

CHICAGO CLOSED TRAINS BY SNOW

Huge Drifts Defy All Efforts to Clear Tracks for Traffic.

ZERO GALE ROUTS FORCES

Conditions Desperate on Many Lines. Reports Show Rolling Stock Stalled in Numerous Cases. Passengers Relieved.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—No passenger trains will depart from Chicago terminals for at least 24 hours, and may be more, operating officials of the railways entering Chicago predicted tonight. "Chicago is completely tied up," railway officials declared.

The efforts of the roads, it is said, will be directed toward releasing the scores of trains now imprisoned by drifts and bringing passengers bound for Chicago into the city. It was useless, it was asserted, to send out new trains only to have them marooned in drifts in a few hours after their start.

The hauling below zero wind made it impossible for workmen to make any headway in their efforts to clear the switch intersections of snow. Scores of passenger trains were reported stalled in drifts throughout the Central West. Attempts to move freight were abandoned early. Passenger trains were kept running for a time as they could be moved with two engines on the front and one in the rear. Snow plows were ordered out with three engines behind them, but their work was futile. The wind piled the drifts higher and as fast as they pushed it from the tracks ahead.

Marooned Passengers Relieved.

As conditions became worse toward midnight, the railways abandoned all attempts even to keep their lines clear and concentrated their efforts on the relief of passengers marooned on their trains along all lines from 25 to 100 miles from the city.

No distress was reported among these victims of the blizzards, as most of the trains carried dining cars and a plentiful supply of fuel.

At night the usual crowd of travelers assembled at the railway stations in Chicago and being unable to get trains or hotel accommodations, hundreds slept the night in the stations, sleeping on their baggage. At the Illinois Central Station the railway officials threw open 15 Pullman cars for women and children.

The New York Central Railroad reports that several of its trains, including the Twentieth Century Limited, are blocked near Elkhart, Ind. Efforts are being made for transport food and fuel to the trains.

Tidings Lacking of Trains.

Several Big Four trains are stalled east of here, but the road reported that it had no definite information as to their whereabouts.

Three passenger trains on the Monon route are blocked in the Sutzkirtz. The freight trains are reported "somewhere on the line. They are believed to be in Indiana, but officials reported that no word had been received from them since yesterday.

On the Pennsylvania no trains have arrived in Chicago since this morning. The Pennsylvania also reports lack of communication with its trains east of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy was one of the last roads to become completely blocked by the storm. Trains were run from St. Paul and Minneapolis, arriving here seven to eight hours late. With the arrival tonight of the only train operating, the road announced that all trains had been annulled.

Whole Schedule Annulled.

The Illinois Central reports that it annulled all trains early this morning, confining its efforts to bringing in trains already on the line. On the Michigan Central no trains have been able to travel west of Niles, Mich. Several are reported stalled there.

The Chicago & Alton has not operated a train for two days, its officials reported. One of its through trains to St. Louis left the station yesterday but became stalled before it could get out of the city. Efforts to return to the station failed.

The Chicago & Northwestern also confined its efforts today to attempts to locate various stalled trains. Two through trains from the Pacific Coast, due yesterday, are reported "somewhere along the line."

A through train for the West on the Rock Island has been stalled all day in the switch yards on the outskirts of the city. The Rock Island reports that many of its trains are tied up between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains, but that efforts to locate them have failed.

Situation Worst Ever Known.

Traffic in this section is said to be the worst in history. Many trains on all roads in this section have not been heard from for from 12 to 24 hours.

Throughout the Southwest traffic conditions are reported desperate. The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway is making no effort to operate regular trains, but is attempting to get relief trains through to those stalled along the line in Oklahoma and Kansas.

The Missouri Pacific and other roads have either annulled all trains or are only running on certain divisions. No

**Use Coconut Oil
for Washing Hair**

If you want to keep your hair in good condition be careful what you wash it with. Most prepared shampoos contain too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and is very harmful. Just plain mulled coconut oil, which is pure and entirely greaseless, is much better than the most expensive soap or anything else you can use for shampooing, as this can't possibly injure the hair.

Simply moisten your hair with water and rub it in. One or two teaspoonfuls will make an abundance of rich, creamy lather, and cleanses the hair and scalp thoroughly. The lather rinses out easily and removes every particle of dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and it leaves it fine and silky, bright, fluffy and easy to manage.

You can get mulled coconut oil at most any drug store. It is very cheap, and a few ounces is enough to last a year in the family for months.—Ady.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 12.—The Pennsylvania Railroad announced tonight that it had placed a temporary embargo on the sale of tickets to all points on its main line between Pittsburgh and Chicago because of the severe storm in the Central West. Tickets on the Panhandle Railroad between Pittsburgh and St. Louis and on the Pennsylvania line between Pittsburgh and Cleveland were sold subject to delay.

