

STORM KING RULES

Middle West and Northwest In Grip of Freezing Weather.

WHEAT CROP MAY BE RUINED

Lack of Snow to Protect Late Planting Proves Costly—Poor Are Suffering.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Catching hundreds of thousands of persons unprepared, the whole Northwest, Upper Mississippi valley, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio are experiencing the severest winter weather in years. Reports from various points west and northwest are that suffering is acute, that exposed cattle and sheep are endangered, and that late sown wheat is likely to be much damaged.

Accompanying the low temperature is a fierce northwest wind that cuts to the marrow. The cold wave fell upon city and farm savagely. Western grain fields are especially exposed to the rigors of the season, because there is little snow to protect them.

With nine degrees below zero this morning, Chicago endured the coldest day since 1905. With the cold came manifold transportation troubles, chills, cars, broken trolley wires, blockades and wrecks due to broken rails. With the cold also rose the mighty wail of the poor and destitute, who have managed to exist during mild weather, but who are absolutely helpless now.

TENSION SOMEWHAT RELAXED

Foreign Governments Reluctant About Meddling With China's Affairs.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Notwithstanding the uneasiness that apparently exists in Peking, growing out of possibilities in the changes in China's progressive policy following the dismissal of Grand Counsellor Yuan Shi Kai, State department officials express the belief that the tension has been somewhat relaxed, noticeably since the appointment of Liang to be minister of foreign affairs. His appointment, the officials say, may be helpful in checking to a limited extent any action toward reactionary steps.

The question of making representations to a foreign government on matters of internal administration and policy, always a delicate one, is regarded as particularly so in this case.

CALIFORNIA FIGHTS JAPANESE

Ex-Congressman Johnson Introduces Three Preventive Bills.

Sacramento, Jan. 7.—Three bills dealing with the Japanese question will be introduced in the California assembly. Ex-Congressman G. L. Johnson has prepared all of these measures and as floor leader in the assembly, will make a strong fight for their passage. The first prohibits aliens from becoming members of corporations; the second inserts the word "Japanese" in the law regarding the segregation of Oriental school children.

The statute at present segregates Mongolians, but as the Japanese claim they do not come under that classification, the race will be specified.

The third bill segregates "aliens whose presence may be inimical to the health and public morals" of a community, and while the Japanese are not mentioned specifically the measure is aimed at them.

City Hall Being Razed.

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—A force of workmen today began to demolish the city hall dome, which was partially stripped to its steel frame by the earthquake of 1906, and which had since stood as a prominent landmark of the destruction wrought by the disaster. The task has been undertaken by an Eastern contractor, after lengthy injunction proceedings in the Superior court. Four months will be devoted to razing the tower. The wrecking of the city hall will be accomplished through two separate contracts.

St. Paul Has 30 Below Zero.

St. Paul, Jan. 7.—This city today is in the icy grasp of an intense cold wave, the weather bureau reporting 25 degrees below zero, while street thermometers registered 30 degrees below. Regina, Canada, is the coldest place in the Northwest, with a temperature of 40 degrees below. Coast trains are several hours late.

BLESSES GRAVE OF DEAD.

Archbishop Buries Bodies in Vast Hole in Center of Messina.

Messina, Jan. 8.—A most impressive funeral ceremony was witnessed here today when Archbishop Barrigo made his way through the ruins of the city to the cemetery at Mare Grosso and blessed a grave 100 feet wide and 30 feet deep, containing 1,300 bodies. The dead were piled one on top of the other, and the bodies covered with quicklime. The prelate was followed to the cemetery by a large gathering of survivors, whose lamentations mingled with the Latin words of the services.

Subsequently the archbishop walked through the ruins and blessed the military hospital, the military college, the barracks and the archbishop's house, considering those wrecked edifices as so many cemeteries. Under them were the corpses of soldiers, students, policemen and monks.

All the valuables found among the ruins are being taken on board the steamer Duca di Genoa in the bay. Yesterday currency to the amount of \$3,600,000, including the contents of the safe of the Sicilian-American bank, was transferred to this vessel.

A banker named Mauromati, who was one of the richest residents, lost everything. Yesterday he went to the authorities barefooted and half clothed and asked for a pair of shoes and an overcoat.

With the exception of Saint Andre Aveilane, all the churches in Messina have been destroyed.

BUSINESS FOR THE ST. PAUL.

