Appam

separated from her, and officials

Contention Made That Appam Is

GERMANY FILES HER CLAIM

Prize, Inder Treaty Rule. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.-Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, today formally notified Secretary Lan-

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