Manhattan Limited Cut Off.

The Manhattan Limited, leaving New York at 5:04 P. M. for Chicago, was annulled and sleeping cars on other New York-Chicago and Washington-Chicago trains were cancelled for the night.

Reports received by the company were to the effect that the storm was one of the worst in years and that railroad traffic between Pittsburgh and Chicago virtually was at a standstill.

OMAHA, Jan. 12.—Railroad traffic between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains is in a worse state of demoralization from natural causes in a quarter of a century. Practically no transcontinental trains are being operated, and the Central West of Omaha are in such condition that the telegraph companies are refusing all press messages.

Coast Service Discontinued.

The Overland Limited, Los Angeles Limited and Oregon-Washington Limited, scheduled to leave Omaha Sunday morning, have all three been annulled. The two Burlington fast mail trains, which succeeded in reaching Omaha today.

A Rock Island train on the Nelson branch struck in the drifts last night unable to move in either direction. Passengers walked to the station at Deshler. The branch is still tied up, but will be opened Sunday.

A Northwestern train for the Black Hills was stalled near Long Pine for many hours last night. Telegraph wires were down and the train could not be located. It was resumed today. The passengers did not suffer.

MORE COAL FIRST, IS ORDER

**Roads Asked to Redouble Efforts
to Keep Locomotives Going.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The Railroad Administration today met the storm conditions prevailing throughout the country with informal instructions to railroads to move coal first wherever possible and to redouble efforts to keep locomotives in running order.

The East is in a constant state of much better, but officials were worried about the eastward movement of the storm. Great quantities of coal still are held up, however.

The railroads' policy of eliminating priority orders was reaffirmed today when officials refused the request of steel and oil interests for special preferential movements. Until the congestion is cleared, no shipments may have clear priority right, officials explained.

Assurances that all railroad employees would be considered in any future readjustment of wages was given today by railroad officials to F. Plimison, vice-president of the union of maintenance of way employees. He presented no wage demands.

The Interstate Commerce Commission today cleared the way for railroads to haul freight over the shortest routes and establish new receiving or delivery points, by reducing from 30 days to one day the period of notice to be given before changing tariffs. It also was authorized to haul freight over new routes at rates for which shipments were accepted, without observing the usual long and short haul provisions of the interstate commerce act. The Commission reserved the right, however, to order revision of rates at any time.

Additional tabulations of railroad earnings in November, made today by the Commission, based on returns from 153 roads, showed net revenue from railway operating activities \$7,957,406, compared with \$10,687,809 in November, 1916. Reports were expected from 22 additional roads.

WALLACE RAILWAY OPEN

**SERVICE RESUMED AFTER TIETP
OF 14 DAYS, DUE TO FLOOD.**

Suspension of Traffic Is Longest on
Record and High Officials Take
Active Charge of Work.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The Wallace branch of the O. W. R. & N. is open after a flood tide of 14 days, the longest in the history of the line.

The Spokane-Wallace train left this morning at 8:35. A train left Wallace at 7 A. M. Only one train a day each way will be operated for the present, according to officials, because of the difficulty of arranging traffic while five work trains are still employed making repairs.

This is the second disastrous flood in the Couer d'Alene Valley within seven months.

R. O'Brien, vice-president of the O. W. R. & N., left for his home in Portland late last night. He has been on the scene of the damage for a week. A. W. Percy, general superintendent, is still with the work trains on the Wallace branch repairs.

SOLDIER'S WIFE IS REWON

**Five Hours Utilized to Woo, Win,
Marry and Say Goodby.**

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Five hours in Spokane yesterday gave Luther A. Foster, an engineer, sufficient time to re-marry his former wife, from whom he was divorced last May, and to make acquaintance again of his four children.

Mr. Foster, who had enlisted at Portland, was ordered on less than 24 hours' notice to entrain with his regiment for the Atlantic Coast. When he discovered that the train was leaving Portland on the North Bank road he telegraphed Mrs. Rebecca Foster, who is with her mother here.

The train arrived in Spokane at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Mrs. Foster was at the station and together they went to the Courthouse, took out a marriage license and were married all before 11 o'clock. At 3 P. M. Mr. Foster resumed his journey.

LICENSES ARE IN DEMAND

**Three Marriage Permits Issued at
Oregon City Yesterday.**

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Marriage permits were in demand yesterday. Licenses were issued to Thomas N. Lakin, a Milwaukee machinist, and Joe E. Hogg, a telephone operator, of Portland; Cedrick E. Marshall, a Portland clerk, and Dina Forberg, a Portland stenographer; Dawson Fairchild, of Oregon City, an engineer, and Iva Irene Blum, a local bookkeeper.

Joe Bavesi, a native of Milan, Italy, filed his application for citizenship today.

