Worst Winter in Decade Is Cause of Brittle Rails, Wrecks and Delays.

#### FREIGHT TRAFFIC STOPPED

Sidings of Western Yards Full of Trains Delayed by Late Passenger Service-Pullman Equipment Is Also Held Back.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—(Special.) — Railroads in the West, Northwest and in the Central States are experiencing the greatest difficulty of years in operating their trains. Conditions which exist now have not been equalled during any Winter for the past decade.

The troubles of the operating men seem prevalent everywhere. In Chicago passenger trains from all directions arrive from five from two hours to one-half day

rive from five hours to one-half day late, and in a few instances trains be-came so late they were abandoned be-fore reaching the terminal.

#### Many Wrecks Cause Fear.

To make matters worse, the difficult operating conditions which have arisen

operating conditions which have arisen have been accompanied by a long series of wrecks on the various railroads, which have resulted in arousing apprehension everywhere. For most of these wrecks the sudden coid snap is being held responsible by the railroad men, as the marked drop in temperature causes the rails to become brittle.

Within the territory limits of Chicago the operation of trains is made exceedingly difficult by reason of the coid and the snoke. Early in the morning suburban trains are compelled to crawl into the stations, the engine crews unsable to see the signals at times on account of the low-hanging smoke. count of the low-hanging smoke,

#### Freight Traffic Tied in West.

Throughout the West freight traffle is Throughout the West freight traine is more or less paralyzed. In an effort to get passenger trains over the road the operating men have been compelled to sidetrack freight everywhere for a long period. The result is that all the sidings period.

many sections the sudden extreme oldd has been followed by a heavy fall of snow, which has drifted and thus blocked traffic in many places for hours. In Chicago the operating men on the various roads have been working day and night in the hope of clearing up the lines and getting traffic moving normally.

#### Steam Will Not Generate.

Passenger trains cannot get out of Chl-cago on time, because of the non-arrival of Fullman equipment which is in use on dejayed trains.

Railroad men say one of the greatest causes of delay is the difficulty of steaming engines during severe cold. Another cause is the difficulty of operating coal clustes, trains often being delayed from 20 minutes to one-half hour in securing coal or vector. coal or water

COLD SNAP BRINGS WOE

North, East and Southwest Are Hit by Stiff Blizzard.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Coming from off toward Medicine Hat, that Pandorns box of the Weather Bureau, Jack Prest today swept from the Rockies to the Great Laken, leaving death and suffering in his path, with the coldest weather of the Winter.

Thirty degrees below zero at Lander, Wyo., 13 degrees below at Denver, 10 degrees below at St. Paul, 19 degrees below at New Hichmond, Wis., and 1 degree below in Chicago were the figures set down in the log book of the weather experts.

Two deaths were caused in the vicinity of Chicago directly by the cold snap. More than 20 persons were injured in a wrock resulting from cold twisted rails on the Burlington road near Chicago. Suffering among the poor of the large cities was brought to a pinching climax. The dead were Joseph Jones. It years old, found freezing at Hammond, Ind., who died before he could be revived, and haml Berndt, "trusty" inmats of the State Hospital for Insane, at Elgin, who wandered from the hospital grounds. His frozen body was found a mile south of Elgin.

But the West and Northwest were not the only sections of the country to suffer. The worst willzard known in years swept from Texas through Arkansas, Mississippl and Tennessee. Three inches of snow fell at Memphis, and the storm was aggravated by high wind. Northern Mexico and New Mexico experienced a snowfall of four inches.

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Inches.

By way of comparison, Amarillo, Texus, was 42 degrees colder than San Francisco; New Orleans was 12 degrees colder, and Memphis, Tenn., 24 degrees colder, Jacksonville, Fla., was the only spot warmer than San Francisco—and that by only four degrees—but the entire Gulf coast country is in for a visitation by the cold wave. Two men were frozen to death at El Paso, Texas. Because of severe cold and snow the races were called off at and show the races were called off at Juares, Mex. On the Great Lakes, 34 sallors are frozen in with the steamer in St. Clair Finis and a tug full of res-cuers has been lost sight of. It is feared both parties have perished.

#### TABERNACLE MUST BE SOLD

High School and Presbyterians to Bid for Lumber.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 13.—(Special).—The tabernacle built last Spring at a cost of \$150 by the Methodist, Presbysterian, Haptist and Christian churches in order to provide a building in which to order to provide a building in which to conduct special revival services under the auspices of these four churches and which was capable of reating 2500 persons, will be sold tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, at public auction to the highest bidder. There are \$4.000 feet of lumber in it and the lumber was put in with bolts instead of nails so that the building might be forn down and the lumber sold.

e high school will bid on the building to get the lumber to erect a play shed, and the Presbyterians wish to buy it that they may use the material in constructthey may use the material in constructing a new chapel on Vancouver Heights.

