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DENVER IN GRIP SEVEREST SNOW STORM IN YEARS

All Records Broken for Snowfall—Schools Closed and Traffic Suspended—Irrigation Ditch Breaks and Floods Suburb.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 5.—The most terrific snowstorm in Colorado's history was still raging today although it was showing some signs of abatement.

Traffic of all kinds was absolutely at a standstill. Street car tracks downtown were buried under from two to four feet of snow. All trains were between two and fifteen hours late.

Thousands of persons were compelled to fight their way through snowdrifts and to walk to work.

Schools Are Closed

At 5 o'clock this morning it was estimated that 25.3 inches of snow had fallen in twenty-four hours, breaking all records for the same period in the West. Since the storm began at midnight Wednesday there has been no cessation of the snowfall.

At dusk yesterday a blizzard was blowing and snow banks were several feet deep in the downtown streets. Hundreds of workers spent the night downtown and every hotel and lodging house in the city was crowded to capacity. Hundreds slept on cots in office buildings. Police stations, public schools and the city auditorium building sheltered hundreds of others.

All Records Broken

All the public schools were closed today and many concerns, such as express and transfer companies, were compelled to abandon business altogether.

At noon the snow was falling half an inch an hour. The weather bureau estimated that twenty-nine inches had fallen at that time.

A report received here at noon stated that a big irrigation ditch at Globeville had given way, sending a flood of water down upon a number of houses. Twenty-five families, it was said, were driven into the snow drifts. So far as known no fatalities occurred.

RIVERS CONGRESS AVERTS WAR OVER POWER PROBLEM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Warfare in the National Rivers and Harbors congress, in session here, over the water power question was averted this afternoon by the adoption of a resolution declaring the subject was "beyond the scope of purposes and policies of the congress."

The resolution as adopted not only dismissed the question of states' rights, but also recommended the creation of a department of public works, with a member of the cabinet at its head.

Other resolutions adopted by the congress urged an annual appropriation of \$50,000,000 for rivers and harbors; the standardization of waterways as to the depth of channels; compelling a freer interchange of interstate traffic; prohibition against the domination by the railroads of water traffic, and favoring either state or municipal ownership of water terminals.

Approval of the exemption of American vessels from Panama canal tolls also was expressed.

All the present officers of the congress were re-elected this afternoon.

SUSPECT ARRESTED FOR BANK ROBBERY

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 5.—Charged with robbing the State Bank at Myrtle Point several days ago when \$10,000 was secured, George Woods was arrested at Bandon today. Woods had a ticket to San Francisco on the steamer Speedwell and was about to sail when taken into custody.

COLD RAIN ADDS TO SUFFERING OF FLOOD VICTIMS

Refugees Suffering from Exposure and Starvation—Loss of Life 50 to 100—Brazos River Rises Two Feet More During Night.

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 5.—Cold, soaking rains aggravated the sufferings today of the thousands of flood refugees in central and southern Texas.

The water, too, in the southern district continued rising, though it was beginning to subside in the north and central counties.

Communication was not much easier today than yesterday, so it was impossible to learn definitely how many lives had been lost. Many persons believed, however, that the total would finally be found to have reached fifteen to one hundred.

An immense number of the sufferers were farmers whose nearest neighbors were at considerable distance from them, and it was impossible to account for many who might have either reached places of safety or have perished.

From Harne, on the Houston & Texas Central railroad, an urgent appeal was made for boats to rescue at least five hundred people who had found temporary places of refuge in tree tops, but who, according to the Harne telegraph operator, were in imminent danger of being drowned by the steadily rising waters.

The Brazos river rose two feet at Waco last night and there were one thousand homeless there alone. Considerable looting occurred in Waco and vicinity and many arrests were made by the state troops patrolling the district. No reports were received of the shooting of plunderers, though Governor Colquitt gave orders to that effect.

Every railroad in the flooded district told of heavy losses of bridges and by washed out tracks.

HUERTA TO DEPORT HERALD REPORTERS

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 5.—Foreign Minister Mota announced this afternoon that R. J. Conover and W. L. Smith, Mexico City correspondents for the New York Herald, would be deported unless they revealed to the government the source of a story they sent out to the effect that Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, speaking for the powers of The Hague peace tribunal, had appealed to President Huerta to resign.

