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## NEW YORK AND NEARBY POINTS HAVE WORST BLIZZARD IN YEARS

**Eight Killed, Wires Down and Nearly All Traffic Snow-bound Today**

**MILK FAMINE FEARED AS RESULT OF TIEUP**

**Many Cities Left in Darkness by Storm—One Schooner is Wrecked**

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
NEW YORK, March 2.—Snow began falling again today. Over 10,000 men attacked the snow to keep the tracks open in a few of the principal streets.

The financial district is almost entirely shut off from the outside world, with the exception of a single wire to Albany, wire communication with Wall Street is almost at a standstill.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
NEW YORK, March 2.—Under a thin blanket of snow in as many weeks, New York and vicinity are suffering from one of the worst storms in its history.

Eight persons have been killed, as far as reported; railroad traffic is tied up and wire communication crippled. Vehicle traffic is almost impossible. Street car and elevated service in some instances is suspended. A milk famine is feared because of the suspended train service in New Jersey and New York states.

Nine and one-half inches of snow fell yesterday and when it stopped a gale set in. In the Pennsylvania station, 40 sleeping cars remained all night with 800 passengers in them.

Among the trains reported lost was the Twentieth Century limited, Albany and Buffalo were out of communication.

The storm put nearly every wireless station along the coast out of commission.  
Trenton, Newark, Jersey City and Hoboken, where the storm was the severest, were left in darkness.  
A four-masted schooner, Jacob S. Flawler went ashore on Block Island with a load of lumber. The crew was rescued.

### PHILADELPHIA HARD HIT.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
PHILADELPHIA, March 2.—Philadelphia awoke to find the city in the grip of one of the fiercest blizzards that has struck this section in many years. Traffic on the surface railroads is at a standstill. The railroads are in little better condition.

### BAD AT BALTIMORE.

Two Whiskey Warehouses Are Destroyed During Blizzard.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
BALTIMORE, March 2.—The terrific windstorm which swept over this city last night continued today but with diminishing strength. Much property was damaged. A church and two whiskey warehouses burned down during the storm.

### MANY ARE MAROONED.

Two Killed in Scranton, Pa., Today by Blizzard.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
SCRANTON, Pa., March 2.—Two deaths were caused by the storm. Nearly 1500 people were marooned all night in the Sunday Tabernacle.

### FOUR DEAD IN PHILADELPHIA.

Trains Running Between There and New York.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
PHILADELPHIA, March 2.—Four deaths are reported in this city as a result of the storm. No trains have arrived here from New York since last night. Twenty-one trains are stalled between New York and Philadelphia on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

### FORMER PRESIDENT DEAD.

Carlos F. Morales of Santo Domingo Succumbs in Paris.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
PARIS, March 2.—General Carlos F. Morales, former President of the Dominican Republic, died here. He had lived in Paris for some time as business minister to France.

### STONE IS CHAIRMAN.

Wisconsin Senator Takes Bacon's Place on Foreign Relations Committee.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—By a Senate resolution, Stone of Wisconsin, was made chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, succeeding the late Senator Bacon.

### LAST DAY TO FILE RETURNS.

Penalty for Those Who Failed to Report Incomes for Tax Today.

## WORST STORM IN MANY YEARS

**Cold Wave and Blizzard Hits Atlantic Coast as Far as Florida**

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—The severest storm of the winter swept the Atlantic coast from Maine to Georgia, while the cold wave rolling down from the Great Lakes overspread the Atlantic states as far south as Florida. The lowest temperatures ever recorded in March were registered in Charleston and Macon.

Snow storms and still colder weather in New England is predicted for tonight.

## SMALL BLAZE IN AUTO SHOP

**Defective Ignition Causes Fire That Threatens to Destroy Plant of J. L. Koontz**

A fire caused by defective ignition on an automobile being repaired threatened to destroy the entire machine shop of J. L. Koontz on North Front street about 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Only the prompt action of Mr. Koontz, who was on hand when the blaze started, saved the building from destruction.

Mr. Koontz and his assistant were repairing an automobile, the property of Lee Coos Bay Steam Laundry, that has been bucking for some time past, and in testing the ignition, the spark took fire on the floor, which was saturated with oil and gasoline, and soon spread over the entire rear of the building.

Mr. Koontz grabbed a fire extinguisher and started playing it on the blaze, while his assistant ran for the fire hose and turned it on an alarm.