### ROOSEVELT IN NEW FIELD

Ex-President Off for Uganda, on Second Stage of Exploration.

NAIROBI, British East Africa, Dec. 18.

termed the second stage of its journey into the interior of Africa. The objective point is Gondokero, Uganda, which it is expected will be reached on February 17. Colonel Roosevelt and his associates received, a cordial send-off as they boarded the train at noon for Kisumu. Arriving at that point tomorrow, the party will board the steamer Clement Hill and cross Victoria Nyanza to Enterbe.

with the passage of the lake, the Americans will have left behind them British East Africa and entered the Uganda Protectorate, the most interesting field of their explorations, All were in the best of health when they set forth today in search of new conquests. At Entebbe, Colonel Rooseconquests. At Entenbe, Colonel Roose-velt and Kermit will be entertained at the home of the Governor, proceeding on Tuesday by motor car to Kampala, at the head of the lake, where they will re-join the others of the party, who, is the meantime, will have arrived at that place by steamer.

At Kampals the hunt will be organized and on December 22 the invasion that will bring them into the province of the

## GIRL DELVES, 2 HELD

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18 .- Accused of murder in the first degree, in connection with the death last July of W. J. Erder, Dr. Loren B. Doxey, of Columbus, Neb., and his wife, Dora E. Doxey, are tonight held in the City Jail.

Dr. Doxey's formal incarceration followed the issuance of bench warrants against him and his wife on the application of the Circuit Attorney's office. The end of the grand jury's activities in the case was revealed by the action of the

Miss Kate Erder, sister of the dead man, asserted her efforts to solve the mystery of her brother's death will not

rease.

"I will do all in my power to furnish evidence needed by the prosecution," said Miss Erder. "When I first reported the case to the police I was told that the burden of proof was on me. I have produced the proof thus far, and I will still take part in the case."

The information upon which Mrs. Doxey was brought here from Nebraska recently charged that poison was given to Erder in his food. The Circuit Attorney asserts that evidence will be produced to show that Dr. Doxey was in communication with Mrs. Doxey, while she, according to the charges, was ministering to Erder's wife.

#### BUSINESS MEN CO-OPERATE East Side Club Works for Speedy

The East Side Business Men's Club will The East Side Business Men's Club will co-operate with the people of the North East Side in securing the speedy erection of the Broadway Bridge, and will join with the Nogth East Side Improvement Association in its demand that the Port of Portland give the preliminary plans early consideration. C. A. Bigelow, president of the club, said yesterday: "I shall be glad to lend the North Hast Side people all the assistance I can give, and the Business Men's Club will back

Erection of Broadway Bridge.

Side people all the assistance I can give, and the Business Men's Club will back up the effort for a prompt hearing and approval of the preliminary plans. It is ridiculous that the project should be held up by individuals or the commission, when the people voted for the erection of the bridge and authorized the bonds by a large majority. The bridge bught to be built as promptly as possible."

Mr. Bige.ow said he would go with the North East Side Improvement Association before the Port of Portland when the hearing is held, and appointed the following also to attend the hearing: State Senator Dan Kellaher, George Dilworth, O. El Heintz and George A. Atchley.

O. E. Heintz and George A. Atchley.

#### LOWER GRAIN RATES, AIM

Company Organized to Build Ele-

### LANDMARK IS DESTROYED

Famous McMeekon Place Goes Up in Flames.

HARRISBURG, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)

—The farm house occupied by Jack Coleman and family and owned by R. K. Burton was destroyed by fire this aft-

ernoon.
This was one of the old landmarks, known as the McMeekon place, located a short distance north of here.

#### MENELIK REPORTED DEAD

No Confirmation of Rumor Is Received in Rome.

ROME, Dec. 18.-A rumor was circulated here today that King Menelik of Abyssinia was dead but no confirmation has come.
The latest dispatches from Abyesinia, dated December 12 merely announce the illness of the King.

## SATOLLI SUFFERS RELAPSE

Weakness Marked and Fatal End Is Beared.

ROME, Dec. 18.—Cardinal Satelli has suffered a severe relapse from pephritis. Extreme weakness has been marked and the is often delirious. The doctors fear

#### Flax Reaches Record Price.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 18—Flax went to a bushel on the grain market here today, a record price. According to the Government's estimate. Minnesota and the Dakotas raised 25,000,000 bushels of this get it today in usual liquid form or -The American nunting and scientific grain this year

Illinois Wreck.

