

FAIR TONIGHT WITH FROST IS PREDICTION

Smudging Will Probably Be General Over the Valley But No Damage is Feared—Mercury Will Not Drop Below 25.

Snow Falls But Melts Rapidly—Three Inches Precipitation During Yesterday's Storm.

POSSIBLE 25 ABOVE. PREDICTION TONIGHT.

Professor O'Gara stated this afternoon that a possible 25 above zero is the prediction for tonight. Smudging will be general over the valley, the barometer continues to rise indicating fair weather tonight and Saturday.

Repeating the experience of last year snow fell last night in the valley but failed to remain long on the ground. Today the weather cleared and the prediction of a temperature of 25 tonight followed. Smudging will probably be general over the valley tonight, and in consequence no damage is expected to the fruit crop. The precipitation last night was very heavy, the rain doing a great deal of good. A total of 1.45 inches fell making a total of 3 inches for the storm. About six o'clock the rain fell heavily and was mingled with snow. By nine o'clock two inches of snow covered the ground but this disappeared at an early hour today. Snow on the foothill also passed away rapidly. The minimum temperature recorded was 32.

The barometer since midnight has been steadily rising which predicts fair weather. If the sky clears entirely tonight a temperature of 25 will probably be reached. However should it cloud up again it will not be so cold.

One year ago the precipitation on April 11 and 12 was .19 of an inch, this storm being far heavier.

Absolutely nothing but good has been done in the valley by this storm, and while it will be cold tonight smudging will be general and will adequately protect the fruit crop.

Advices from all parts of the valley this afternoon are to the effect that every orchardist is prepared to smudge. In few places where wood is used it has been replaced with dry fuel so there will be no difficulty in fighting the fires.

HITCHCOCK RESIGNS FROM TAFT'S CABINET

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—Postmaster General Frank Hitchcock is to resign from the cabinet before July 1, according to reports here today. He will enter business in New York. It is said, at a salary of \$25,000 a year.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The war department today is preparing to give the late General Frederick Dent Grant, a great military funeral in the national cemetery at Arlington. Mrs. Grant's consent is being sought.

RATE ON WOOL HAS BEEN REDUCED

WASHINGTON, April 12.—In a sweeping decision handed down today the interstate commerce commission ordered big reductions in rates on wool, hides and pelts from every point west of the Mississippi river to every point east. This ruling entirely upsets the present wool rate system which has been maintained since 1896. The commission ruled that the present rates were unreasonable. The decision also orders that the present "blauket" system of freight charges on wool be supplanted by graded freight rates and prescribed lower rates for baled wool. The ruling also allows western growers to bale their own products and in addition to establishing cheaper carload rates, it gives intermediate cities the privilege of cleaning and treating wool in transit. Under certain restrictions the decision gives the railroads permission to charge a lower rate on wool from the Pacific coast to the east than from the intermountain district. The complaint of the Oregon railroad commission and that of the National Wool Growers association precipitated the case. Frank McCane, who is rate expert for the Medford Traffic Bureau, was in charge of the proceedings for the Woolgrowers association.

CLARA BARTON FOUNDER RED CROSS IS DEAD

Benefactress of Humanity Passes Away at Her Maryland Home at Age of Ninety-First Came Into Prominence During Civil War.

Active in Every Calamity Including Galveston and Johnstown Floods and Several Wars.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Miss Clara Barton, founder of the national Red Cross died at her home in Glen Echo, Md. She had been ill for months.

Clara Barton was more than 90 years old, having been born in Oxford, Mass., in 1821. She first came into national prominence during the civil war, when she participated in and directed relief work on the battlefields, and also organized the search for missing men, for which congress made extensive appropriations.

After the close of the war Miss Barton associated herself with the International Red Cross of Geneva and served in relief work throughout the Franco-Prussian war, finally securing the adoption of the Geneva treaty by the United States in 1882. Ten years later she was active during the famine in Russia.

Miss Barton founded and organized the National Red Cross in this country in 1881 and remained its president until her resignation in 1904. Throughout her life she was active in relief work at almost every great calamity, including the Johnstown and Galveston disasters, at which latter place she personally conducted the Red Cross work, despite her advanced age. She served on the field through the Spanish American war and in relief work in Cuba. She was the author of numerous published works in connection with relief operations and the Red Cross.

BANK WRECKER TAKEN AT CHICAGO

CHICAGO, April 12.—William Beattie Nesbitt, alias George Coleman, a former member of the Canadian parliament was formally re-arrested here today after having been taken into custody last night on a charge of having wrecked the Farmers Bank of Toronto and getting away with a quarter of a million dollars.

The arrest followed when British Consul Nugent, before United States Commissioner Foote, accused Nesbitt of being the fugitive. Detective Aldrich and others also positively identified the man, despite the fact that he now wears a flowing beard.