The fire department promptly responded, but their services were held in reserve, as Mr. Koontz had done very effective work with the fire extinguisher, having the fire under control when the apparatus arrived. Engineer Gordon Smith had the fire engine on forty pounds of steam and ready for service in four minutes.

The principal damage was to Dave Holden's automobile, on which the entire top was burned. A large plate glass window that adorns the front of the shop was broken by someone who rushed from the interior of the building in the excitement. This loss is almost as great as that caused by the fire. The estimated loss is about \$125.

## VERN BARKER'S CASE TAKEN UP

**New Question Raised in Eureka White Slave Matter—Involves Coos Bayites**

The following San Francisco dispatch will be of interest here, as Vern Barker is a well-known Coos County man and for a long time was engaged in logging operations and later in the auto business in Marshfield:

"The fine legal question whether or not an automobile can be considered a common carrier in interstate trade when it is not operating over a regular line was raised for the first time, it is said, in a white slave case.

"The federal grand jury returned an indictment against Verne Barker, who is accused of transporting Cora Fairbanks from North Bend, Or., to Eureka, Cal., via Reno, Nev., for immoral purposes last May.

"The couple traveled all of the distance in an automobile, and the vehicle is termed in the indictment a common carrier."

### KING ALFONSO SIGNS.

New Treaty With United States Approved by Spanish Ruler Today.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
MADRID, March 2.—King Alfonso signed the renewal of the Spanish arbitration treaty with the United States.

## LET US TALK IT OVER

THE TIMES has just completed a series of articles explanatory of the commission form of government and the rapidly with which it is being adopted by American cities. There is a reason for the eagerness with which the people of various cities, large and small, seize this new idea in administration of municipal affairs. The reason is that it appeals to their common sense and that the old form had proved itself thoroughly unsatisfactory.

If the people would realize that Marshfield is a big business corporation as well as a political unit of the state, it would help solve the problem quickly. As a business corporation its business should be administered in a business way instead of a political way.

While it is true that the city officials of Marshfield spend only \$40,000 in the actual business operations and expenses of the city—they spend nearer \$200,000 of the taxpayers money in municipal improvements, and it is in this expenditure that greater economy proves the efficiency of the commission form of government. They are also custodians of the entire city property of nearly three million dollars and such a property is certainly entitled to a business-like administration of its affairs.

You know how stock companies are organized—honest ones, that is. A lot of people pool their money, each taking shares in proportion to the sum he puts in the treasury; so that the interest of all in conducting the business well is identical. Now Marshfield, just like every other city, is simply a big corporation and each one of you folks is a stockholder. Each one of you has an investment of some size in the joint stock company, and this is just as true of the poorest day laborer, as of the richest banker or largest property owner.

Every sound stock company has valuable assets of some kind. The most valuable asset owned by the corporation of which you folks are members is the long strips of real estate we call streets. It is a very valuable asset indeed, and it grows more valuable each year and always will do so. So valuable are these strips of land that other corporations, of which you are NOT members, seek leases of a few feet down the center part of the streets and that, with the right to do business thereon, is worth thousands of dollars. The water company, the electric light and gas company, the telephone company and the street railway company, have all been given these leases absolutely free without return of any kind. Other cities either sold these leases or get an annual rental from them. And yet everyone knows everyone else in Marshfield and we are all good fellows, but don't you think some of us have got a little the worst of it? Isn't it about time we put Marshfield on a business basis?

## CLOSE CALL IN CURRY COUNTY AUTO SMASHUP FEUDIST SHOT

**Mrs. F. M. Parsons Slightly Injured—F. M. Parsons and W. S. Turpen**

While driving down Commercial avenue Sunday noon in E. G. Perham's automobile, W. S. Turpen and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Parsons narrowly escaped serious injury when at a turn on Seventh street the auto skidded, crashing through the bridge railing and plunging into the mire. The party escaped injury, with the exception of Mrs. Parsons, who is suffering from spinal injuries, bruises and nervous prostration today.

Charles Van Duyn and Miller saw the accident from Central avenue and proceeded to the scene, where they assisted Mrs. Parsons into W. J. Conrad's machine. She was removed to her home. With the exception of a few minor bruises Messrs. Turpen and Parsons escaped unharmed.

