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DIED FROM EXPOSURE

Stories of Destitution From Nebraska.

RELIEF WORK BEING PROSECUTED

In Some Localities Want of Wholesome Food Has Caused Scurvy--Many Leaving the State.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 2.—Special dispatches from Western Nebraska tell of the destitution and distress prevailing among the inhabitants of the drought-stricken districts. A dispatch from Hastings says:

"Terrible destitution exists in Perkins, Chase, Dundy, Lincoln, Hays, Hitchcock and Frontier counties and the worst feature is that the people in several localities are afflicted with scurvy for want of wholesome food. The state relief committee find themselves unable to relieve all the people in distress, so great are the demands for aid."

The railroad men report that since the cold snap no less than a dozen persons have perished in the above counties for the want of wood and fuel. Hundreds of families are without coal, and in the border counties, where no trees or brush exist, the poor people have a hard time to keep from freezing to death. In Perkins county destitution is complete. Over 600 families are appealing for help. Near Lisbon the wife and two children of Settler Burns suffered for want of proper nourishment and clothing to cover them. In Hitchcock county the wife of one of the settlers gave birth to twins during the storm, and before the neighbors could reach the home the poor woman expired for want of sufficient food and attention. The twins are still lying and in charge of charitable neighbors.

Coal is most needed in the drought district, and Mr. Ludden of the state relief committee and General Manager Holdridge of the Burlington & Missouri River are doing everything in their power to forward supplies to the more destitute localities. Very few of the farmers in the border counties have any stock left, having let their cattle and horses roam at large. Stock is being driven out of the state to prevent starvation. Corn planted in eight or ten of the western counties never reached a height of over six inches and contains no more nourishment than sagebrush. People are leaving in covered wagons by the hundreds rather than face starvation and freeze to death.

Burned and Frozen.

REGINA, N. W. T., Jan. 4.—The house of William Thompson, a farmer, twenty-five miles north of this place, burned last Friday morning. Mrs. Thompson and two children were badly burned, and one child died shortly after being taken from the house.

Placing his wife and the remaining child in a henhouse, Thompson set out for a neighbor's a mile and a quarter away, having only some rags around his head and feet, being otherwise nude, although the thermometer was 30 degrees below zero. He reached within 100 yards of the neighbor's house, when he fell exhausted and almost frozen stiff. He was seen and was carried into the house and cared for. When assistance reached Mrs. Thompson and the child the frost had added to the torture of their burns, and it is doubtful whether they can survive. Thompson is also in a critical condition.

A Heavier Tax on Beer.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The continued excess of expenditures over the receipts of the government and the continued depletion of the gold reserve are causing the administration great anxiety. With the possible failure to put the income

tax into operation and the possible reduction of the tariff on sugar, made necessary by the retaliatory action of foreign countries, the administration is casting about for some means of increasing revenues and meeting expenditures. It is reported that Chairman Wilson and some of his democratic colleagues on the ways and means committee are considering the proposition to place an additional \$1 per barrel tax on beer. It is said that a bill for that purpose will be introduced shortly. It is estimated that a tax upon beer, as above suggested, would yield a revenue of \$30,000,000 a year. During the last six months there has been an excess of some \$28,000,000 in expenditures over receipts. The administration realizes this sort of thing cannot continue much longer. The plan of issuing bonds to make good the deficit is not a popular one and already there are indications that the credit of the government is threatened. The simple principle advocated by republicans that an excess of receipts over expenditures means the highest government credit and the greatest confidence in government currency is making some impression upon the democrats, and the proposition to increase the national revenues is likely to prove a popular one.

Bonanza King's Must Explain Their Shady Transaction.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Judge Seawell, in the district court, rendered a decision today in two suits instituted in 1891 by Theodore Fox, stockholder in the Consolidated California and Virginia Mining Company, who charged John W. Mackay, Senator John Jones and other directors of the Consolidated California and Virginia Mining Company with fraud in the management of the California and Virginia property. Judge Seawell sustained the demurrer entered by the defendants as to all but one point, thus throwing out of court all the charges save one, that Mackay, Jones, Flood and others, as managers of the Consolidated California and Virginia mine, sent ore from the mine to the works of the Comstock Mill and Mining Company, which they owned, to be crushed and milled at an exorbitant rate.

Chinese Troops More Brave.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A dispatch in the Times from Tien-Tsin says that letters received there from New Chwang state that the fighting on December 22d about the village of Kang Wan lasted six hours. General Sung then retired west of Tien Chwang and the Japanese returned to Hai Chwang, where the fortified. General Sung, on being pursued, marched back on December 25th, towards New Chwang, which appears to be still in the hands of the Japanese.

Port Wing Tau is now said to be threatened. The Chinese state that the Japanese are suffering greatly from the cold and that General Sung's force, profiting by experience, is improving in military tactics and seems to be gaining confidence. The general's troops have made some creditable marches during the last two months.

Caucus on the Currency Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—"A democratic house caucus on the currency bill will probably be called for 4 o'clock Monday afternoon," said Holman, chairman of the caucus committee, after he had conferred to day with Speaker Crisp and Representative Springer concerning the situation.

Less than twenty senators were in their seats today when Vice President Stevenson called the senate to order.

Nicaragua Canal Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—In the judgment of those senators who remained in the city during recess, the Nicaragua bill cannot pass this session. "It is not a favorable time to urge such a measure," said Senator Davis of the foreign relations committee. "The times have been so hard that the people do not like the prospect of increasing the expense or creating additional debt."

Sauer kraut at W. A. Kirby's. tf



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Colorado Senate Organized.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 3.—Organization of the senate was effected this forenoon by a combination between the populists and democrats. Lockwood (populist) was elected speaker pro-tem. Adjournment was taken until the afternoon, when Governor Waite's message was read.

A Secret.

If all the ladies knew the simple secret that a bad complexion is due to a disordered liver, there would be fewer sallow faces and blotchy skins. This important organ must be kept active and healthy to insure a clear and rosy color. Dr. J. A. McLean's Liver & Kidney Balm as a purifier, beats all the creams and lotions in existence and will produce a more permanent effect. Removes bad taste in the mouth, offensive breath, yellow tinge in the skin, wind on the stomach and that dull, bilious feeling which so surely indicates the torpid liver. Price \$1.00 per bottle. Snipes & Kinnersly, Drug Co.

Carlisle and Crisp in Conference.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Secretary Carlisle came to the capitol after the cabinet meeting and joined Speaker Crisp in the latter's private office. It is understood the purpose is to outline a definite plan of procedure on the currency bill.

Exposure to rough weather, dampness, extreme cold, etc., is apt to bring on an attack of rheumatism or neuralgia; chapped hands and face, cracked lips and violent itching of the skin also owe their origin to cold weather. Dr. McLean's Volcanic Oil Liniment should be kept on hand at all times for immediate application when troubles of this nature appear. It is a sovereign remedy. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle.

A Survivor of the War of 1812.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—At the opening session today on motion of Hermann, republican of Oregon, the bill was passed quoting an increase of pension to Haza Brown, aged 103, a survivor of the war of 1812.

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