BRUSH DESTROYER SINKS; MANY PERISH

Raccoon Strikes Off Coast of Ireland and Founders in Snow Storm.

CREW OF 105 MEN CARRIED

Only Survivors Nine Seamen Who Had Been Left Behind at Last Port of Call—Patrol Craft Pick No Bodies From Sea.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The British destroyer Raccoon struck rocks off the Irish coast on Wednesday and foundered, it is announced officially. All those on board the Raccoon when the vessel sank were lost. The statement issued by the Admiralty says:

"H. M. S. Raccoon, Lieutenant George Napier in command, struck on the rocks off the north coast of Ireland at 2 o'clock in the morning on Wednesday during a snowstorm and subsequently foundered with all hands.

"Nine of the crew had been left behind at her last port of call, and these are the sole survivors. Seventeen bodies have been picked up by patrol craft and are being buried at Bethmenny. Five more bodies were washed ashore and they are being buried locally."

Normal Crew 105.

The Raccoon was built in 1910. She was 284 feet long and displaced 315 tons. She was armed with two four-inch and three three-inch guns and two torpedo tubes. Her normal crew was 105 men.

A dispatch to the Central News from Amsterdam says that Admiral von Tirpitz, ex-German Minister of Marine and the foremost advocate of Germany's submarine warfare, declared that the Germans must keep the Flanders coast, the annexation of Belgium to Germany was not necessary and that a solution of this problem could be found.

Submarines Must Continue.

Regarding the political situation, Admiral von Tirpitz is reported as having said that all sorts of things might be possible, but that he did not think they would go so far as an agreement on an armistice by which the operation of submarines could be paralyzed.

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—Reviewing the first year of Germany's ruthless submarine campaign which ends February 1, the Tageblatt asserts that the central factor succeeded in completely upsetting the economic life of the enemies and adds that the submarine campaign which has now become the principal factor in the war, is being expanded and developed still further.

Summarizing the results of the under-water campaign since February 1, the Tageblatt claims that the U-boats have sunk on an average \$2,500,000 tons of shipping monthly from February to December, and for the whole year the total must be expected to amount to 10,000,000 tons, and that the building of new ships by the entente and neutrals during the year will replace only half the tonnage of 10,000,000 tons of these losses.

Loss Placed at Billions.

The newspaper says the monetary loss to Germany's enemies as the result of the year's work by the U-boats will reach \$5,000,000,000. The value of the ships at \$250 per ton and their cargoes at the same rate.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 12.—The Wolff Bureau, the semi-official German agency, in a communication regarding the sinking of the British hospital ship *Thetis*, claims that the U-boats not yet give a final statement of the submarine which might have been concerned is still at sea. The communication, however, states that the vessel was sunk by a mine.

"Nevertheless, competent quarters regard as impossible that the ship should have been torpedoed by a submarine. Accordingly, the only possibility is that she was sunk by a mine."

BLIZZARD GRIPS EAST

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zero at O'Neill, Neb., to 12 above zero at San Antonio. In Kansas and Missouri temperatures of 20 below were common and Central Illinois points reported from 10 to 24 below. Minnesota reported 30 below in the Iron Range.

Slowly rising temperatures at St. Paul, Minn., and at Flagstaff, Ariz., were the relief from the blizzard which was sweeping to the eastward.

Cold Adds Cruelty.

This city had 50 per cent recovered from the blizzard of last Sunday when the new storm arrived with the added cruelty of a mercury drop to minus 14. No storm so far-reaching in its effects ever before afflicted the city.

Most statements of the situation begin with the word "no" no trains; no taxis; no produce; no meat; no cattle, hogs or sheep received at the stockyards; no schools next week; no department stores since 3 o'clock this afternoon, and innumerable minor "nos."

There was even no further work of the city's snow shovelers, for it was regarded as merely humane in the bitter cold to send them to their homes to thaw out.

Thousands Shut Up in Houses.

There were practically no trains, suburban or otherwise. Tens of thousands of men and women, boys and girls, were unable to reach their places of employment. So many cars were stalled last night that the railroads quit sending them out. The first train from western suburbs did not crawl in until noon, and it took a snowplow and three hours to haul it.

Chicago pastors tomorrow will urge their congregations to spend Sunday in clearing away the drifts in the streets. The street department tonight acknowledged its helplessness and issued an appeal to citizens to "dig" to help avert a coal and fuel famine which is impending.

Hospitals Face Crisis.

Only three milk trains reached the city in the last 12 hours and few deliveries were made.

Hospitals are also facing a critical situation, as their fuel supply is dangerously low.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The terrific storm raging in the West and moving eastward has made impossible the movement of freight in the states of Illinois, Ohio and Michigan and in the territory between Pittsburgh, Buffalo and St. Louis, according to a statement



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made tonight by A. H. Smith, assistant director-general of railroads.