**Blames Muddy Streets.**  
Goodrum's service car was dispatched to the scene of the accident to devise means of removing the automobile, or at least parts of it that might be affected by water, as the machine was in a place where it might be covered with water when the tide raised. William Goodrum made a survey of the accident and pronounced it due to the water and debris that has been allowed to gather on the plank at the corner of Seventh and Commercial.

E. G. Perham ordered a derrick from the North Bend Construction work to be brought to the scene of the accident and in all probability the automobile will be removed today. The machine weighs two tons and this was the only feasible way of removing it.

The Perham machine was taken out this morning and was very slightly damaged. One wheel, the top and the body were all that suffered and it will be quickly repaired.

**Auto Struck House.**  
Harry Painter, while learning to drive his new Ford yesterday, ran into a corner of Tom Madden's new house on North Broadway. The Ford was not damaged and the house but slightly marred. Mr. Painter is just learning to drive and was running slow.

## FIND SACK OF GOLD BURIED

**Two Grass Valley Men Arrested for Robbing Smelter When Loot is Found**

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
GRASS VALLEY, Cal., March 2.—The discovery of a sack of gold precipitates in a rubbish heap near here resulted in the arrest of Ben Braemer and Axel J. Nisson. The precipitates were taken from the North Star Cyanide Plant last Friday by two holdups.

E. B. JONES of the Coos Bay Realty company returned today from a month's stay at Roseburg and vicinity.

The following from the Salem Statesman will be of interest in this section, as it is understood that W. R. Smith, who was killed, was a relative of B. B. Smith, a former logger who gained more or less notoriety in the I. W. W. troubles last summer and who has been residing on a ranch near Coaledo since he married Mrs. Layton, of Marshfield last summer and because of the Curry County feud case:

"Fighting Bill" Smith, a notorious character of Silverton, was shot and killed by a Swede by the name of Johnson, the shooting taking place as the result of a quarrel over a pig. Smith was shot in the back. The bullet entered his body at the base of the shoulder blade, passed through his right lung and made its exit just below the right breast. He died within an hour after the shot was fired.

The shooting took place on a railroad claim of Smith's which is located about seven miles east of Silverton in the foothills of the Cascade mountains. Johnson is a member of a colony of Swedes that lives two miles beyond the Smith claim. He was taken into custody and held pending the arrival of the Sheriff.

**In Curry County Feud.**  
W. R. Smith, better known in this part of the country as "Fighting Bill," has had a varied and checkered career. Practically his whole lifetime has been spent in and about Silverton.

He has served a term in the Oregon state penitentiary for stabbing a man named Hinkle in Silverton, and has been shot three times by different parties, once by his own son.

Smith was with Curley Coolidge when the two went to Chetco, Oregon, on the coast, to examine a timber claim. At that time both men were fired at from ambush, Coolidge being killed and Smith receiving a bullet in the leg. That was fourteen years ago. At that time the Van Pelt boys were arrested for killing. Later old man Van Pelt was shot from ambush and killed, and recently a man named Cooley was arrested in San Francisco charged with the murder of Van Pelt.

## ST LOUIS SCENE OF ODD MURDER

**Men on Trial for Killing Slain During Court Recess in Nearby Saloon**

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
ST. LOUIS, March 2.—Wesley Simon, on trial for murder, was shot and killed during a recess of the court before which he was being tried. He was shot in a saloon by the principal witness for the prosecution.

J. T. CONLOGUE, the well-known Coquille logger, is here today on business. He reports everything flourishing in his camps and they have had an unusually good run this winter.

## MEXICAN INVESTIGATING PARTY SUDDENLY HALTED AT EL PASO

## WILSON HATES TO START WAR

**Says Those Urging Action in Mexico Would Be First Affected By It**

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—Asked whether in view of the new developments, a change of policy was intended by the United States immediately, the President pointed out that a country of the size and power of the United States could wait just as long as it pleased, that nobody doubted his power and nobody doubted that Huerta was eventually to retire, that there need be no hesitation in forming judgment that what the United States wished to accomplish in Mexico would be accomplished, but that those people who were in haste to have things done were forgetting that they would have to do them themselves, that they would have to contribute brothers and sisters to do it if they wanted something done right away. If they were willing to wait, the President indicated, such a step might not be necessary.

The President was referring, it was presumed, to speeches in Congress demanding war.

**Wait for England.**  
The situation created by Carranza's refusal to give the United States an information about the killing of a British subject and coupled with his declaration that Great Britain, herself, should address him on the question, is regarded by American officials as a serious one.