NEW YORK G. O. P. FAVORS SHORT BALLOT

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—What was characterized as the most "progressive" assemblage ever held by the republicans of New York state met here this afternoon and unanimously adopted a resolution pledging the republican state assembly elected last November to a constitutional convention that will pass an amendment giving the state a short ballot.

SENATOR LANE AT HOME IN NATIONAL ASYLUM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Senator Harry Lane of Oregon this afternoon smashed all records for brevity in congressional history when he turned in his biography as "Harry Lane, democrat, of Oregon; term expires March 3, 1919."

Asked how he liked Washington, Lane answered: "Oh, I feel perfectly at home. I used to be superintendent of the Oregon insane asylum."

KAISER SENDS CRUISER TO ALSACIAN RIOTS

BERLIN, Dec. 5.—The kaiser today ordered a cruiser to Alsace, where there has been trouble among the troops.

It has not been announced what occurred at the meeting between the kaiser and Minister Holweg Von Bethmann.

BANK BANDITS UNDER ARREST AT EL CENTRO

Cowboys Who Robbed Blythe Bank of \$5,000 and Killed Cashier, Captured in Bed at Hotel—Money Found in Their Possession.

EL CENTRO, Cal., Dec. 5.—Two cowboys, declared by officers to be the men who robbed the Verde Valley bank at Blythe of \$5,000 and killed Cashier A. W. Bowles, were arrested here today.

They had in their possession \$4,500 and \$5,000 in gold. The prisoners gave their names as Paul Case and Tom Green and their residence as Los Angeles.

Arrested in Hotel

The two men were arrested in the Franklin hotel by City Marshal Blaney and Deputy Sheriff Cummins. They had arrived here shortly after midnight. The officers were watching for them, following the receipt of a telegram from Sheriff Mel Greenleaf of Yuma county, Arizona, who trailed them from Holtville last night.

While a score of armed men surrounded the hotel, Blaney and Cummins, with drawn revolvers and six other armed officers at their backs, broke down the door of the room where the men were sleeping and covered them before they were fully awake.

The men readily gave names but refused to talk of the Blythe affair. They refused to make a statement, even when the bags of gold they were thought to have stolen were found in their room.

Both Young Cowboys

The man giving the name of Case is 24 years old. The other was about a year younger. They claimed to have been cowmen for several years.

The Blythe bank robbery occurred Tuesday as the bank was being closed for the day. Two cowmen, leaving their horses standing in the street, entered the bank, covered Bowles with their guns and looted the vault. Bowles was shot through the neck by one of the robbers as he leaped on the back of the other as the pair were leaving the building.

EASY TONE ON STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The opening of the stock market today was characterized by an easy tone. Trading was small except in Steel, which was sold in large blocks. Price changes were narrow. The general list dropped on the heavy selling of steel. Before noon the movement became confused, and little progress toward a lower level was made. Bonds were irregular. The market closed firm.

UNSEAL MINE TO LOOK FOR MURDERER

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 5.—Deputy sheriffs today unsealed the Utah-Apex mine, into which they had been driving poisonous gases in an effort to asphyxiate Ralph Lopez, murderer of six men. The air was so foul, however, that they dared not enter to look for Lopez's body. Sheriff Smith said he thought a search would be possible tonight.

VILLA'S REBEL ARMY NEARING CHIAHUAHUA

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 5.—General Villa's rebel troops were stated today in official messages to Juarez to be rapidly nearing Chihuahua city. They were expected to occupy it before tonight. It was believed no one remained there but non-combatants and many of these were known to have fled.

TRANSMITS VOCAL SOUNDS ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN BY WIRELESS



Vocal sounds, but not actual words, have been transmitted by wireless telephone across the Atlantic Ocean from Clifden, Ireland, to Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, according to a statement made by William Marconi, the inventor of the wireless telegraph.

Marconi declared that no conversation was held in the recent experiments made by him.

MOUNTAIN STATES EXPERIENCE YEAR'S WORST BLIZZARD

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 5.—A storm zone, extending from northwest to southeast practically across the country, had nearly though not quite cut off wire communication between the Eastern and Western states today and was greatly delaying railroad traffic.

From the northward well down toward the Texas line the storm was one of snow. Across central Texas it took the form of torrential rains, with floods covering thousands of acres.

