

# WORST BLIZZARD IN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS SWEEPS EASTERN HALF OF CONTINENT

## STORM RAGING FROM CHICAGO TO ATLANTIC

Entire East, Middle West and South Paralyzed by Severe Blizzard Since 1888—Many Deaths Reported—All Traffic Halted.

Staggering Property Losses—Heavy Snow Falling and Ice Gale Blowing—Shipping Endangered.

NEW YORK, March 2.—The entire east, part of the southern states and most of the middle west was paralyzed today by the worst storm in twenty-five years. Seven deaths were reported in New York City alone, two on Long Island, two in Scranton, Pa., and one in Trenton, N. J.

All trains running out of New York were cancelled this afternoon. Railroads with headquarters here reported staggering losses, while the damage in New York state alone was expected to run into the millions.

All the territory as far south as Charlotte, N. C., and as far west as Chicago was battered by wind and sleet and buried in snow. Up to 3 o'clock this afternoon a foot of snow had fallen in New York City.

**Business at Standstill**  
Business on Manhattan island and in Brooklyn was at a standstill. All eastern cities were in danger of destruction by fire as the alarm wires of fire departments in nearly every important city were out of commission. The streets, too, were clogged with snowdrifts, and it was practically impossible for firefighting apparatus to respond to alarms.

Government forecasters predicted the storm would wear itself out tonight, but that it would be at least a week before normal conditions were restored.

More than 150 trains were reported stalled in New York state alone. Of thirty-five ships due here today, not one had reported up to noon. Four vessels due yesterday were still missing at that hour.

**Traffic Paralyzed**  
Telephone and telegraph wires were down to a score of outlying points, and hundreds of poles were down.

Suspended train service here and in New Jersey threatened Greater New York with a milk and food famine.

The New York subway was swamped with hundreds of thousands who were unable to use the surface and elevated lines. Surface cars were stalled on the tracks, unable to make any headway against mountainous snowdrifts piled up by a terrific northeast gale.

Wire communication to upstate points was down and it was impossible to ascertain conditions in that section.

Scores of towns were in darkness.

## SENATE REJECTS MOTION TO TABLE EQUAL SUFFRAGE

WASHINGTON, March 2.—By a vote of 47 to 17 the senate rejected this afternoon Senator Reed's motion to table Senator Ashurst's motion to take up the proposed equal suffrage amendment. Senators Reed and James then urged an immediate vote on the amendment, "so the senate can adjourn some time this summer." Senator Ashurst objected to an immediate vote, saying that many members of the senate wished to speak on the measure.

## WILSON FIRM IN CONTINUANCE OF PEACE POLICY

Regardless of Jingo Pressure, President Will Avoid Plunging Nation Into War With Mexico If Possible—Can Secure Same Results.

Carranza's Attitude Does Not Involve a Serious Situation—Britain Refuses to Act on Suggestion.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Regardless of pressure from within or without, the Washington administration's "watchful waiting" policy toward Mexico will be continued, President Wilson made clear to callers today.

He realizes, he said, what intervention would cost in lives and money, and explained that he considered the United States too big to have its hand forced for any selfish reason. Most people who are demanding that something be done, he told visitors, don't appreciate that they will have to contribute brothers, sons and sweethearts in the event of immediate action, while if we wait the same results will be obtained without the sacrifice of life.

General Carranza's attitude, the president said, does not involve a serious situation as it may appear. Carranza he considers merely a dignitary who stands on the letter of international procedure.

The Benton expedition, the executive stated, had not been abandoned, but was held up by General Villa's order until he received Carranza's approval of it.

The British government, he added, declines to act on Carranza's suggestion that instead of leaving the Benton investigation to the United States, it appeal to him directly for an inquiry. He has been told, the president said, that the United States, acting in compliance with England's request, was prepared to go forward with the investigation and the executive was hopeful that the rebel chieftain would agree.

England, it was stated positively, would not communicate with Carranza, as to do so would amount to recognition of the rebels' belligerency.

The president declared that reports of a coalition of foreign powers against the United States' Mexican policy were unfounded. No attempt, he added, had been made to float a Huerta loan abroad.