Road Makes Traffic Agreement With Japanese Steamships.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—The official announcement was made today by the St. Paul road that upon completion of its Pacific Coast extension the company will make a special effort to secure Oriental traffic. It is said that a traffic alliance has been made with the Osaka Shosen Kaisha for semi-monthly sailings from Seattle. This company is now constructing six modern, fast steamers for trade to the Orient and the St. Paul hopes to absorb the lion's share of this business now that all other American roads have gone out of it.

The St. Paul road will make a strenuous bid for traffic between the United States, Canada, Europe, China, Philippines, Japan, Russia, Siberia, Australia, Formosa and Indian ocean ports. The steamship company with which the St. Paul has effected a traffic alliance has a fleet of 106 vessels, with a gross tonnage of 110,000 tons, and it now maintains a regular service along the Japanese, Chinese, Siberian and Korean coasts.

NIGHT RIDERS GUILTY.

Six Tennessee Murderers Must Hang for Crimes.

Union City, Tenn., Jan. 8.—With a verdict of guilty, the jury in the Night Riders' trial reported at 8:45 o'clock last night. Garrett Johnson, Tid Burton, Bob Ransom, Fred Pinion, Arthur Clear and Sam Applewhite were convicted of murder in the first degree with mitigating circumstances, and "Bud" Morris and "Bob" Huffman, the other defendants, were found guilty of murder in the second degree. Their punishment was fixed at 25 years in the penitentiary.

The punishment for the first named six defendants was left to the court, and may be death or life imprisonment, and the court has indicated an intention to pronounce the death penalty. The defense made a motion for a new trial, which was set for hearing Saturday and which will be overruled. Sentences will then be imposed.

The defendants received the verdict calmly. Attorney Pierce then turned to them when it was announced and said: "We will tear this case to pieces in the Supreme court."

Total Deaths Number 165,053.

Paris, Jan. 8.—Following Americans, reported to have been in Sicily at the time of the earthquake, are here: Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Dalton, San Diego; J. Conner, Seattle; George C. Hickey, Los Angeles. A provisional statement drawn up shows that 60 towns were destroyed and gives the number of dead in these as 165,053. This does not include hospital deaths.

Wreck on Great Northern.

Great Falls, Mont., Jan. 8.—Passenger train No. 3 on the Great Northern was derailed early this morning near Vandalia, according to a special to the Tribune. The train was thrown on its side and a number of passengers were injured. The wounded were taken to Glasgow. It is not believed that any will die, although one or two are seriously hurt.

Cathedral is Unsafe.

Toledo, Spain, Jan. 8.—A board of architects has pronounced the cathedral of Toledo, one of the largest and most celebrated in Europe, unsafe and liable to collapse. The cathedral services are now being conducted in the Church of Trinity.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

REGENTS ASK MORE.

Special Appropriation Needed for Oregon Agricultural College.

Salem—Owing to the crowded condition of the Oregon Agricultural college, the attendance of which has increased to a greater extent than that of any other institution of the kind in the West during the past three years, a special appropriation of the legislature for additional buildings will probably be asked for by the board of regents.

There are more than 1,200 students in the school at the present time. Two years ago there were but 833 students enrolled. At the term ending last June the books showed the names of 1,156 students, a gain of 323 over the year previous. By the end of the present term it is expected that the number will have reached nearly 1,300.

The fact that the college has outgrown its present accommodations for handling such large numbers is apparent, and it is practically assured that the legislature will be asked for a larger appropriation for maintenance than ever before. The amount, however, has not been decided upon. This appropriation to be requested will be separate from that asking for money for additional buildings.

The gain in attendance during the past three years at the Oregon Agricultural college is 38 per cent, making this institution far ahead of any others of its kind in the West. The nearest in the matter of gain is the Washington State college, which has a percentage of 21.

Malheur's Prospects Bright.

Vale—With the prospect of extensive irrigation work being undertaken in the near future, the people of Malheur county are looking forward to a prosperous year. Official estimates place the area of arable land in the Malheur valley at over 1,000,000 acres, but up to this time but a few thousand acres have been reclaimed by irrigation. It is obvious that as the area under irrigation is extended the productivity, wealth and population of the county will greatly increase. On the irrigated fruit land near Ontario the very best results have been obtained by the growers.

Sheridan Ranch is Sold.

