

THREE STATES IN GRASP OF STORM

Winnipeg to South Illinois Crippled.

COAL FAMINE IS IMMINENT

Seven Inches of Snow Covers Vast Zone, Traffic Halts.

MICHIGAN SUFFERS MOST

Omaha and Lincoln, Neb., Annual All Trains—Chicago's Condition Critical—Intense Cold Predicted—Wires Down.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The entire West and Northwest from Winnipeg, Man., to the lower tier of Illinois counties, along the Ohio River, are hard and fast in the grip of the storm king. An average of seven inches of snow blankets all this vast territory, crippling all transportation lines, bringing intense suffering to the poor, making acute the coal famine which menaces Chicago and other big cities and reducing supplies of all kinds because the railroads cannot transport farm products to the cities.

Sharper Storm Predicted.

The snow began falling at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon and has been coming down steadily ever since. The temperature, which averaged about 30 degrees, is falling rapidly and the predictions are for intensely cold weather before Sunday night. Reports late tonight indicate that the storm is spreading out toward the south, the wet, heavy snow seriously crippling telegraph and telephone communication and delaying railroad trains.

Streetcar System Blocked.

Omaha and Lincoln, Neb., report streetcar traffic at a standstill and railroads, unable to move trains except at a snail's pace, have annulled all regular passenger trains, leaving them to get through on the best schedule possible. To get passenger trains through, no freight trains are leaving the terminals.

Coal Famine Faced.

It became apparent three days ago that the supply would run short and every railroad tapping Illinois and Indiana coal fields had made arrangements to take advantage of the double holiday to rush a big supply to this and other cities. With the roads bending every effort to get passenger trains through the snow, however, the moving of freight was absolutely out of the question, and the large supply of coal waiting to be moved still remains on the sidetracks.

Ferry Frozen in Lake Ice

Railroad Passengers at Detroit Wait Till Way is Chopped.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 25.—Six coaches of Christmas travelers on the Canadian Pacific's Chicago-Toronto train are stalled in the Detroit River, aboard the company's car ferry Michigan, which has been (Concluded on Page 3.)

TELEPHONE'S CALL UNITÉ'S BROTHERS

SEPARATED FOR 20 YEARS, THEY MEET BY CHANCE.

Long Distance Call Renews Youthful Memories, and They Hurry to Meet by Train.

DENVER, Dec. 25.—Charles H. and John W. Harrison, brothers, who had not seen or heard of each other for 20 years were strangely reunited here today through a chance telephone call.

More than 20 years ago, when 12 years old, Charles Harrison ran away from his home at Lawrence, Kan. He drifted to Colorado and became a successful mining proprietor. In the meantime, John W. Harrison settled in Wyoming and became one of the construction engineers in the Union Pacific service. Today, Charles H. Harrison went to the office of Attorney Krump on legal business and while he was there the telephone rang.

XMAS RIFLE KILLS TOT

Boy Brushes Dirt Off Gun, Playmate Shot Through Heart.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Harold McLean, 9 years old, son of Mrs. William McLean, was accidentally shot through the heart this afternoon by a companion, Roy Salter, of Pasadena, as the two boys were starting on a duck hunt near Peckley Station. Death came instantly.

JESSE JAMES HUNTER DIES

J. D. Warren, Veteran Who Pursued Outlaws Passes at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—J. D. Warren, who was in the service of the United States Government for several years hunting Jesse James and his brothers, died today of old age at the residence of his son-in-law, County Assessor Fallsback.

GRIEF KILLING TWOMBLEY

Vanderbilt's Brother-in-Law Dying in East From Heart Disease.

MADISON, N. J., Dec. 25.—Oxygen was resorted to today to prolong the life of Hamilton McK. Twombley, brother-in-law of W. K. Vanderbilt, who is critically ill here with heart disease. Little hope is held out for his recovery.

BODY BLOW GIVEN C.O.D. LIQUOR SALES

Express Concerns Must Stop Collecting.

"JOHN DOE" TRADE ALSO HIT

Stiff Interstate Liquor Law Effective With New Year.

MEASURE WORK OF "DRYS"

All Packages of Liquors Shipped Into Prohibition States Must Be Addressed to Bona Fide Consignees, Says Code.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 25.—On and after January 1, 1910, the importation of liquor into prohibition states must be carried on openly and above board. No longer may the user of whiskey, beer or wine import for his own use any of these drinkables unless the package in which they are shipped is plainly marked on the cover, showing the nature and extent of the liquid contents.

Agents May Not Collect.

Sections 23, 25 and 26 of the penal code, which becomes effective on the first of January, impose new restrictions upon the interstate shipment of liquor, and while applicable to shipments from any state or territory to any other state or territory, or from a foreign country to any state or territory, are chiefly important in that they bear upon shipments into prohibition states. Not only do these sections of the code require the plain marking of packages containing liquor, but they put an end to the practice of express and freight agents acting as collectors for liquor dealers, and also put a stop to anonymous shipments, and do away with the C. O. D. liquor trade, all of which practices have been effective barriers to the successful enforcement of state prohibition laws.