The next step is some intimation from Great Britain as to how far she expects the United States to push the Benton case. On the other hand, there is every reason to believe that Carranza will be expected to give the United States further assurances that all foreigners, regardless of whether their governments have recognized the Huerta government or not, will be safe in northern Mexico.

**Rights of England.**  
The White House view is that there is a right of international law by which the United States could insist on acting for Great Britain, although the American government has been asked by the powers to use its good offices for the protection of foreigners.

The Commissioners were prepared to board a waiting passenger train yesterday when instructions were received by the military commander from Carranza forbidding them to make the trip.

## FEDERALS NEAR EAGLE PASS

**Arrange to Open Hospital Short Distance From Rio Grande River**

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
EAGLE PASS, Tex., March 2.—The Mexico Federal authorities have ordered a field hospital opened near Rio Mollino, fifty miles west of Piedras Negras, on the official report that an all day battle had raged there between two small forces.

## BLAME MOYER FOR STRUGGLE

**Claim That Western Federation Head Prevent Settlement of Michigan Strike**

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
HOUGHTON, Mich., March 2.—In his opening statement for the mine operators, Attorney Rees told the congressional investigating committee that he believed if Charles H. Moyer had joined hands with the citizens in recognizing the distress of the sufferers from the Calumet disaster the strike would have been settled that day. Referring to the deportation of Moyer, he quoted Bishop Williams of the Episcopal church as saying:

"It was evidence of the greatest self-restraint ever known to me, for feeling ran very strong that night, and Moyer was fortunate he had men of such restraint to deal with."

**Consul Letcher Arrives and Villa Claims Gustav Baulch Killed by Enemies**

**PROBABLY UNABLE TO SOLVE BENTON DEATH**

**Decomposition Will Thwart Examination—Carranza Takes New Stand**

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
EL PASO, Tex., March 2.—The peremptory halting of the Benton investigation commission as it was about to take the train, the sudden appearance in this city today of American Consul Letcher of Chihuahua, and Villa's admission of his opinion that Gustav Baulch "was murdered by his enemies, threw the refugee colony here into a high state of excitement.

Letcher came up on special train and at once went into conference with Customs Collector Cobb and George C. Carothers, special agent of the State Department. Telegrams to Washington were dispatched. The Commission did not know whether it was to proceed to Chihuahua or not.

It is believed that decomposition of Benton's body will hide all evidence of how he met death. No one here believes that Baulch was killed by private enemies. The general opinion is that he was executed by the rebels before Villa left Juarez.

**Says Baulch Murdered.**  
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
CHIHUAHUA, Mex., March 2.—Villa indicated today his belief that Gustav Baulch is dead when he said that Baulch, an American, was liberated at Juarez and "doubtless was assassinated by some of his enemies." Villa said Baulch had many enemies and added, "of course I can't be to blame for that."

## NEW HITCH IN OLD MEXICO

**General Carranza Delays Inspection of W. S. Benton's Remains by Commission**

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—That General Villa has acknowledged the authority of General Carranza as his chief, and will not permit American commissioners to examine the body of William S. Benton, until the Washington Government has consulted Carranza, was the explanation made by President Wilson today of the latest phase of the Mexican situation. President Wilson said it was the desire of the commissioners to get further instructions from Washington, as well as orders from Villa himself, has necessitated a postponement, but Wilson takes it for granted that the commissioners will start in a few days.

**VILLA MAKES STATEMENT**

**Says Carranza Will Handle All Diplomatic Affairs for Mexican Rebels**

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
CHIHUAHUA, March 2.—General Villa said today that orders delaying the Benton investigation commission, which was halted at Juarez, were issued by Carranza, who has determined to handle all diplomatic subjects himself.

## SAIL SUNDAY ON ALLIANCE

**Steamer Leaves for Eureka With Big Consignment of Excelsior—Good Weather**

With a good passenger list and a cargo of excelsior, the steamer Alliance sailed from Coos Bay for Eureka Sunday at 1 p. m., crossing out at 1:45 p. m. Favorable weather conditions reported outside indicate that the craft will have a good voyage to Eureka. Among those sailing on the Alliance were John Bossi, K. Topps, Joe Kigoni, John Olson, Mrs. John Olson, G. H. Campbell, W. L. Evans, Wilber B. Patrick, B. K. Gillette, A. C. Allery, A. J. Samelson and G. H. McCarthy.