McMinnville—J. A. Yerex, George E. Waggoner and I. C. Sanford, of Portland, have completed purchase of the Roswell Bewley tract of 3,000 acres, on which they lately secured an option. The tract adjoins the town of Sheridan, and varies in altitude some 700 or 800 feet. This land was all acquired by the late James F. Bewley, father of the late owner, and comprises several donation land claims and tracts of land noted in pioneer history of this county. The land will be divided into small tracts for walnut planting.

Logging Camps Resume.

Astoria—All the sawmills in this city, and practically all the logging camps on the in the Lower Columbia river district have resumed operation, after being closed down for the holidays. In addition to the latter, there will be at least two new camps start up within a short time and rumors are current that the Westport mill at Westport and the old Oregon mill at Warrenton will resume operations this spring. Both of the plants have been shut down for several months.

Idaho Likes Oregon Law.

Salem—Members of the Idaho legislature and others interested in the subject have been writing to this state recently as in regard to the Oregon Railroad commission law. They assert that they have good reports of the workings of the law, and think of framing their own law upon a similar model. Idaho has at present no railroad commission statute.

Sheep Clear of Scabbies.

Pendleton—Oregon's sheep are practically free from scabbies, the inspection started last October having been completed. Not more than 100 sheep were found actually afflicted with the disease, and the total number which were exposed and therefore classed as infected sheep and subject to a double dipping under Federal supervision, was but 7,275. Two years ago there were 318,252.

Malheur to Grow Fruit.

Vale—Four thousand acres of first class agricultural lands are to be settled prior to the opening of spring by practical horticulturists in the Willow creek valley. The land is now being divided into 10, 20 and 40-acre tracts and will be watered by the irrigation system of the Willow River Land & Irrigation company.

Plats New Townsite.

Oregon City—W. C. Califf, of this city, is platting a new townsite on the Mount Hood road, between Welches and Cherry Hill. As soon as the plat is ready for filing in the county court, the new town will be named.

MAP OF QUADRANGLE.

Government Sends State Topographic Drawing of Umatilla.

Salem—State Engineer John H. Lewis has just received from the United States government a topographical map of what is known as the Umatilla quadrangle, which, with the Blalock island quadrangle adjoining on the west, gives the elevations in the territory benefited by the John Day-Umatilla irrigation project. For the making of these maps the state of Oregon is appropriating \$2,500 annually, and a like sum is appropriated by the Federal government. The two quadrangles contain 200,000 acres of the best land in the state, according to Engineer Lewis. It has a splendid climate and excellent transportation facilities. Now it is merely a magnificent waste of sand and sage brush due to the lack of moisture.

The irrigation project will cost from \$5,000,000 to \$12,000,000. The map now completed gives the elevations, so that from it the course of a canal can be laid out. It is Mr. Lewis' opinion that three or four times the sum now appropriated annually by the state should be made available for this work.

The next map to be finished includes a section in the Willamette valley around Eugene. Government engineers are coming to believe that the Willamette valley will have to be irrigated before the best results in agriculture and horticulture can be obtained.

SELL JOSEPHINE MINES

\$85,000 Is Paid for Famous Black Channel Property.

Grants Pass—An important mining deal has just been closed by which the famous old Black Channel hydraulic placer mines on Foothills creek in the Gold Hill district, became the property of Wil on & Brown, of Portland. The former owner was N. H. Latimer, of Seattle. The price paid was \$85,000. The new owners have taken charge of the mines, and will at once overhaul and re-equip them, putting them in shape for larger and more profitable operations.

The Black Channel diggings consist of 900 acres of mineral ground. A large portion of this is rich old channel, lying on upper Foothills creek, and within reach of a splendid water supply for piping. These diggings have produced excellent returns by hydraulic mining for a number of years. The ground is rich in coarse gold, a heavy percentage of the values being represented in nuggets. The new owners will enlarge the ditches and flumes, thus increasing the water supply and giving a longer run for the giants. New and heavier pipe lines will be laid, and longer monitors installed, making the Black Channel one of the best equipped hydraulic mines in Southern Oregon.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Barley—Feed, \$27@27.50 per ton; brewing, \$28.

Wheat—Bluestem, 89c; club, 91c; 8f, 91c; red Russian, 89c; 4-fold, 93c; valley, 91c.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$32.50 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$17@18; cover, \$12; alfalfa, \$12@13; grain hay, \$12@13.

Fruits—Apples, 75c@83 box; pears, \$1@1.75 per box; quinces, \$1@1.25 per box; cranberries, \$14.5@15 per barrel; peaches, \$1@1.25.