Secretary of State Bryan received an assurance from General Carranza that the latter was investigating the case of Gustav Bauch, the German-American missing in Northern Mexico.

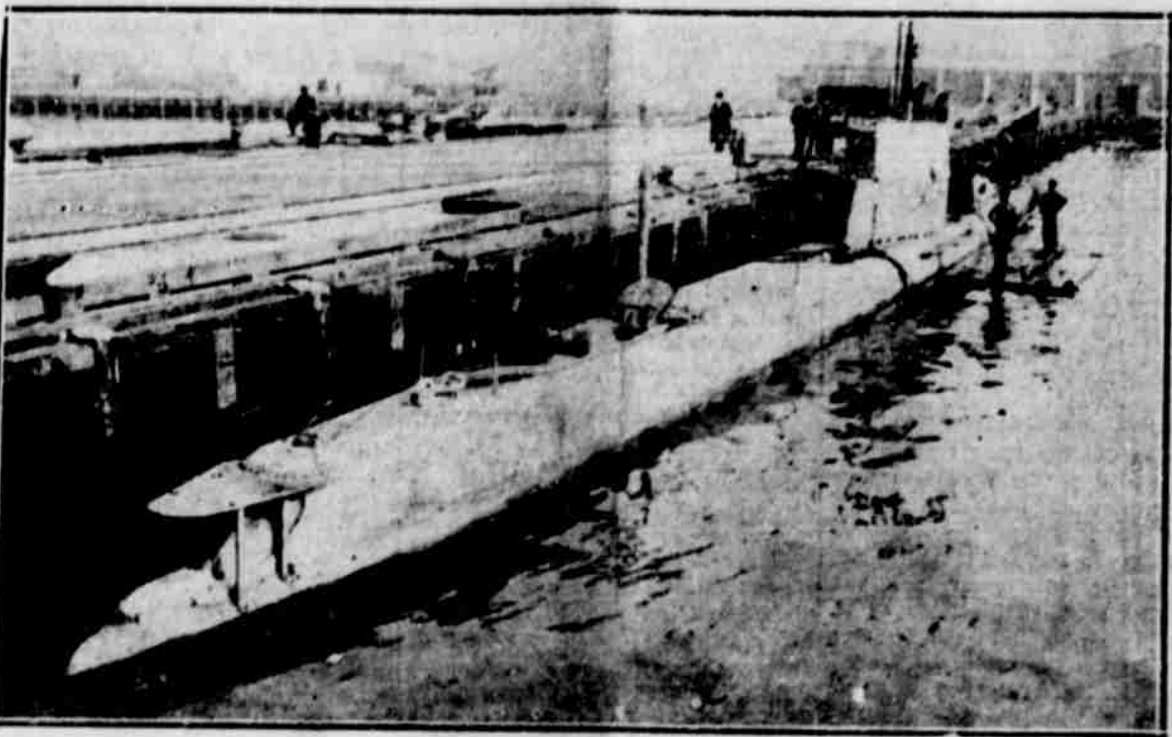
Senator Sheppard of Texas told the president this afternoon that Governor Colquitt of his state does not represent the predominance of public opinion in Texas, which is against intervention in Mexico.

The house committee on foreign relations put the lid on the Mexican question this afternoon, a session at which Secretary Bryan was to have spoken being cancelled.

## TENNESSEE SEES LAST OF SALOONS

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Mar. 2.—Five hundred and seventy-six local saloonkeepers surrendered their licenses today to the county attorney general, the "nuisance law" which ended the day of open saloons in Tennessee, having gone into effect the first of the month. The places even of those who did not turn in their licenses were closed.

UNCLE SAM'S LARGEST SUBMARINE



The largest submarine in the American navy, G-2, is now anchored at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The boat is 160 feet long, which makes her much longer than any other vessel of the same kind in the navy. She carries a crew of twenty men, and can travel under water at a depth of 250 feet. The vessel is so well planned that she may remain below with her crew for forty-eight hours.

## SWINDLERS FROM MONTREAL TAKEN ON HAWAIIAN SHIP

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Mar. 2.—When the liner Matsonia reached Honolulu Wednesday, Captain C. W. Saunders, according to wireless messages received here, will turn over to the local authorities two men said to be J. C. and J. S. Fielding, brothers, of Montreal, accused of defrauding the Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago out of \$4800.