Conditions were practically the same at Cheyenne and intermediate points as at Denver and the weather department was predicting ten hours more of the storm.

From Cheyenne west to Sherman, Wyoming, the wires were down and as far as Laramie the blizzard raged in full violence. West of Laramie, however, the storm was not severe. To the south of Denver eighteen inches of snow was reported, at Colorado Springs drifting badly. Even northern New Mexico felt the icy touch. Albuquerque dispatches reported four to eight inches of snow in the north and east and heavy rains and falling temperature in the central and southern counties.

BORAH OPPOSES HETCH-HETCHY BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—With a vote on the Hetch Hetchy bill scheduled for tomorrow, it was believed almost certain this afternoon that not more than half a dozen votes will be cast against the measure.

The principal speech against the bill was delivered by Senator Borah of Idaho. He declared the measure was but entering wedge of a scheme which ultimately would lead to the distribution of all natural resources to corporations and the giving away of national parks.

Borah painted a gloomy picture of how thousands of persons in California would emigrate to Canada because the water which they needed to irrigate their farms would be given to San Francisco, which city had several other supplies available.

Senator Borah suggested public ownership of all natural resources.

LOSS OF LIFE IN NORWEGIAN HURRICANE

CHRISTINIA, Dec. 5.—Some loss of life was reported in a hurricane which swept the Norwegian coast yesterday and today. Several small boats were lost, probably with their entire crews. Considerable damage was done also on shore.

CRAWFORD HOLDS GAME BOARD IS STILL IN EXISTENCE

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 5.—Holding that members of the state fish and game commission cannot vacate their office by resignation until their successors are appointed and qualified, Attorney General Crawford today rendered an opinion holding that the commission is still intact.

This opinion can prolong the life of the old commission but a day or two as Governor West intends to appoint the commission within that time. It developed today that the governor has never accepted the resignation of George H. Kelley, who was appointed on the commission by the other four members. M. J. Kinney, whose alleged actions resulted in the dissolution of the old commission will be ousted.

It is expected the commission will re-organize the fish and game departments according to the ideas advanced by Governor West and that the offices will be removed from Portland to Salem with a permanent secretary in charge.

Attorney General Crawford rendered the opinion at the request of Secretary of State Olcott.

HICKSON TOO OLD FOR REFORM SCHOOL

Lester Hickson, paroled by Judge Von Velle for horse stealing and who violated this kindness by stealing from the man who employed him, has been refused admission to the state industrial school upon the grounds that he is too old. Deputy Sheriff Harper brought the youth back to the county jail for final disposition of his case. Being over 18 years of age, Hickson is too old for the reform school and too young for state prison.

DUPUY UNABLE TO FORM CABINET

PARIS, Dec. 5.—Unable to form a cabinet during the day, Jeanne Dupuy, who was tendered the premiership by President Poincaré today, rejected the office here tonight.

Theophile Delcasse, ambassador to Russia, arrived here tonight from St. Petersburg. He said he would not consider the premiership but was willing to serve as minister of war.

EXETER, Eng., Dec. 5.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst collapsed in jail here tonight from twenty-four hours' hunger and thirst striking.

Her condition was said to be serious and it was believed she would soon be released on license.

FOUR SHOT BY STRIKERS IN RIOT AT INDIANAPOLIS

Two Strikebreakers Likely to Die—Nine so far Wounded—Crowd Replies to Bullets With Bullets—Situation Locks Ugly.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 5.—Four men were shot today here in riots growing out of the teamsters' strike.

Two of the wounded probably will die.

Up to today five men had been hit by bullets since the strike began. Two of them died. Of the five, four were striking teamsters, the fifth a casual bystander.

Today, however, the strikers seemed in an angrier mood, all four of the victims of the day's shootings being nonunionists.

Story of Shooting

The first fracas followed an attempt by three strikebreakers to drive a wagon past a crowd of strike sympathizers. First the crowd tried to persuade them to quit, then jeered them, then threw stones, and when the strikebreakers answered with bullets returned the fire and brought down two of the nonunionists.

The second shooting occurred when an automobile whizzed up to a nonunion ice wagon in the street and several men, rising in their seats, shot down the two negro strikebreakers in charge, then sped away and escaped without being identified.

Of the two men whose wounds probably will prove fatal, one was on the first and the other on the second of these wagons.