The police believe that Nesbitt has more than \$100,000 in cash. **BILLY UVICK WINS OVER JACK DRUMGOOLE**

STOCKTON, Cal., April 12.—Billy Uvick of Omaha, won an easy ten round decision from Jack Drumgoole last night. Drumgoole assimilated punishment well, and Uvick was unable to put him out. J. Leahy of San Francisco and Joe Azvedos of Sacramento put up a rattling good ten round draw.

They Grew These Whiskers, Waiting for Dunn's Good Roads



These little beads on young men Out from the lips where the whiskers grew. (Listen to my tale of woe) Traveling in roads you couldn't get through Dusty by summer, in winter a slough. They grew! They grew! (Listen to my tale of woe!) Under the sod where the orchards grew. (Listen to my tale of woe) They planted whiskers and good roads too. He'd show them all a thing or two. They threw! They threw! (Listen to my tale of woe!) And hope of progress to angels flew. Boo-hoo! Boo-hoo! (Listen to my tale of woe!)

STEEL TRUST IS INNOCENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—The United States Steel corporation never ordered "everybody to stay off the Mesaba district" and the so-called steel trust is not all powerful over its competitors in the Lake Superior districts.

These were the outstanding features in testimony given today before the Stanley house committee which is investigating the activities of the steel trust by Joseph Sellwood an iron and ore expert of Duluth, Minn.

Sellwood ridiculed the assertions of Leonidas and Albert Merritt, given several months ago to the committee, to the effect that John D. Rockefeller, aided by his philanthropic agent, the Rev. Mr. Gates, had "fleeed" the brothers, pioneer Minnesota mining and owner of mining property now in the control of the trust.

HOME RULE DEBATE BEGINS NEXT WEEK

LONDON, April 12.—No discussion of home rule took place in the house of commons today. Debate on the Asquith bill went over to next week.

ATROCITY RECORD RUSSIAN EMPIRE

LONDON, April 12.—Thirty-one millions are starving in the eastern provinces of Russia.

The average death rate throughout Russia is 32 per 1000, as compared with 14 in London.

Of children under 6 years of age, 400 die out of every thousand.

Sixty millions of non-Russians politically oppressed.

Five million Jews treated as Pariahs.

During the last six years 37,000 persons massacred in Pogroms, 600 executions.

One hundred thousand men and women serving in Siberia.

One hundred and eighty thousand persons now being held in prison without trial.

This is the terrific arraignment against the Russian empire summarized in a pamphlet just issued here by the London Atrocities Protest conference, which is holding a series of public meetings in an effort to awaken sufficient public sentiment in England to demand official representations by the British government on the subject.

REBELS FORFEIT AMERICAN AID

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—That the Mexican rebels have prejudiced their chances of ever securing recognition of belligerent rights from the United States as a result of their execution of Thomas Fountain, an American officer on the staff of General Villa, is declared today at the state department here.

Delayed telegrams received from United States Consul Letcher in Chihuahua say that everything possible was done to prevent the execution. So far as is known no definite action is as yet contemplated by the government.

VATICAN IS PROBING FALSE DEATH REPORT

ROME, April 12.—The vatican issued today a statement that the closest investigation is being made into yesterday's erroneous report that Pope Pius is dead. The pope, it is announced, is in excellent health.

GEN. FREDERICK GRANT DEAD FROM HEART DISEASE

Commander of Eastern Division of Army and Son of Great General Passes Away at New York Home.

NEW YORK, April 12.—Major General Frederick Dent Grant, commander of the eastern division of the United States army and son of General U. S. Grant, died here early today as a result of heart failure. It is believed that the end was hastened by worry and fear that a cancerous growth on the tongue, for which he was operated upon Wednesday night, was similar to the affliction which killed his father.

General Grant awoke from his sleep in a choking fit shortly before midnight, and was unable to articulate. A group of distinguished physicians worked on him for an hour, but their efforts were useless.

Universal sorrow is felt at the death of the general, and expressions of condolence poured in upon Mrs. Grant and the army authorities today from many sources.

Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed, but it will be held either Sunday or Monday, in charge of Captain Ulysses S. Grant III, of Washington, son of the dead general.

Major General Grant was born in St. Louis May 30, 1850. He graduated from West Point in 1871 and rose rapidly in the ranks of the army. He was minister to Vienna under President Harrison and police commissioner of New York City 1894. He served in the Spanish war in the Philippines and was promoted to a major generalship in 1906. He succeeded Major General Leonard Wood as commander of the eastern division when Wood was made chief of staff. The death certificate of General Grant, which was filed this afternoon fixed the cause of death as cardiac



GEN. FREDERICK GRANT

WHEAT SOARS TO TOP NOTCH OF THE YEAR

Damage to Crop of Middle West by Flood Sends Price Booming—Frantic Rush of Shorts to Cover—Fortunes Being Won and Lost.

