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Occasional rain to-night and Saturday.

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MIDDLE WEST IS TIED-UP, GALE

Passenger Trains Snowbound and Lake Steamers Are Believed Doomed.

WORST STORM OF WINTER

Blizzard Sweeps Many States and Continuation Is Forecasted by the Weather Bureau—Many Human Laden Trains Are Unheard From.

Chicago, Ill., March 15.—The middle west is tied up today by the worst blizzard of the winter. All traffic on the big railroads centering in Chicago is at a standstill.

Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois, parts of Oklahoma, Iowa, Minnesota and the Dakotas are being swept by a terrific gale with snow accompanying.

No eastbound trains, due early today, have been reported up to noon. The weather bureau predicts a continuation of the storm tomorrow.

A terrific gale is sweeping the Great Lakes and it is feared that many craft will be unable to weather the storm.

Nebraska Snowed Under.

Lincoln, Neb., March 15.—Many trains are stalled throughout Nebraska today and traffic is paralyzed. Hundreds of laborers are working in an effort to shovel snow out snow drifts which are blocking trains.

25 Trains Snowbound.

Denver, Colo., March 15.—Twenty-five passenger trains are stalled through the middle west by the storm. Ten Rock Island trains are tied up at Goodland, Kansas, and nine Union Pacific trains are at Oakley, Kas. Half a dozen others are overdue. The Burlington and Santa Fe trains have not been reported.

AMPUTATION OF LEG MAY CAUSE DEATH

Conrad Platsoeder, for many years a leading butcher of this city, is today in a precarious condition at St. Anthony's hospital as the result of an attack of diabetic gangrene which necessitated the amputation of one of his legs yesterday afternoon, but, according to his physicians, his condition is hopeful and warrants the belief that he has yet a fighting chance to recover.

Mr. Platsoeder has been suffering from the malady for the past three weeks and his condition became so bad yesterday that an operation was determined upon. Dr. H. S. Garfield, assisted by Dr. C. J. Smith, Dr. E. O. Parker and Dr. R. E. Rinco, performed the surgical treatment from which the patient rallied unexpectedly well.

COMMITTEE FAVORS KILLING COURT OF COMMERCE

Washington, March 15.—By a vote of 11 to 8 the house interstate foreign commerce committee today decided to report favorably on Representative Sims's bill to abolish the United States commerce court, despite Attorney General Wickersham's plea for a "fair trial" of the court. Last year twenty-two of twenty-seven rulings by the interstate commerce commission were nullified by it.

Sweating Would-Be Assassin.

Rome, March 15.—By vigorous sweating, the police today are trying to gain from D'Alba the would-be assassin of King Emanuel, some idea of his reasons for making the attempt. The condition of Major Luna is unchanged and he will probably recover. The celebration over the king's escape continues unabated throughout Italy.

H. E. BICKERS RESIGNS AS SECRETARY OF FAIR BOARD—NEW SECRETARY WANTED

Because of his connection with a company colonizing Canadian lands, H. E. Bickers has resigned as secretary of the district fair board and the members of the board are now seeking a new man for the position. A session of the board is being held at the Commercial club rooms this afternoon and the session will be continued over tomorrow. The resignation of Mr. Bickers was submitted to the board this afternoon and accepted. Owing to the vast amount of work now on hand in connection with holding the fair this fall it is desired to fill the position as soon as possible.

Among those discussed for the sec-

HOT SHOT FOR T. R., TAFT

Senator La Follette Flays Opponents in North Dakota Primary Campaign.

Mandan, N. D., March 15.—Hot shot for both President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt for their failure to cripple the trusts in their formative period, is being poked out through the state by Senator La Follette in sizzling personal speeches in the fight for republican delegates. The primaries will be held in North Dakota next Tuesday and the campaign is the fiercest in the state's history.

Will Extend Fight.

Jamestown, N. D., March 15.—Senator La Follette announced here today that he will return to Washington soon and then stump Oregon, Nebraska, California and other states having presidential primaries.

STRIKE OF MINERS NOW SEEMS CERTAIN

Reject Offer of Operators and Adjourn—England Suffering

New York, March 15.—Disputing many statements made by the mine operators, representatives of the eastern anthracite coal miners today formally presented to the owners a rejection of the operators' offer to continue for three years the present agreement which expires in April. Unless some further action is taken it is almost certain that 130,000 miners will strike. After the meeting between the miners and operators today, the conference adjourned sine die, after the operators said that their original proposition stood.