#### INJURIES ARE NOT SERIOUS

Mrs. Bernard Eschelbacher Receives Bruised Knee, and Frank Bishon Is Injured on Head and Body. Victims Given Aid.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.-More than 20 goods. ersons were injured, but none killed, when the Oriental Limited on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad was wrecked by a "snake" rail near Western Springs, Ill., at 4:30 A. M.

It is supposed a rall, split by the intense cold, threw the heavy limited off the track. Part of it plunged down an embankment about 15 feet high. The whole train leaped the track and plowed along the ties for more than 100 yards. Three sleepers broke their couplings rolled down the embankment and turned on their sides; the two day coaches swung sideways across the track, and the engine and baggage car straddled one rail.

Most of the injured were from the Northwest. Among them are: Injured Are From Northwest.

Mrs. O. A. Lovall, wife of O. A. Lovall, a mining engineer of Wilmer, B. C., se-erely injured.

Mrs. Bernard Eschelbacher, of Portland,

Or., knee injured.
K. L. Lane, of Seattle, body bruised and Mrs. J. P. Payseur and son, of Seattle, both cut and bruised.
S. R. Steine, of Spokane, head and face

W. Klisby, of Spokane, collarbone Frank Bishop, of Portland, Or., side njured, head and body bruised. B. E. Johnson, Spokane, Wash., back

Edward Strout, Seattle, Wash., scalp wound and hands cut. Chester Thorne, Tacoma, Wash., body

Crowded Day Coach Stays on Track.

Although the temperature was near zero, the passengers suffered little from the cold, as relief was prompt and the passengers were able to dress before leaving the cars, notwithstanding that the coaches were in the ditch. At the scene of the wreck the embankment is comparatively low. Had the broken rail been 50 yards west, the cars might have been recipitated 25 feet into a deep ditch.
There were some 50 passengers in th
orward or day coach, which was no
verturned, and there were 30 occupant

overturned, and there were 30 occupants of the sleeping cars which were overturned. The broken rail, torned by railroaders a "snake rail," instead of pletcing one of the cars and carrying death with it, coiled up beneath the cars and was in a confused tangle beneath the was in a contased tangle beneath the second car when the cars swing across the tracks and stopped. The overturned sleepers were stripped of their trucks as they rolled down the embankment and windows and doors were shattered. Physiclans were summoned, a relief train was made up and a quick run to Chicago was

Injured Rushed to Hospitals.

Scarcely a passenger on the train escaped injuries, and as the relief train neared the city, the injured persons, recovering from the shock of the accident, became more aware of their burts. The more severely injured were taken to

LOCAL WOMAN'S HURT SLIGHT

Mrs. Eschelbacher Gets Wrenched Knee; Son and Friend Escape.

Mrs. Bernard Eschelbacher, injured in the Illinois train wreck, is the wife of a saloonkeeper, at 135 Sixth street North Mrs. Eschelbacher and her 4-year-old son Mrs. Eschelbacher and her 4-year-old son were en route to Chicago to visit Mrs. Eschelbacher's mother. Benjamin Bender, an old man, a friend of the Eschelbachers, left Portland on the same train with the intention of visiting relatives in Ohlo. He lives in University Park.

A telegram received by Mr. Eschelbacher yesterday morning from his wife says she sustained a wrenched knee, the injury not being regarded as serious. Mr. Bender and the little Eschelbacher boy escaped injury. escaped injury.

FIVE DEAD, RESULT OF WRECK

Ten Others Injured in Accident in Cleveland Yards.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18 .- Five persons

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18.—Five persons are dead as the result of a collision between a Lake Shore passenger train and a switch engine at East Twenty-sixth street, early today. Ten passengers were injured.

The passenger train was No. 1, west bound from New York, and connects here with the Big Four Railway for St. Louis. Four of the dead were members of the train crew. The dead are:

H. L. Adams, of Collinwood, engineer of the passenger train.

Frank Swales, fireman switch engine.
John Frank, switchman.

John Frank, switchman. W. J. Burns, engineer switch engine. Unknown man. Unknown man.
Jacob Carrier, Buffalo, fireman on
the passenger train, was scalded and
is in a serious condition.
Papers on the body of the unidentified man contained the name of C.

Hasher.

The collision occurred within sight of the Union Station. Snow was falling, and it is believed that the red light which the railroad men say was displayed was obscured.

While crossing from one track to another the control of the control

white crossing from one track to another the switch engine was hit diagonally. The crew of the switch engine was pinned beneath the wreckage. The passenger engine turned over, carrying its crew underneath. rying its crew underheath.

Several Vassar girls, on their way home for the Christmas holidays, were among the passengers, and they entered the work of giving temporary aid

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to the injured. Not one of the girls

Broken Rail Ditches Train.