According to the story in the hands of the police here, J. C. Fielding was auditor of the Royal Bank in the Montreal suburb of Lambert, and his brother worked in a Montreal insurance office. Two weeks ago, it was stated, they left Montreal and soon afterward it was discovered that several of the Royal Bank's blank drafts were missing.

Warning was sent out broadcast but two hours before it received one, the Chicago bank had cashed a \$4800 draft on the bank to a man styling himself J. E. Johnston, but whose description fitted one of the Fieldings.

An hour before the Matsonia sailed last Wednesday, a man appeared at a bank here, whose description was also said to match one of the brothers, and sought to cash a \$5000 draft but apparently suspected something and disappeared without getting any money.

Later it was learned that two men, believed to be the brothers, had sailed on the Matsonia.

## GANGSTER SHOT TO DEATH DURING TRIAL AT ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 2.—Wesley, or as he was better known "Red" Simon placed on trial this morning charged with the murder of Emmett Carroll was shot to death at noon as he was on his way to lunch with two deputy sheriffs guarding him. Henry Zang, who did the shooting, coolly handed his pistol to a police sergeant, who rushed up at the sound of the shot, remarking: "I just had a little trouble with Simon, and I had to shoot him. I don't know whether I killed him or not."

Carroll's death, for which Simon was on trial, was attributed by the local authorities to a gang feud and trouble had been feared when the case came up in court. Nevertheless, the deputies who had been detailed to guard the prisoner had fallen about a block behind him at the time he met Zang. This was perhaps immaterial, so far as an escape was concerned, since Simon had been at liberty for more than two months on \$3000 bail, but it cost their charge his life.

"Simon started toward me when he saw me," said Zang in his statement to the police and exclaimed, "You'll never testify against me." I construed this as a threat and fired." Zang is a bartender known as the "Ladykiller." Three girls recently took poison on account of jealousy over him, and twice jealous women have thrown acid in his face.

## INSANITY PLEA MADE BY ELLIS FOR WIFE MURDER

CHICAGO, March 2.—William Ellis, on trial here for the murder of his wife, and who confessed Sunday that he was "damaged goods" when he led her to the altar, was recalled to the witness stand today. He seeks to secure his acquittal through an insanity plea.

"My grandfather was a religious fanatic," he testified. "My father was stricken blind when he was but a young man because of a constitutional defect. I had fainting spells and fits when a boy."

Robert M. Hosen, 72-year-old civil war veteran and father of Eleanor Hosen, the murdered woman, listened intently to his son-in-law's testimony. He was watched closely by court deputies. Attaches feared another outburst similar to that of Saturday when Ellis admitted that he was incurably diseased when he married Miss Hosen.

"Damn him! I'll kill him!" shouted Hosen, as he sprang toward Ellis. He was restrained by bailiffs.

The murder was committed, it has been testified, after Ellis and his wife had returned from attending a performance of the play "Damaged Goods."

## GRANTS PASS BUTCHER FILES BANKRUPTCY PETITION

PORTLAND, Or., March 2.—Gustav Karner of Grants Pass, a butcher, filed a petition in bankruptcy today in the federal court. He lists his liabilities at \$20,751, with assets of \$19,880.

CHIEF TWO GUNS WHITE CALF ON THE MOVE



Chief Two Guns White Calf's tribe on the Blackfoot reservation in Montana moved camp the other day. The photograph shows the chief's personal household on route. The two ponies in the rear of the line are engaged in hauling the "travois"—the oldest form of transportation on the North American continent, the canoe and the human leg being excepted. As soon as the Indian got the pony he began to haul his effects just as the Blackfeet in the picture were when it was taken. It was hundreds of years later before the seranking Red River cart became a rival of the travois. But it was brought to the Blackfoot country by the white men. The travois is the Indian's own invention. On the day this photograph was taken it was announced that men would try to fly across the sea. A trip by wing around the world was proposed. A crew of English seamen died in their submarine. Progress hasn't touched the Blackfoot. He prefers his travois.