No "John Doe" Shipments.

Another section provides that "any officer, agent or employe of any railroad company, express company or other common carrier who shall knowingly deliver or cause to be delivered to any person other than the consignee, unless upon the written order in each instance of the bonafide consignee, or to any fictitious person, or to any person under a fictitious name, any such liquor as just described when shipped from one state to another, shall be fined not more than \$500, or imprisoned for not more than two years, or both.

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Greatest struggle in history expected between Scates and his associates. Section 1, page 1. James A. Patten, heavily short of corn, with market price at 12 cents, makes strenuous effort to force prices down. Section 1, page 1. Marriage of Edward George Meyer to Mrs. Lotan, ex-hotel clerk, provokes his family. Section 1, page 1. Portland real estate man, traveling to wedding on delayed train, converses bride with man in room. Section 1, page 5. Sports. Six out of 14 complete first Christmas swim in Willamette. Section 4, page 6. Bleacher patrons want big effort. Section 4, page 6. Hill Military Academy lays plans for 1910 football season. Section 4, page 6. Multnomah Club soccer team beats Crickets. Section 4, page 6. Teams tied for first in indoor baseball contests. Section 4, page 7. Monty Attal due in Portland today. Section 4, page 7. Ketchel goes home for needed rest at holidays. Section 4, page 7. Intercollegiate football picked; practice begins in earnest. Section 2, page 2. Aberdeen would take over Portland North-Western. Section 2, page 2. Jetties and dikes along coast near here in vaudeville. Section 2, page 2. Pat Sheedy, tourist gambler, is a victim of a robbery. Section 2, page 2. Oldfield sets new record for mile. Section 2, page 2. California League to meet soon. Section 4, page 7. Fight in National League will prove boon. Section 4, page 7. Automobile News. All space taken for big auto show and opening of National League for auto races. Section 4, page 4. Fund for Mount Hood road grows continually. Section 4, page 4. Auto dealers of Coast protest increase of freight rates. Section 4, page 4. Pacific Northwest. Klammath people see chance for early opening of Indian reservation. Section 1, page 7. Only hotel in Salsop burns, leaves severely damaged. Section 1, page 5. Two strongest National banks in Seattle close. Section 4, page 4. Spokane Republicans propose mass convention to pick Congressional candidate. Section 1, page 7. Unknown man in Butte shoots two at midnight. Section 1, page 5. Shipper avoids accident by his timely wire. Section 1, page 5. Real Estate and Building. Hill's purchase of terminal property biggest deal in week. Section 4, page 8. Men paying plans for East side streets. Section 4, page 8. Irvington shows surprising number of new houses. Section 4, page 8. Demand for sites for homes in future of Irvington. Section 4, page 8. Tract of 800 acres of wheat land in Morrow County being sold. Section 4, page 9. Piedmont restricts new homes to those of better class. Section 4, page 9. Large factories on Peninsula insure big payroll. Section 4, page 9. Building permits for month go far ahead of December. Section 4, page 9. Paving on Hawthorne avenue attracts betwixt Portland boosters out with demands for paving. Section 4, page 9. C. E. Kerrell favors plan for civic center. Section 4, page 10. Artistic home of Mrs. Mildred Powers on Council street finished. Section 4, page 10. Good apartment-houses being built in Nob Hill district. Section 4, page 10. Hotel to be built at 74th and Washington streets. Section 4, page 10. Oregon Commandery No. 1, Knights Templars, drink Christmas toasts. Section 3, page 2. Santa Claus visits everybody in Portland. Section 1, page 9. Offense pattern in plain clothes, shoots down man in Salsop row. Section 1, page 4. Italian sinks dagger into bartender in row over 5 cents. Section 1, page 4. Rev. E. A. De Vennis receives no visit from Christ as he expected, and flees. Section 1, page 4. Acting Municipal Judge Langbehn to have woman thief returned to city for trial. Section 1, page 4. Brigadier-General Maas to review militia Wednesday. Section 2, page 2. Canal to connect Flores Lake, Harney County and Pacific Ocean. Section 3, page 2. Rev. Father Thompson, in sermon at St. Mary's Cathedral, denounces faith in miracles. Section 2, page 8. News of the drama in Portland. Section 4, page 3. State Game and Forestry Warden Stevenson in annual report complains of legal inability to export game, fine on hand for hateries. Section 2, page 8. Commercial Club prepares to elect officers. Section 1, page 8.

RAILROAD CONFLICT SEEMS TO IMPEND

Labor and Capital May Clash on Wages.

HIGHER RATES MAY RESULT

Roads Say They Can't Pay More on Present Earnings.