English Situation Worse.

London, March 15.—With four million persons throughout the United Kingdom already directly affected and the suffering rapidly increasing, the great coal strike situation grew more serious today.

Striving hard to settle in some way the industrial war before the millions of sufferers are materially increased, and their hardships augmented, Fenner Asquith today brought the operators and miners together for further conferences. Restlessness of the miners is increasing and it is feared that clashes may occur.

FERGUSON-STEPHENS WEDDING A SUPRISE

Another wedding which took Pendleton by surprise occurred yesterday evening when George Ferguson and Miss Frankie May Stephens were made man and wife. Although their friends have been expecting the announcement of their engagement for some time they were not prepared for the news of the nuptials.

Miss Stephens, who has been employed at the Peoples Warehouse for some time past, resigned her position several days ago but her friends believed she was going back to Kansas to visit relatives. Yesterday afternoon after the newspapers had gone to press, Mr. Ferguson appeared at the court house, secured a license and he and his bride stole away on the east bound train without any of their friends being the wiser. Their destination is still unknown.

WILL IT BE MRS. CLERK?

First Woman Candidate Starts Campaign for City Election. San Jose, Calif.—The first woman to go before the electors of California will be Mrs. Ruby Furman of Los Gatos, who filed her petition as a candidate for the city clerkship of Los Gatos. She is opposing E. A. Winning, the incumbent. Mrs. Furman is assistant manager of the Los Gatos Telephone company.

If a man's conscience never troubles him, it's a sign he has it well trained.

SAYS T. R. BEAT PEACE TREATY

Head of Illinois Taft Club Severly Criticises Alleged Work of Colonel.

'SACRIFICED THE PEOPLE'

Significantly Analyzes Deciding Vote Cast by Former President's Campaign Manager and Declares Defeat Is Destructive to Country's Welfare.

Chicago, March 15.—"That the defeat of the peace treaties must be laid at the door of Colonel Roosevelt is the substance of a statement given out here today by David Forgan, head of the Taft Club of Illinois. The statement is an attack on Colonel Roosevelt's motives and declares he has "sacrificed the welfare of the people to promote his political and selfish ambition."

Mr. Forgan declares the treaties negotiated by President Taft with England and France expressed the overwhelming sentiment of the American people; that Colonel Roosevelt the "so-called friend of the people was the only conspicuous republican opponent" and that Senator Dickson, his campaign manager, changed front abruptly and cast the deciding vote which "emasculated and destroyed them."

PILOT ROCK CLUB BANQUET A SUCCESS

With approximately one hundred seats filled, the first banquet given by the new Pilot Rock Commercial club last night was a huge success and served to further stimulate the business men of the little city in their inauguration of an era of progress. Opening as it did the new hotel to the public the banquet had a double significance.

Pendleton was represented at the banquet by J. P. Robinson and J. E. Keefe, president and secretary of the local Commercial association. Clarence M. Bishop, Frederic W. Steiwer, Charles W. Meighan, Roy Alexander, Jerome Friedman, Carl Cooley, Lester Hanley, Carl Power and others, while James P. Neal and L. D. Howland represented the east end of the county.

Speeches were made during the course of the banquet by E. B. Castlet, Herbert Boylen, J. N. Burgess, T. P. Gilliland, E. W. Warrington, John P. McManus, Douglas Belts, J. E. Keefe, J. P. Neal and a number of others, Dr. Fred A. Llewellyn acting as toastmaster.

WATTS MAY ENTER RACE, DISTRICT JUDGE

That he may be a candidate for the republican nomination for circuit judge to oppose Gilbert W. Phelps, the present incumbent, was intimated yesterday afternoon by Homer L. Watts, the well known Athena attorney, who was transacting business here. He declared he is being insistently urged to enter the race by his friends and has been strongly considering the matter but has as yet reached no definite decision.

Watts, besides being a practicing lawyer, farms on an extensive scale and declares that this combination of interests is deterring him from making a race, which, if successful, would require the sacrifice of his personal business. While not belittling the strength of Judge Phelps, he is of the opinion that he would receive strong support should he decide upon running for the nomination.