Potatoes—8 @ 9 c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2 1/2 c pound.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.25 @ 1.40 per hundred.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 sack; carrots, \$1; parsnips, \$1.25; beets, \$1.5; horseradish, 6@10 c pound; artichokes, \$1.40 dozen; beans, 22 1/2 c pound; cabbage, 13 1/2 c pound; cauliflower, \$1.25 dozen; celery, \$4.50 per crate; cucumbers, \$2@2.50 box; egg plant, 11 c pound; lettuce, \$1@1.25 per box; parsley, 3 c dozen; peas, 2 c round; p-p-p rs, 15@20 c pound; pumpkins, 1@1 1/2 c pound; radishes, 3 c dozen; spin- ch, 2 c pound; sprouts, 1 c pound; squash, 1@1 1/2 c pound; tomatoes, \$1.5 @ 2.

Butter—City creamery, extra, 36@37; fancy outside creamery, 32 1/2 @ 35 c per pound; store, 18@2 c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 37 1/2 @ 40c; Eastern, 27 1/2 @ 32 1/2 c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 13 1/2 @ 14 c per pound; sp. in z., large, 13@13 1/2 c; small, 14@15 c; mixed, 12@13 c; ducks, 16@20 c; geese, 10@11 c; turkeys, 18@20 c; dressed turkeys, 2 @ 23 c.

Veal—Extra, 9 1/2 @ 10 c per pound; ordinary, 7@8 c; heavy, 5 c.

Pork—Fancy, 8 c per pound; large, 7@7 1/2 c.

Mutton—6@8 c per pound; lambs, 8 @ 8 1/2 c.

Hops—1908, choice, 7@7 1/2 c per pound; good prime, 6@6 1/2 c; fair prime, 5 1/2 @ 6 c; medium, 5@5 1/2 c; 1907, 2@2 1/2 c; 1906, 1@1 1/2 c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 10@14 c per pound, according to shrink age; valley, 15@16 1/2 c; mohair, choice, 18@19 c.

GILLET'S MESSAGE.

Submits First Biennial Paper to California Legislature.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 6.—Omitting reference to the anti-race track gambling bills and making no mention of the proposed direct primary, Governor James N. Gillett sent his first biennial message to the legislature yesterday. He makes strong recommendations in favor of the improvement of transportation conditions, urges reforms in the banking, insurance and taxation laws, and suggests changes in the conduct of reformatories and charitable institutions.

The governor recommends the raising of \$18,000,000 through a state bond issue, to be expended in the building of a uniform system of roads which shall extend up and down the state, connecting the great centers of population.

An appropriation of \$400,000 is asked to supplement the amount voted by congress or the dredging and improvement of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers and the reclamation of lands adjacent.

The succession of disastrous bank failures in California and the financial stringency of last year serve as texts for the governor in urging the passage of banking laws which shall prevent commercial banks from lending their money recklessly. Salaried officers of banks, says a governor, should not be allowed to contract loans only under rigid restrictions. Banks, he says, should be required to have 20 per cent of their deposits always on hand, and harsh punishment should be meted out to offenders.

A standard insurance policy, modeled after the New York form, is recommended.

The redemption of the state's criminals is a subject which the governor discusses at length, urging an extension of the parole system, which, he says, has worked with marvelous efficiency.

The expenditure of \$125,000 for a state farm and school for orphans over 14 years of age is an important feature of the message.

NO EFFORT TO FIND BODIES.

Task Too Immense—Grief Paralyzes Italian Soldiers.

Messina, Jan. 6.—Earthquake shocks are continuing here, although they are diminishing in intensity. At night especially are they frequently felt. The fires in the city are also being gradually extinguished.

The official figures compiled so far show that 14,000 bodies have been buried in four cemeteries, that 9,000 refugees have left the city, and that 2,000 persons still remain here. Instead of excavating, in an endeavor to find the bodies buried beneath the ruins, it has been proposed that every house in which it is believed persons are buried shall be covered with quicklime.

The Associated Press correspondent has made a visit to Reggio and carefully inspected the town. The number of persons killed there and the damage done to property was much less than at Messina. Only the central section of the city was damaged. About 5,000 troops are working there.

The official figures place the wounded at Reggio at 1,000 and the refugees at 7,000. The number of dead in the ruins is not known.

