

Rain south, rain or snow east, and probably snow flurries northwest portion; continued cold northwest portion; colder east portion; moderate winds mostly northeasterly.

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OLCOTT IS NOT TO TRY GAG METHOD

Executive, However, Will Urge Legislators to Confine Themselves to Extremely Important Measures

PROGRAM WILL BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Authority of Session to Appropriate Under Aid Act Is Now Question

At the opening of the special session of the legislature in January it is probable that Governor Olcott will present a message in which he will point out what he considers important legislation that should receive the attention of the lawmakers during the period of the session. He is expected to urge that the members confine themselves to a few measures as possible and that out of respect to the wishes of the taxpayers they make the session as short as possible.

The governor believes that under the constitution he is without power to designate what measures shall receive attention to the exclusion of all others. He will not attempt to pledge the members to any certain program of legislation, but will urge that the session adjourn as early as possible.

It was stated at the executive office yesterday that the governor will not assume the position that he has knowledge of every needed measure and he will recommend consideration of such measures that may be considered urgently important aside from those he himself has in mind and which will be mentioned in his message.

A question has arisen as to whether the 6 per cent tax limitation amendment will allow the legislature to appropriate an estimated \$300,000 to meet deficiencies that will occur under the soldiers', sailors' and marines educational aid act. It is allowable under the constitution to exceed that limitation when a special fund is voted by the people. The educational act was brought into existence by vote of the people at the special election last June and makes an excess over the 6 per cent limitation. Whether the fact that the people voted for the provision of about \$200,000, the equivalent of two-tenths of a mill tax on all taxable property of the state, will give the legislature authority to appropriate an additional amount for the same purpose is now a question.

Attorney General Brown will give out opinion on the question at present and it is likely to be one for the legislature to settle.

In addition to possible measures to come before the legislature that already have been mentioned there is some discussion as to whether there will be need for further measures to suppress the activities of "reds" and other radical elements. The criminal syndicalism act passed at the 1915 session is very inclusive and possibly may meet all requirements.

Embargo Placed on Freight Shipments Through Wyoming

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 10.—An embargo on all freight, except coal, which would have to pass through Wyoming has been ordered by the Union Pacific railroad on account of the snow blockade 50 miles east of Laramie and continued blizzards in that state. It was announced today. Six snowplows are working, it is said, and as soon as the tracks are cleared the embargo will be lifted.

BILL RETURNS BIRD RESERVE

2700 Acres in California and Oregon to Go to Public Domain

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The house today passed a bill returning to the public domain lands reserved for a bird reservation in Siskiyou and Modoc counties, California, and Klamath county, Oregon. About 2700 acres are released under the bill for homestead purposes.

Germany Insists Delivery of Port Material Unfair

BASLE, Dec. 10.—The German government, according to Berlin advices, persists that the delivery of 400,000 tons of port material is an unacceptable claim. Germany's answer to the allied note, it is expected, will be forwarded from Berlin.

STRIKE ENDS WHEN MINERS ACCEPT PLAN

Workers Agree to Return to Work Pending Adjustment of Claims by Committee to be Appointed by President

SHIPMENT EXPECTED TO RESUME BY MONDAY

Both Sides Issue Statements Expressing Gratification at Outcome

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 10.—The coal miners strike is ended. With one dissenting vote the general committee of the United Mine Workers of America this afternoon voted to accept President Wilson's proposal for immediate return to work pending final settlement of their wage controversy with operators by a commission to be appointed by him.

Telegrams were sent tonight to the 4000 locals of the union by international officials instructing the men to return to work immediately. Additional instructions will be sent out tomorrow morning.

Strike leaders tonight predicted full resumption of operations Friday and shipment of coal from the mines beginning Monday morning.

All Pleased
Miners, operators and government officials alike were highly gratified over the settlement and all sides appeared confident of a final satisfactory settlement of the fight by the commission.

The action today ends a tie-up of the soft coal industry of more than five weeks duration and which was more far reaching in its effects than any other in the history of the country. As a result of the strike the country was fast approaching a "shut-down" of industry and widespread suffering among its one hundred million inhabitants.

Radical Element Downed
The decision came after many hours of debate, in which the radical element made incendiary speeches against operators and others interested in settlement of the strike and for a time threatened to defeat efforts to settle the strike. The conservative element, led by Acting President John L. Lewis and Secretary-Treasurer William Green, gained control of the situation and succeeded in putting down practically all opposition by the time the question came to a vote.