## CALIFORNIA TO RUSH WORK ON PACIFIC HIGHWAY

Siskiyou County Has Already Acted in Co-operation With State Commission, and Shasta and Tehama Act This Month.

Eighty Miles of Highway Financed by Siskiyou County and Ready for Contractors' Bid.

SACRAMENTO, Mar. 2.—Plans for completing the through link in the state highway between San Francisco and the Oregon state line and a connection with the Oregon highway through the Rogue river valley are practically assured, so far as the California highway is concerned, according to reports received by the California highway commission.

The three California counties in which official action has not been taken toward financing necessary construction through sales of state highway bonds will have the matter before their boards of supervisors early in March.

Two of these counties, Shasta and Tehama, make the most important gap in the highway, and civic bodies and citizens are urging their supervisors to co-operate with the highway commission in closing this gap.

**Siskiyou County Ready**  
Siskiyou county has notified the highway commission of its readiness to co-operate in arranging for the sale of sufficient bonds to build the eighty miles of state highway in that county and to provide the necessary bridges and rights of way. The most northerly section of the state highway, from the Oregon line south to Yreka, is nearly ready for the contractors' bids.

Another important section in Northern California which has been termed the barrier to touring from and to the north, in Shasta county north of Redding, has been conquered by Division Engineer Bedford, who is in charge of that division of the state highway work. It reduces grades in excess of 25 per cent to a maximum of 6 or 7 per cent.

Shasta and Tehama county supervisors will take up the question of absorbing the depreciation on sufficient amounts of state highway bonds to cover construction in those counties at their first meetings in March. If their decisions are favorable the disposal of highway bonds sufficient to provide for the route from Oregon to San Francisco will have been arranged, with the exception of Yolo county. A decision by the supervisors of that county is probable in March.

## JACKSON COUNTY WARRANTS NOW AT PAR VALUE

Medford Banks Announce That All County Securities Issued Hereafter Will Be Cashed at Face Value—Tcu Velle Back From East.

Campaign Pledge of County Court Made Good—Storms and Zero Weather Disgust Judge With East.

Jackson county warrants are now at par. Banks of Medford Monday agreed with County Judge Tou Velle to honor all county warrants issued hereafter at par value. Banks of Ashland and other valley cities are expected to take similar action.

The matter of restoring the county credit has been striven for by the county court since its members took office a year ago last January. County warrants were then at 90, but in the first few months went up to 95. Since then they have hovered between 95 and par.

The agreement of the banks followed a series of conferences with the county court relative to depositing the \$500,000 received for the highway bonds. The court agreed to divide this money between the county banks, which would furnish indemnity bonds and co-operate in placing warrants at par. County Judge Tou Velle returned from the east Monday with the money and the agreement with the banks with the first matter considered.

"I found zero weather prevailing east," said Judge Tou Velle—"snow storms, blizzards and freezing. It's my last trip east—never again for me. The Rogue river valley has it all beat—a thousand ways.

"The bonds have all been sold by the purchasers and brought good prices. Life insurance concerns took a large portion. They kept me busy signing all kinds of statements to satisfy the purchasers.

"Business conditions are improving rapidly east. Everyone is optimistic and certain an era of great prosperity is at hand.

"Medford and the Rogue river valley are well known in financial circles east and stand well, and as long as we protect our credit, there will be no difficulty in disposing of local securities.

"I am glad to announce that the banks are co-operating with us, and that county warrants are henceforth at par. They ought to be—with 5 per cent bonds at a premium, surely a 6 per cent security is worth as much, especially when we will materially reduce the indebtedness this year. 'County warrants at par' was one of my campaign pledges and I am glad to announce that it has become an actuality."

## REBATES PAID STEEL COMBINE ASSERTS LAMAR

WASHINGTON, March 2.—That the United States Steel corporation and its subsidiaries get rebates in the form of dividends from eight different railroads and steamship companies were asserted today by David Lamar, the "wolf of Wall street," the first witness at the steel trust hearing before Interstate Commerce Commissioner Harlan today. The corporation's organization, Lamar continued, included control of these companies, and he declared that this organization was perfected with a view to placing men at their heads whom the steel corporation could depend on to act under its orders.