Lichstern Principal One to Profit by Shortage—Millers Who Refused to Listen Now Begging Hearing.

CHICAGO, April 12.—A fortune is being poured into the bank account of J. C. Lichstern, the big wheat operator, as a result of the severe damage to the wheat crop in the middle west by the recent floods. Short covering on a very heavy scale, experts say, is putting the wheat market to the highest point of the year and short sellers are frantic in their efforts to get under cover. May wheat touched \$1.05 3/4 today.

There was an advance of 3 to 3 3/4 cents a bushel in wheat options at the closing of the market today for deferred options.

Lichstern is said to have been heavily interested in the May option and for a time it was believed that he would be embarrassed owing to the adverse market. Now millers who refused to listen to his plan of cleaning up the supply some time ago are reported to be anxiously awaiting an audience with Lichstern.

TO ISSUE MAP OF CRATER FOREST

The forestry office is preparing to issue a map of the Crater National forest which will show all of the trails, streams, roads, telephone lines and ranches within its confines. This map will be in the form of a folder and will also contain a synopsis of the regulations governing the starting of fire within the forest.

The maps will be ready for distribution about the first of June and will be given out free. They will be of much benefit to campers and others who spend the summer within the forest. The map was issued at the suggestion of M. L. Erickson, supervisor of the forest.

IRREGULAR TENDENCY ON STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, April 12.—Today's opening stock market developed a further irregular tendency with selling pressure on United States Steel and Union Pacific. Other leaders declined fractionally, this loss, however, being offset by a new record for American Can and a rise of two points by Canadian Pacific. New York Central, Erie, and Amalgamated Copper showed some strength. Low prices for the week were made in Union Pacific and United States Steel. International Harvester gained a point on announcement that the company would accede to the government's dissolution terms. The market closed dull. Bonds were steady.

TAFT'S FATE TO BE DETERMINED BY PRIMARIES

Presidential Nomination Hinges Upon Result in Keystone State—If Taft Loses, Will Practically Put Him Out of Race.

Savage Attack Made Upon Roosevelt's Pennsylvania Manager by Taft's Bureau.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 12.—That the republican presidential nomination at Chicago may hinge on the result of tomorrow's primary election in Pennsylvania is the belief here today of politicians. Many assert that if President Taft loses the Pennsylvania delegation or fails to secure a majority it will prove a deathblow to his candidacy. The state republican machine, headed by United States Senator Penrose, is working tooth and nail for a Taft victory. He has instructed his lieutenants to get the delegates at any cost.

Taft is confident. If Colonel Roosevelt carries the state it is generally believed here that either Roosevelt or Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Hughes will be nominated by the national convention.

The Taft following, however, is confident of success, Senator Penrose predicting that the president will carry 10 of the 12 Philadelphia congressional districts, maintaining that Colonel Roosevelt will capture but a few country districts.

The alleged inconsistency of Theodore Roosevelt and what it terms the "inside history" of William Flynn of Pittsburg, manager of Roosevelt's Pennsylvania campaign, all dwelt upon at length here today in a statement given out at Taft headquarters. The president's campaign managers declare that "Flynn was driven out of politics by an uprising of the good people of Pittsburg—the same people that he and Roosevelt now purport to represent. It is the Practical Man. After charging that Flynn made \$19,000,000 out of politics, the report adds: "Of course this is not the Theodore Roosevelt of the 'let the people rule club' established by William Jennings Bryan, but Theodore Roosevelt, 'the practical man' known to E. H. Harriman and others—when the people were not looking. "If Colonel Roosevelt is sincere in his protestations, if he means what he says in Pennsylvania, he now stands for exactly the things he has repeatedly denounced the state of Pennsylvania for standing for."

HICKS IS ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE

PORTLAND, Ore., April 12.—When the Burk Hicks jury returned a verdict of acquittal a scene of confusion took place in the courtroom. Hicks' friends gathering around to shake hands and offer congratulations.

Hicks shot William A. Wortman, a striker, during the machinists' strike, his claim being that the killing was done in self-defense.

MICHIGAN G. O. P. IS DISRUPTED

BAY CITY, Mich., April 12.—That the republican party in Michigan is practically disrupted and that the enactment of a presidential preferential primary law is the only means of preventing a repetition of the riotous scenes at yesterday's republican state convention is the declaration here today of one of the delegates. Both Roosevelt and Taft factions admit that the convention was the most bitter in the history of the state, the delegates fighting out their differences to a point where the state militia and police were needed, to maintain even a semblance of order.

The convention was marked by several fist fights, in addition to many attempts made to attack speakers on the platform. The outcome was the appointment of six Taft delegates and an equal number of Roosevelt delegates, with the republican national committee to determine which shall be seated at the national convention. Affidavits were made today by 100 Roosevelt adherents that although they were supplied with tickets issued by the state committee, they were refused admission to the convention hall. These affidavits will be presented to the national convention.