One concession was made to the radicals. The convention agreed to the calling of a general convention of the miners at a future date, at which time the action of, and reasons for, the general committee will be fully explained. The opponents of acceptance of the president's plan made their fight principally on the theory that only a general conven-

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ATTORNEY FOR BERGMAN AND EMMA GOLDMAN SAYS DEPORTATION SAME AS PRONOUNCING DEATH SENTENCE

Weinberger Admits Clients Anarchists While Making Plea That They Be Allowed to Remain in United States—Both Willing to Go If Blockade Against Russia Is Lifted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Deportation of Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman to "white guard" Russia would be equivalent to pronouncing death sentence upon them, Harry Weinberger, counsel for the two radicals asserted in a brief filed today with the supreme court in a final effort to prevent their removal from this country.

BOATS COLLIDE; NO LIVES LOST

Carmania and Maryland Smash 500 Miles East of Halifax Says Radio

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 9.—Messages intercepted at the naval radio station here tonight told of a collision between the British steamers Carmania and Maryland about 500 miles east of Halifax. The Carmania was slightly damaged. The messages did not indicate the extent of the damage to the Maryland.

Look to Basements, High Water May Be Upon You Any Time

The Statesman offers the suggestion that you see to your basement. If the present heavy snow were to begin melting suddenly, especially should it do so with a fall of rain, there would be a lot of water flowing about the city, streams would be swollen and many basements flooded. It is wise if you remove from the basement articles that would be damaged by water, or better stop up the holes so the water can flow in—if that is possible. High water and overflows are always attended by flooded basements. Better make preparations while there is time.

No Necessity Seen for Reducing Silver Content

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Government officials do not believe there is any necessity for immediate steps to reduce the silver content of the United States coins to make the intrinsic value coincide with the face value, in order to prevent silver speculators melting coins into bullion.

The treasury recently put thirty million dollars silver at the disposal of the federal reserve board for the purpose of stabilizing dollar exchange. Most of it probably will be shipped to China, India and Oriental countries to meet the abnormal demand there for the metal.

PORTLAND TIED UP BY BLIZZARD SWEEPING STATE

No Freight Trains Move in All Oregon—Passenger Service Crippled

11 BELOW AT PENDELTON Washington and Idaho in Grip of Unprecedented Weather—Worse Is Feared

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 10.—Nearly forty hours of uninterrupted snowfall placed Portland in an almost isolated position today. Trains were unable to move into or out of the terminal—not a freight train moved in any part of Oregon, reports said. Wire service was badly interrupted throughout the state. Lines between this city and Puget Sound were reported open, however.

Car Service Paralyzed
Street car service in this city was almost paralyzed. Only two lines gave service, and that only spasmodic. Night workers were compelled to remain downtown, the results being that even chairs in hotel lobbies were at a premium. Those who reached home after work yesterday had to walk through several feet of snow to reach their places of employment this morning. Every

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TRAINS ON TWO ROADS RUN AGAIN

Normal Traffic Soon to be Restored—Schools in Salem Dismissed Because of Difficulty in Travel

STATE BUILDINGS CRUSHED BY SNOW

Sportsmen Fear for Safety of Game Birds in Willamette Valley

Southern Pacific and Oregon Electric trains that were tied up all day yesterday and most of the previous night by the almost unprecedented fall of snow in the Willamette valley began to move again last night and traffic will reach an almost normal state today.

Other inconveniences that have been caused by the storm are gradually being overcome, to the extent that the people of Salem and surrounding country have begun to make the mintage a holiday season rather than a season of lamentation.

The depth of snow has reached 26 inches and the fall had ceased at midnight.

Oregon Electric trains Nos. 13 and 17, due respectively at 8:45 and 8:50 o'clock, both arrived at 10 minutes after 9 o'clock last night. On the Southern Pacific line two sections of No. 15, southbound, arrived at Salem about 9 o'clock last night and three sections of No. 13 about 11 o'clock. No. 16, northbound, reached Salem at 8 o'clock and No. 14 about 11 o'clock. Other trains passed on both roads during the night.

Existence Is Demoralized.
Existence in Salem yesterday was pretty badly demoralized and business was affected by a partial paralysis. Mails failed to reach the city because of non-arrival of trains, and the result was that at the state house and court house public affairs were unusually quiet. Stores downtown were not as active as under normal conditions due to the difficulty encountered by residents in getting away from their homes, which in many cases was impossible. Street

car traffic was halted a part of the day and heavy trucks were the only motor vehicles that could make passage through the streets until late in the day when tractors drawing snow plows or scrapers cleared the car tracks, which from then on were used both by vehicles and trolley cars. These tracks were put to merry use last night when automobiles and motorcycles with sidecars attached sped through the streets with hand-saws, each with its one or two occupants, trailing behind.