EAST LAS VEGAS, N. M., Dec. 18 .-Eastbound passenger train No. 8 on the Santa Fe was wrecked early this mornng near Fulton, N. M., 55 miles west of here, by a broken rail. Although three cars plunged down a steep embankment into a ditch, where they turned over, no one was killed or seriously injured. The scape of the passengers and trainmen is considered marvelous, and the first re-ports from the wreck were that many had been killed. The broken rail was due, it is believed, to the intense cold that prevailed last night in the moun-

Hoodoo Follows Train No. 8.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.-The Santa Fe having hard luck with its No. 8 trains. The No. 8 wrecked near Fulton, N. M. today, left this city on Thursday, the day on which the preceding No. 8 was ditched in Arizona, with the loss of one life and the injury of many passengers. It is the regular enstbound passenger train carrying tourist cars.

Thirty Reported Hurt in Minnesota. MONTICELLO, Minn., Dec 18.-Thirty persons were reported injused in a Great Northern train wreck near here tonight.

#### LYNCH IS MADE PRESIDENT

(Continued From First Page.) know the game about as well as any one tion. The public, the players and the um pires will get nothing but a square deal from me, and everything will be above board and open to the newspapers.

'I want to add that I refused to take the presidency until I was assured that my old friend Heydler, whom I broke in as an umpire, was to be elected secretary and treasurer as I could not restary and treasurer as I could not restary and treasurer.

tary and treasurer, as I could not get along without him." Heydler's speech was laudatory of Lynch as an umpire and then several old-time baseball reporters made old-time baseball reporters made speeches tauding the new president. "Pop" Anson, whom Charles W. Mur-phy had brought from Chicago, believ-ing he would be elected, remained at the Waldorf to the last and then departed, silent but sorely disappointed.

Limit of Players Changed.

that no club may carry more than 25 ment during that period. His honesty players during the "playing season" and fairness became a byword with fans, caused some confusion. The magnates did not specify the dates of the "playing season." President Ebbetts, however, declared "the playing season" would be from May 10 to August 20, and that the

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select from.

for Christmas.

on your suit or overcoat.

#### Lynch Famed as Umpire.

#### Will Play 168 Games.

schedule committee to prepare a 168-game schedule for 1919. The National and American Leagues will confer on the schedule, so as to avoid, as much as posto 1901, with one or two years of retirement during that period. His honesty and fairness became a byword with the state of the state o

Pupils Give Recital.

resolution would permit clubs to carry not more than 35 players from August 50 to May 10. Before May 10 and after August 20 the clubs are usually trying out new players and their staffs are larger. The American League adopted a similar resolution, but it specifically staffs to August 20 to August 20 to August 20 the clubs are usually trying out new players and their staffs are larger. The American League adopted a similar resolution, but it specifically betts, who are now left in the minority.

Beals at her home, 156 North Sixteenth street, last night. The following purples took part: Mrs. Risley, Mrs. Nichechange, however, alters the complexion of the board because Brush is expected to the substitution of John T. Brush, of New York, for President Dovey, of the Boston club. The plis took part: Mrs. Risley, Mrs. Nichechange, however, alters the complexion of the board because Brush is expected to the substitution of John T. Brush, of New York, for President Dovey, of the Boston club. The plus took part: Mrs. Risley, Mrs. Nichechange, however, alters the complexion of the board because Brush is expected to the plus took part: Mrs. Risley, Mrs. Nichechange, however, alters the complexion of the board because Brush is expected to the substitution of John T. Brush, of New York, for President Dovey, of the Boston club. The plus took part: Mrs. Risley, Mrs. Nichechange, however, alters the complexion of the board because Brush is expected to the plus took part: Mrs. Risley, Mrs. Nichechange, however, alters the complexion of the board because Brush is expected to the clubs are usually trying out new players and their staffs are larger. The American League adopted a plus took part: Mrs. Risley, Mrs. Nichechange, however, alters the complexion of the board because Brush is expected to the plus took part: Mrs. Risley, Mrs. Nichechange, however, alters the complexion of the board because Brush is expected to the plus took part: Mrs. Risley, Mrs. Nichechange, however, alters the complexion of the board because Brush is exp

### The National League has directed its SWITCHMEN GET \$5 A DAY

Strikebreakers Recruited in Los Angeles for Northwest Points.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18 .- Many strikewest, where the switchmen are on strike According to a local labor agent, 148 men have been sent North in three weeks, The strikebreakers go directly to Port-An enjoyable song recital was given land. They contract here for \$6 a day by the pupils of Mrs. Edward Alden until the strike is broken.

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