Both Sides Are Firm

The situation looked very ugly. The employers were prepared from the first for a hard fight. They had made their preparations thoroughly and their management of the striking campaign has been exceedingly resolute and not very gentle.

Then men on the other hand appeared to lose their tempers when they voted yesterday afternoon against compromise. With both sides in this mood the prospects seemed good for serious trouble. Peace-makers were still trying to bring the warring elements together but with small signs of success.

PRESIDENT UNABLE TO SEE SUFFRAGISTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—President Wilson was reported improved today. His cold was yielding to treatment and he was able to take up his work in his office in the White house. He was not well enough, however, to preside over the regular meeting of the cabinet and it was abandoned. Neither was the president well enough to receive a committee appointed by the American National Woman Suffrage association to discuss his failure to mention suffrage in his recent message to congress.

GERVAIS MARSHALL SHOT BY VAGRANTS

GERVAIS, Ore., Dec. 5.—Special City Marshal John Zoller was shot and probably fatally wounded early today by one of two unidentified men whom he found lurking in an alleyway. The bullet took effect in Zoller's neck. The men fled and are being sought for by Sheriff Esch and a deputy.

STATE TAX LEVY AVERAGES 4.635 MILLS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 5.—The amount of money to be raised for state purposes next year is \$4,165,000 according to the state tax commission today. This is \$1,100,000 more than was ever raised for state purposes in any preceding year. The average state tax rate is 4.635 mills.

HUERTA PLAYS LAST CARD BY DE LAMA'S VISIT

Unless Minister Succeeds in Borrowing Money From France, Dictator's Position is Untenable—Troops Ripe for Revolt.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 5.—In sending Finance Minister Adolf De La Lama to Europe after a loan, men very close to President Huerta admitted today that the dictator had played practically his last card.

Unless De La Lama succeeds and succeeds soon they owned Huerta's position would become untenable. Internal sources of financial supply were confessed to have been squeezed virtually to the last cent. If Huerta could collect taxes throughout all of Mexico the situation would be different, but from the vast extent of territory under rebel control he gets nothing.

The unpaid troops were in a savage frame of mind and a revolt among them at any time would surprise nobody.

General Villa and his Mexican rebels were expected today to occupy Chihuahua city before tonight.

It was unconfirmedly reported that President Huerta had sent the family to Vera Cruz, too, presumably fearing for their safety.

British Minister Carden is urging his countrymen to prepare for their mutual defense against the natives, but the residents seemed little excited.

The expected news was received that ex-President Diaz would ignore Huerta's order replacing his name on the active army list.

ROBBER VISITS CLOAK ROOM OF BAPTIST CHURCH

A thief without the fear of the law or the Lord in his heart has entered the vestibule of the Baptist church this week during the progress of revival meetings and stole three overcoats, one raincoat and a pair of dogskin gloves. E. J. Stewart owned the raincoat and H. N. Allander the dogskin gloves. The overcoats were taken last night. It has been suggested that an early sermon text be the one from St. Luke reading "and a thief entered the tabernacle with the multitude."

The prowler in the temple secured his "swag" after the exhortation began and the ushers had settled down to hear the sermon. At first it was thought the overcoats were taken by mistake. This idea has been abandoned and there is a decided tendency to wear coats in the pews.

The police have been notified of the depredations. They believe the best way to catch the crook is to trap him in the sermon room, convert and obtain a confession from a contrite soul.

COULSON WITNESS REMOVED BY DEATH

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 5.—Death has removed one of the state's star witnesses against Arthur R. Coulson, a merchant on trial here for the murder of George Kovack and William Acker September 19.

A telegram received today stated that Mrs. Emma Stafford had died suddenly at Winnemucca, Nev. Mrs. Stafford was with Mrs. Katherine Gallagher, who is alleged to have posed as Coulson's wife, on the automobile ride to the beach here which preceded the tragedy. After the shooting Mrs. Stafford visited Mrs. Gallagher, who was shot in the neck at the time Kovack and Acker were killed. Mrs. Stafford told the prosecution that Mrs. Gallagher said to her: "Coulson is the man who did the shooting. I would not have cared if he had shot me, but I am so sorry that he killed those two poor men, leaving their wives and little children destitute. They were not responsible."