State Buildings Damaged.
Considerable damage about Salem, aside from the usual bursting of water pipes, was reported.

Warden Steiner of the state penitentiary estimates that \$2000 in damage was done by snow at the state penitentiary Tuesday night. Skylights in the roofs of the blacksmith shop and of the flax plant broke through and portions of the roofs with them. In the flax plant about 35 men were at work and by chance not one was injured when the roof crashed in with its avalanche of snow. Warden Steiner believes it may be necessary to call on the legislature for financial assistance to repair the damage.

At the fair grounds the roof of two livestock exhibit barns have crashed and some of the racing stables are threatened.

Rural Carriers Blocked.
It was impossible for all rural mail carriers, with the exception of the carrier on route No. 1, to carry their mails. In the city only one delivery was necessary because of the failure of mail to arrive.

Salem schools were demoralized during the forenoon yesterday because of absence of pupils who were unable to reach the school buildings, and in the afternoon all public schools, including the high school, were dismissed. John W. Todd, city

BACK BONE OF COLD WAVE IS BROKEN IN EAST

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—A break in the cold wave that for two days has covered most of the country west of the Mississippi river came late today. Moderation was reported tonight except east of the Mississippi where the cold was severe and in the northern plain states.

Birdies Are Hungry, Why Not Feed Them at Your Residence?

Have you thought of the birds and their welfare during the winter spell? It is hard for the little feathered people to find enough to eat with 26 inches of snow on the ground. Why not make a feeding place for them in the back yard—or the front yard for that matter? A few crumbs from the table will be much appreciated by the birds. They are not in the habit of loitering around asking for food, but today they are hungry, and need your help. Also the pheasants and other game birds are doubtless in dire straits. Why shouldn't the farmers make feeding places for them and contribute a bit of grain for their sustenance? Wheat is expensive, but the game birds are worth having with us.

Thousand Bushels Flax Are Sold by the State

One thousand bushels of flax seed at \$6 a bushel is a sale negotiated by R. B. Goodin, secretary of the state board of control, to T. A. G. Gordon, a private dealer of Sarnia, Ontario, Canada. The flax will be shipped at once. To fill out a car to a maximum capacity a quantity may be added to the shipment by the Oregon Flax Fibre company of Salem.

CAPTAIN "BEAT UP" PRISONERS IS TESTIMONY

Former Soldiers Tell of Treatment Given to Secure "Confessions"

DEFENDANT IS UNMOVED

One Witness Says He Never Saw Anyone Struck by Accused Officer

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Testimony that Captain Carl W. Detzer had struck military prisoners in France in the face and ordered his sergeants to "beat them up" in order to force "confessions" was given today by three witnesses when he was placed on trial at Governor's Island. The offenses with which Captain Detzer is charged occurred while he was in charge of "criminal investigation" in the Le Mans area in command of the 208th military police company.

Private Tells of Beating
George E. Williams of Corning, Ia., a discharged private declared that while Sergeant F. L. Hoyt held his hands behind his back, Sergeant U. S. Madden beat him, until, fearing he was to be "killed," he had signed a statement which he believed was to the effect that he had stolen property.

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CHICAGO CHOSEN AS CONVENTION CITY OF 1920 BY REPUBLICANS; CONTRIBUTIONS LIMITED TO \$1000

New Departments Created to Deal With Policies and General Party Welfare—Harmony and Organization Keynotes—Many to Attend Chairmen's Meeting Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The Republican national committee today selected Chicago and Tuesday, June 8, as the place and the time for the national convention at which the party's 1920 candidate for president will be nominated.

On the roll call Chicago mustered 44 votes to 9 for St. Louis, Ashbury Park, N. J., and Cheyenne, Wyo. ming, made bids for the convention but withdrew before voting began.

New Departments Created
The committee also authorized creation of two new departments of party organization to deal respectively with policies and general party welfare. The former will go to work at once sorting out subjects to be dealt with in the 1920 platform. The second committee comprises an equal number of national committeemen and outside party leaders and will function as an advisory council in the conduct of the campaign.