OREGONIANS SELECT SITE AND THEN SEE SIGHTS

San Francisco, March 15.—The delegation of Oregonians having finished selecting the site for the Oregon building at the fair today are giving themselves entirely to suiting their individual tastes.

Nevada was a close second in choosing her site and selected ground adjoining Oregon's. Next Wednesday the governors of Idaho, Washington and Montana with delegations, will arrive for selections of sites for their state buildings.

Lynch Again Heads Printers. San Francisco, March 15.—Final returns in the advisory vote for the nomination of officers of the Typographical Union shows an administrative victory. James Lynch, president, got nearly a two to one vote over Fred Barker of Spokane.

DR. WILEY QUILTS GOV'T.

Will Become Associate Editor of Good Housekeeping Magazine.

Washington, March 15.—Dr. Harvey Wiley, "pure food man," resigned today as chief chemist in the bureau of chemistry. He handed his resignation to Secretary Wilson of the agricultural department. "Wiley has resigned. That's all I can say now," said Secretary Wilson.

Will Become Editor.

New York, N. Y., March 15.—"Good Housekeeping," a magazine, today announced that Dr. Harvey Wiley has accepted a position as "director of the department of Food, Health and Sanitation, which the magazine will establish in Washington, where Dr. Wiley will remain.

Dr. Wiley will have his own library in Washington and be free to pursue his work as he sees fit.

SNOW HAMPERS CHASE OF NEBRASKA CONVICTS

Militia Sent to Pen to Preserve Order Among Prisoners

Lincoln, Neb., March 15.—Hampered by eighteen inches of snow, armed possees today continue the pursuit of Convicts Morley, Taylor and Dowd, who escaped from the penitentiary yesterday, after assassinating Warden Delahunt, Deputy Warden Wagner and Usher Hellman.

As the snowstorm prevented trains from leaving last night, it is believed the convicts are hiding in Lincoln and are possibly being cared for by friends.

It is believed weapons were smuggled into them by former prisoners. The penitentiary today is quiet and no more trouble is feared.

Adjutant General Phelps, commanding a company of state militia, has complete control of the penitentiary. All the four hundred convicts will be kept locked in their cells until Sunday.

PREACHER PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO MURDER

Pittsburg, March 15.—Holding the hand of his aged wife, the Rev. Dr. W. D. McFarland, who has grown gray in the service of the public schools and the ministry, entered a plea of not guilty when brought to trial in criminal court here for alleged connection with the death of his former secretary, Elsie D. Coe, as the result of a criminal operation. District Attorney Wm. A. Blakeley in his opening statement, declared that before her death Miss Coe made a statement in which she placed the responsibility for the operation on the minister, who had come here from Greenville, Tenn., where he was in charge of a United Presbyterian mission. Later when Mr. Blakeley presented the statement in evidence it was admitted by the court, although Attorney Homer L. Castle, for the defense, objected on the ground that Miss Coe was not of sound mind when it was made.

GULL INJURES A CLAMMER.

Bird Utilizes Cranium of Digger to Break Shell On.

Asbury Park, N. J.—John Messenger, a Belmar clammer, has a lump on his head the size of an egg. Clams started to "migrate," as the clammer says, and the movement of the bivalves as is usual, was accompanied by the arrival of hundreds of sea gulls, who swoop down into the water, carry the clams aloft and drop and break them on the ice, if there is any, hoist upon anything else handy. They follow the descending clam closely.

Whether by accident or design (Messenger believes it was intended) a gull dropped a big flat clam from a height of more than 100 feet this afternoon and it struck the clammer on the top of the head.

The hungry gull, following the juncious clam closely, flapped its wings in Messenger's face and otherwise scared him half to death. The swelling on his head is painful.

Packers Plan Arguments.

Chicago, March 15.—The packers and their attorneys held a conference today for the purpose of outlining arguments for their defense, to be submitted next week.

Taft Men in Majority.

Evansville, Ind., March 15.—The First District Republican convention will begin its sessions here late this afternoon. Adherents of President Taft claim to be in the majority.

SNEEZES TILL HE DIES.

New Jersey Athlete Meets Death in Curious Way.