PEOPLE MAY DECIDE ISSUE

Government Control Is Important Factor in Problem—Roads Would Welcome Federal Rate-Making With Guaranty.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Some members of the Interstate Commerce Commission and many railroad officials believe they can see rapidly approaching one of the severest contests between labor and capital in recent history. This does not necessarily mean that railroad men generally are expecting big strikes in the labor world. Such strikes, however, are always among the possibilities when labor and capital clash. It is firmly believed by the railroad men that this struggle will be begun by the railroad labor organizations, will rapidly spread to other lines of work and may eventually result in a complete readjustment of industrial conditions.

Higher Wages, Higher Living.

The situation with respect to railroad labor is unique in the history of this or any other country. Never before has labor enjoyed such high wages. During the recent periods of great prosperity wages in the railroad field have mounted very high. As a result, labor men have become accustomed to living on an entirely different plane from formerly. They are living in better neighborhoods, are dressing better, are educating their families, and altogether are taking a different view of life.

Roads Say Rates Must Rise.

They say, however, that they would be willing to increase wages if they could do so without menace to the property entrusted to their care. They say, with some show of reason, that it is impossible for railroads to continue to absorb the increased cost of living on behalf of their employees and at the same time stand the increased cost of all material and everything which enters into the operation and maintenance of a railroad. The point has been reached, they insist, where railroads must receive more for the transportation services if they are to continue increasing wages. Upon this platform the railroads say they must stand firmly.

Ballots May Solve Problem.

What will be the result of the position assumed by the railroads? None can answer this query, but the railroad and financial worlds are rife with speculation regarding the outcome. In the end, it is generally believed, the people at the ballotbox will have to settle the question.

COTTON PLUNGER OUTDOES SULLY

SCALES OF TEXAS, ONCE IN PAWN, NOW MILLIONAIRE.

Avoiding Pitfalls, "Big Four" Is Reported to Have Netted \$15,000,000 a Year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—From pawn tickets to millions in less than two years is the story in brief of E. G. Scates, of Texas, and the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, one of the most daring and successful operators of the century in the cotton market.

"TRAMP" PAYS OLD SCORE

Timely Aid Seven Years Ago Brings \$500 Gift to Brakeman.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Seven years ago James L. Harvey, now a Rio Grande switchman here, was brakeman on a freight in Oklahoma and befriended a tramp.

RUNAWAY TRAIN SMASHES

Plunges Through Two Brick Walls and Piles Up in Depot.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 25.—A runaway Great Northern freight train, going down grade fully 60 miles an hour, crashed through a mass of switches until it crashed into the Union Depot. The engine smashed through two brick walls into the baggage room and now lies a mass of wreckage in the basement, while 12 or 15 freight cars were crushed into kindling wood and others are piled in a heap that reaches to the train shed roof.

JUMP TO SAVE IS FATAL

Woman Falls Off Platform, Train Kills Her and Hero.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 25.—White Christmas brought death and sorrow to two families at Malaga, near Vineland, N. J., this afternoon. Mrs. Mary Price was killed by a train. William Hageman, who made an attempt to save her, received injuries from which he died.

DYING WOMAN REFUSES AID

Fatally Burned, She Insists First on Seeing Children Are Safe.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Polly Bolotin, who suffered frightful burns last night when she used kerosene to encourage the fire under the family's Christmas turkey, died early today.

PATTEN FIGHTING FOR CHEAPER CORN

Paper Losses Already In Millions.

FARMERS GETTING HIS GOIN

Demands on May Option Promise Embarrassment.

MUST CONTINUE TO BUY

Sales for Spring Delivery Estimated at 10,000,000 to 20,000,000 Bushels—Squeezed Cotton Men Seek Revenge.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—With the dawning of Christmas day James A. Patten, whose recent "corners" in cotton and wheat have made him a dominant figure in the Bourses of the world, is entering upon the most desperate speculative battle of his career. Surrounded on all sides by enemies and facing a rising market, he is fighting fiercely to keep down the price of corn. In spite of his most strenuous efforts, the cost of the commodity has risen from 10 to 12 cents above the price at which he sold it. He is known to be between 10,000,000 and 20,000,000 bushels of corn "short."

Losses Huge "on Paper."

Already Mr. Patten has suffered huge "paper" losses. All indications point to these losses becoming greater instead of less. During the last month he has been playing Santa Claus to large sets of farmers throughout the West and Southwest. The farmers saw the Christmas money possibilities of the corn market about the same time that Mr. Patten did, but from a different angle.

Effect on Market Lost.

The farmers closing out sales are, however, only a preliminary to what the bulls in the corn market confidently expect is to come. In the December campaign to keep corn down, Mr. Patten and his brother have sold with a lavish hand. They are still selling. Matters have come to a point where their swing has no effect on the market.

HARRY MURPHY, NOW THAT THE WORST IS OVER, CONTRIBUTES A FEW AFTER-CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS.