SINKING HOUSE BOAT ALMOST ENTRAPS TWO FAMILIES IN RIVER

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Buswell and Five Children Make Sensational Escape up River Bank in Darkness When Weight of Snow Causes Domicile to Settle in Willamette Slough—With Bare Feet and in Night Clothing Occupants Seek Refuge

Household Belongings in Submerged Boat

Rarefoot, clad in their night garments, combatting a harrasing fall of snow in a freezing atmosphere, and with the intense darkness that precedes dawn hovering over the Willamette river, were the conditions under which two families, nine persons in all, made their escape from a sinking house boat at the foot of Bellevue street about 6 o'clock yesterday morning.

The persons living in the house were: Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Kemp, owners of the house boat, and their three children, Norris, 8 years old; Dorris, 7; and Ray, a baby 4 months; also Mr. and Mrs. Earl Buswell and their two children. Mrs. Kemp and Mrs. Buswell are sisters.

Weight of newly-fallen snow that had become heaped to a depth of nearly two feet over the roof and decks of the house boat caused it to settle in the water. Members of the two families who were so nearly trapped as they slept in their sinking domicile received the hospitality of neighbors and friends and physically are none the worse for the experience. Most of their household belongings are still in the house boat that rests on the bottom of Willamette slough. Only the top of the house from a line a little below the eaves is visible above the frozen, snow-covered surface of the river.

Mr. Kemp is a river man who operates a launch. He purchased the house boat about a month ago from C. K. Denison and moved it from the foot of Court street to the foot of Bellevue street.

As the two families slept yesterday morning Mr. Kemp was disturbed by a movement of the house. Once awakened he discovered that it was settling in the water. Without hesitation he aroused Mrs. Kemp and bade her take the baby, while he snatched the two older children from their beds and shouted to the Buswells.

All contrived to escape a wetting in the river, though it was not an easy matter in the darkness and confusion to reach the steps that lead from the house boat up the embankment to Bellevue street, especially with the steps ridged deeply with snow and the fugitives from the river without shoes.

Luckily the nearest house on Bellevue street had windows alight. To this the two families hastened. It chanced to be the residence of Henry S. Folkes, who is a baker, and who, because of his occupation, had arisen early and had a roaring fire going in the heating stove. The two families were soon made comfortable, given beds and every hospitality the Folkes household afforded extended to them. Other persons in the neighborhood rendered them the temporary assistance needed. Later in the day they obtained quarters at the Miller apartments on Ferry street. Mr. Kemp expressed deep gratitude yesterday for the help given by the Folkes family and other people of the city.

The clothing which the fleeing river residents were unable to take with them when they made their escape was removed from the house boat yesterday, but it was impossible to remove other articles.

An unsuccessful effort was made to raise the house boat. With a launch Mr. Adrian and others attempted to break a trail through the ice so the steamer Grey Eagle could be taken to the house boat with equipment necessary to lift it from the bottom of the slough. This could not be done because of the depth of snow on the ice. Another attempt will be made today.

The house boat is 50 by 30 feet in dimensions and rests on three scows, each 50 feet long and eight feet wide. Mr. Adrian believes the weight of the snow pressed the house down until the water lines of the scows were below the surface of the slough and they took water, causing them to sink. Though the slough was frozen over the ice was not heavy enough to hold the house boat at the surface. Mr. Adrian does not believe actual damage to his property will exceed \$100.

Delegates of Russian States Would Defend Independence

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The representatives of the governments of Esthonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Rumania and White Russia in conference at Dorpat have declared themselves in favor of a military and political convention to defend their independence, according to news reaching London tonight from Kevno.

NO DECISION ON GAME REACHED

Faculty Will Approve Action of Athletic Committee of Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 10.—No decision concerning a renewed invitation from Pasadena, Cal., for the Harvard football team to meet a western eleven there on New Year's day was reached by the athletic committee at a meeting today. It was announced that the committee would decide the matter tomorrow. Before the meeting the faculty voted to endorse any action the committee see fit to take.

Federated Press is New News Gathering Service

CLEVELAND, Dec. 10.—A news gathering association to be known as the Federated Press with about 20 members, mostly labor and socialist newspapers, in as many cities throughout the country, is being incorporated in Chicago, it was said here today.

MIDLAND, S. D. SWEEPED BY FIRE

Dozen Buildings Destroyed But Flames Are Controlled Says Message

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 10.—A telephone message from Midland, 50 miles west of here tonight reported a bad fire razing in that place. A dozen buildings had burned but the flames were thought to be under control.