Camden, N. J.—Andrew Herd, an athlete and for many years a life guard on the beach at Atlantic City, began sneezing and sneezed until he died there.

VIRGINIA BANDITS PURSUED BY ARMY OF TROOPS, OFFICERS

After Conducting Carnival of Blood in Court Room, Mountaineers Flee For Carolina Border

GIRL IS VICTIM OF BATTLE; ALLEN CUTS THROAT

Slayers of Court Officials Gather Gang of Friends and More Bloodshed is Expected in Predicted Battle With Posses—Detective Reported Killed in Fight.

Barren Springs, Va., March 15.—The death of a thirteen year old girl, Betty Ayres, from a bullet wound received yesterday in the Hillsville court room battle, precipitated by the Allen gang, swells the death list to four and it may also result in the death of Floyd Allen, the man who caused the riot. Allen today tried to cut his own throat, while on a cot in an improvised hospital in the jail. He has three bullets in his body, from yesterday's battle and his leg is broken. He is not expected to recover.

The Ayres girl was shot through the body as she ran down an aisle in the court room, trying to escape from the flying bullets.

An unconfirmed report from Hillsville, has it that one of the detectives sent from Richmond to pursue the outlaws, was slain in a battle that occurred in the mountains between a posse and the bandits.

Posses Pursuing Gang.

Barren Springs, Va., March 15.—The armed Allen gang of bandits, more than twenty in number, and who yesterday conducted a carnival of death in the court room at Hillsville while resisting the conviction of Lloyd Allen for wounding the sheriff several weeks ago and aiding a bunch of moonshiners to escape from the jail, have taken to the Blue mountains. They are being pursued by scores of heavily armed citizens, many of whom are members of the most prominent families in Virginia and who are bent on revenge for the death of the Cargill county court officers.

A report has reached here that seventeen of the outlaws in one bunch are racing for the North Carolina border. Two companies of state militia today leave for the hills, supplementing a force of two hundred soldiers who left for the scene last night.

Detective Felis, leading twenty deputies, arrived at Hillsville today and formally arrested Floyd Allen, the man who caused the shooting, and his son Victor. Floyd Allen is a striking specimen of the mountaineer and is fifty years of age. He was wounded several times during yesterday's battle, but will probably survive his injuries.

The detectives also arrested a mountaineer named Strickland, who it is believed, smuggled a revolver to Allen yesterday as he sat at the

MEXICAN REBEL DOES NOT FEAR U. S. LAWS.

Eagle Pass, Texas, March 15.—A flat declaration that he expects American friends of the rebels to defy President Taft's proclamation, making it a violation of law to send arms into Mexico, General Orozco has said that he would continue until President Madero is whipped and that arms would come from Americans despite the United States army guards.

PROPOSITION TO THROW NORTH SIDE INTO ONE DISTRICT SEEMS DOOMED TO DEFEAT

In all probability the north side of the river will not be thrown into one improvement district in order that the expenses of paving Jackson and Raley streets might be defrayed by all property deriving benefits. Although a committee of north side dwellers appeared before the council meeting Wednesday night to urge the north side district plan and, notwithstanding the fact that no surface opposition by any councilman was manifested, it appears from the tenor of remarks made at the adjourned meeting yesterday afternoon that the majority if not all of the aldermen are not in favor of it and will not accept it. No official action has been taken upon the matter, although resolutions were adopted yesterday afternoon declaring the necessity of improvement with hard surface pavement of Jackson street from Main to Blaine, Perkins avenue from Jackson to Raley and Raley street from Perkins to Arc. The resolutions further ordered the city engineer to draw up plans showing what property will be benefited and what portion of the expense must be borne. Thus the city engineer is empowered to lay out the boundaries of the improvement district and he will unquestionably proceed as in the past by assessing back a half block from the streets to be improved. The councilmen take the attitude that "each tub should stand upon its own bottom" as one of them expressed it this afternoon. They point out that there should be no discrimination in favor of property owners along the north side streets and that the same line of procedure should be followed in their case as when Alta street was ordered paved. Through unintentionally misleading headlines in an article in this paper yesterday, it was made to appear that the north side district plan had already been adopted. However, there was nothing in the body of the article that would substantiate this idea, the substance of the report being that the matter had simply been put up to the council and property owners.