Mr. Smith remained in his office until late tonight seeking some means to relieve the freight congestion in the Eastern territory, but the reports he received became hourly more discouraging.

Coal Situation Serious.

Desperate efforts will be made to deliver coal now at terminals and on the way from the mines before the approaching cold wave covers waterways with another thick coating of ice. The situation, already characterized as "very serious," was made even more menacing by the storm.

"There is no prospect of improvement at present," Mr. Smith said. "The lower temperature is moving eastward. No freight trains are being moved in the territory around Chicago and very few passenger trains. No freight trains have been moved from Pittsburgh, either, and only a few carrying passengers."

Mr. Smith was in frequent communication with Director-General McAdoo and kept him informed of the weather particulars which had presented difficulties in railroad operation more serious than had been experienced in the United States in many years.

Through Trains Annulled.

On account of the storm west of Pittsburgh, the Pennsylvania train due to leave here from Chicago at 6:04 o'clock this afternoon was not operated. It was announced that sleeping car service has been discontinued by the Pennsylvania on the Mercantile Express leaving New York at 5:30 P. M. and on the train leaving for Chicago at 3:30 P. M. The Pennsylvania Limited, due to leave here at 11:04 A. M. tomorrow will not be operated. Six through trains from Chicago and two from St. Louis were annulled today.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 12.—With the mercury slowly rising, Kansas City and the Southwest early tonight look hopefully to a modification tomorrow of the severe weather that has prevailed for the last 48 hours.

Long Standing Records Broken.

Cold weather records of many years' standing were broken in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas in the last two days. Train service has practically been discontinued in many parts of the Southwest and the specter of a coal famine is causing great anxiety.

It has been decided to ask all churches in the city not to hold services tomorrow night in order to help conserve the city's coal supply.

LYNN, Mass., Jan. 12.—A 60-mile gale that swept out of the northeast today sent a big brick smokstack crashing through the roof at the Sprague Box Company plant in which 200 men and women were at work. Three employees were killed and more than a score injured.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 12.—The 60-mile gale which swept this coast last night drove three ocean steamers aground in the harbor here. The ships are hard fast.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 12.—The temperature in Indianapolis was rising slowly tonight and at midnight had reached three degrees below zero. The cold wave brought a temperature of 13

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"THE STORE THAT UNDERSELLS BECAUSE IT SELLS FOR CASH"

Broken Lines and Discontinued Numbers the Subject of a

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Decided Bargains in Odd Lot

CURTAINS

At 89c to \$3.39 Pair

Those who have need of Curtains of any description will find this sale to be an opportune time to supply the same at unusual savings. It is the season's final clean-up of all Odd Lots and Broken Lines from our regular stock. One to four pairs of a style or pattern, including those in Nottingham, Madras and Bobbinet Laces; also in plain and novelty Scrims. Remember the advantages of first choice and attend this sale early—you have choice from five lots at

89c, 98c, \$1.69, \$2.69 and \$3.39 Pair.

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Pillow Case Tubing, 42-inch yard.....29c
Velour Flannels in pretty styles, yard.....15c

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At \$17.95

Fashionable garments in the most popular materials in greens, browns, navy; also in fine velours—models with large collar and belt, all sizes. Many are shown with plush collar. Taken altogether you'll find them to be the most unusual values at..... \$17.95

Black Sateen

Petticoats at 69c

A closing-out of a fine lot of Women's Black Sateen Petticoats. Desirable styles in 40, 42, 44 and 46-inch lengths, priced this sale at 69c

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below zero in Indianapolis this morning the lowest since 1884.

Three deaths from cold have been reported from over the state thus far.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 12.—A mile-a-minute gale swept over Buffalo almost without cessation all day. At one time the wind reached a velocity of 84 miles an hour. Much damage to property resulted.

George J. Fischer, a workman at the Curtiss airplane plant, was blown from the roof of a building 150 feet high. The force of the wind carried him into a couple of hundred feet and he landed in a field uninjured, except for a slight shaking up.

(Special.)—The cooking class of the high school, under the supervision of Miss Wallis, domestic science teacher, has begun to serve not noonday lunches at the high school. There were 14 patrons the first day, 23 the next and 25 the third. The class of 18 girls is kept quite busy. Food conservation rules are strictly observed.

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Specials From the Second Floor

Ladies' Handbags

and Purse, latest styles in plin seal, morocco, and panther grain, some with sport silk linings. Priced regularly to \$15. Now 1-3 off.

Narcissus Bulbs

Just the thing to send to a sick friend or as a birthday gift. Some in boxes, some without. Priced regularly at 25c, 50c, 60c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2. Now 1-3 off.

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Trays, Waste Baskets, in beautiful colors. Made to hold Milady's sewing or for the office or shop-girl to take her lunch in. Baskets for shopping, etc. 1-3 off the regular price.

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