CONTINUE STANDARD TRIALS

Government to Commence New Proceedings at Once.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The statement is made today on good authority that, notwithstanding the refusal of the United States court to grant a writ of habeas corpus in the case of the Standard Oil company, the department of justice will at once proceed with the trial of the numerous other cases pending in different sections, either against the Standard Oil company for receiving rebates or against the railroads for granting them to the Standard Oil company, involving the same questions. These include the cases in the Northern district of Illinois and suits in the Western district of Tennessee, the Southern district of California and the Western district of New York.

Laud American Generosity.

London, Jan. 5.—The civilized world hastening to the aid officially and unofficially, of affected Italy and "the splendid generosity of the American people and government" are the subject of eulogistic comment in the English papers, which urge the British government to follow this example, although hitherto such matters have almost invariably been left to private enterprise in England. No action on this matter can be taken until parliament reassembles.

Canaries Have Earthquake.

Ten rifers, Canary Islands, Jan. 6.—An earthquake lasting 12 seconds was felt here today. It overturned furniture and set bells to ringing in the houses. The people rushed into the streets in a state of alarm, but no damage was done.

EMPEROR MURDERED

Yuan Shi Kai Accused of Being Leader of Plot.

TRIAL FOR DISMISSED OFFICIAL

Reform Movement Greatly Aided by Recent Action, Says Banished Official—No Interference.

Penang, Straits Settlement, Jan. 9.—In an interview here today Kang Yu Wei, the well known Chinese reformer who was expelled from Peking after the coup d'etat of 1911, declared that Yuan Shi Kai had been dismissed from his high position as member of the grand council of the Chinese empire because he was instrumental in the death of the late emperor, and that he probably would be placed on trial for his connection with the matter.

"The result of this trial will convince foreigners that Yuan Shi Kai instigated the murder of the late emperor," Kang Yu Wei declared. "His dismissal will work for the good of the constitutional party; the constitution will no longer be delayed. I oppose foreign intervention in favor of Yuan Shi Kai; that matter is one for China to settle alone. The regent, Prince Chui, controls the army and is introducing reforms."

Since his expulsion from Peking ten years ago Kang Yu Wei has been instrumental in directing the reform movement in the empire from various places outside the country.

He is at present living in concealment in Penang, and very few people are able to see him. It is necessary to be vouched for by friends before access to him can be obtained. It is impossible to obtain confirmation of the expectation that Kang Yu Wei will now return to Peking.

BURLINGTON BREAKS AWAY.

Announces Cut Rate From Chicago to Seattle Exposition.

Chicago, Jan. 9.—Trouble is brewing among the Western railroads over the rates to the Alaska-Yukon Pacific exposition, which will be held in Seattle this year. Today the Burlington road caused surprise among its competitors by quoting a rate of \$62 for the round trip from Chicago. In this connection the Burlington has stolen a march on the other roads, which were waiting for a general agreement among the lines of the Transcontinental Passenger association as to what the rate should be from Chicago.

Although there is no legal reason why the Burlington should not set independently and quote any rate it sees fit, its action is contrary to that customarily taken. Other Western roads are now charging that the northern connections of the Burlington have been quoting a \$62 rate for several weeks, despite the fact that only the rate from the Missouri river and from the Twin Cities had been agreed upon, the rate being \$50.

Representatives of other Western roads declare that, if the Burlington purpose taking independent action before rate matters have been considered by the association, it will mean a serious break in the harmonious relations existing among Western roads.

NEEDS OF JETTY.

Chief of Engineers Will Ask for Appropriation of \$1,200,000.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Senator Fulton had a conference with the chief of engineers with reference to the necessity for immediate appropriations for river and harbor work in Oregon. He learned that the river and harbor committee had called on the engineers for a report as to the necessity of only three projects in the country, one of them at the mouth of the Columbia river.

The chief of engineers says that \$200,000 is absolutely necessary for the maintenance of that project, but he needs an additional \$1,000,000 to carry the work ahead and will strongly urge that this amount be provided. He also believes it essential that sufficient appropriations be made to repair and put in commission the dredge Chinook.

In response to Mr. Fulton's inquiry, he also expressed the opinion that ample funds should be provided for operating the new dredge Oregon during the coming year.

The senator feels convinced that he will have the hearty support of the engineers in his effort to get money for the Columbia river and Oregon coast in the forthcoming bill.

New Shocks Cause Panic.

Naples, Jan. 9.—Dispatches received here state that several earthquake shocks occurred at Monte Leone and Palmi this evening. The roofs of the houses were shaken down and the people thrown into a panic.