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WORST BLIZZARD FOR 26 YEARS CAUSES DEATHS

NEW YORK HIT HARD AND POOR ARE SUFFERING

Seven Deaths Reported There Before Noon and Coal and Milk Situation Is Acute--Surface Cars Stalled and Elevated Service Hampered--Brooklyn Is Completely Snowbound--Danger From Fire Great and Firemen Patrol Streets--Two Men Perish While Returning From Billy Sunday's Tabernacle in Scranton, Pa.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, March 2.--The worst blizzard since 1888 held New York in its grasp today. Seven deaths due to the storm, were reported before noon and suffering in the poorer sections of the city was intense.

The street cleaning department was unable to cope with the situation. Ten inches of snow had fallen up to 11 o'clock. It will be days before the streets can be restored to normal conditions.

Vessels All Warned.

A special storm warning to all vessels to remain in port was issued early today by the government weather bureau. This was taken as indicating that the worst storm of the year was expected on the Atlantic between Maine and the Gulf of Mexico. Advice from New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania points said these districts were crippled by a sleet and wind storm.

A gale which reached the velocity of 40 miles an hour piled up mountainous snow drifts, and the city's busiest streets were nearly deserted.

Railroad traffic was paralyzed. More than 100 trains were reported stalled in the vicinity of New York. Many outgoing trains were cancelled. Those that left their terminals were lost track of quickly, the storm crippling both telegraph and telephone wires. Wires were down for miles in many places and it was impossible to obtain details of conditions in outlying districts.

Many Cities in Darkness.

Staten Island, Poughkeepsie, Newark and half a dozen other cities were in darkness last night, the storm putting power plants out of commission. Owing to the danger of falling wires, the electric power in the stations which escaped serious injury was shut off.

Danger from fires was great. More than 500 firemen were detailed to patrol the streets here and watch for fires.

The storm started yesterday with a wet snow. This was followed by a cold rain, and the sleet froze. Then followed rain, hail and snow in the order named, the entire mass freezing and stopping all traffic.

Street Commissioner Featherstone expected to give thousands of idle men work cleaning the streets, but it was impossible for them to work outside today, because of the intense cold.

Coal and Milk Famine.

The coal and milk situation was acute. Coal dealers were unable to fill order, and no milk was delivered. Ships due at this port today were held outside Sandy Hook, and the barometer warned of worse conditions to follow. Government forecasters believed this was about the last savage attack this winter, and asserted that any further disturbances must be short-lived. However, it will be nearly a week before normal conditions can be restored in New York and nearby points.

Forced to Subway.

The subway was jammed, as the surface cars were stalled by snowdrifts. The elevated surface was irregular and many thousands of persons were delayed in getting down town. Brooklyn was snowbound. In many places sleet was driven into keyholes

and froze, barring storekeepers from their places of business.

Temperature Falling. The temperature was gradually falling late this afternoon, and the gale continued.

The crack Washington train on the Pennsylvania railroad and the New York Central's Twentieth Century Limited were both stalled in snowdrifts.

Train service out of Boston also was paralyzed and business there was at a standstill.

All trains running out of New York were cancelled this afternoon.

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.

Ships Fail to Dock.

Of 35 ships due here today not one had reported up to noon. Four vessels due yesterday were still missing at that hour.

The force of the storm was most severe in New Jersey. Suffering in Trenton, Newark, Jersey City and Hoboken was particularly intense.

Schooner Ashore and One Dies.

Lumber laden from Ferdinand for Providence, the four-masted schooner, Jacob S. Winslow, went ashore on Block Island. Life savers picked up the nine members of her crew and brought them ashore. One man returned to the ship later and was drowned.

An unidentified schooner was reported to be pounding to pieces on Thimble Island, near New London. It was feared her crew had been lost.

Two Dead in Scranton.

Scranton, Pa., March 2.--Attempting to struggle through the storm to their homes from the tabernacle where they had listened last night to a sermon by Evangelist Billy Sunday, two men perished early today, and several were badly frozen.

When dawn broke 3000 men, women and children were still stormbound in the tabernacle.

Those who died were C. D. Wheeler and Martin Baslas, both middle-aged men, who were frozen to death on their way home from the tabernacle, which is in a somewhat isolated place on the outskirts of the town.

Market at Standstill.

New York, March 2.--The great blizzard seriously curtailed business on the stock exchange today, and the market was merely nominal. Traders were few, and business was almost at a standstill for hours. The general undertone was steady. Bonds were easy. The market closed steady.

REBELS CLAIM VICTORY.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Eagle Pass, Tex., March 2.--The defeat of 100 rebels under Captain Dolores Torres by 200 federals commanded by Major Acosta, was claimed by the federals today. The fight occurred on the Rio Mollino 50 miles west of Piedras Negras.

SHOOTS DOWN ALLEGED SLAYER WHILE DEPUTY SHERIFFS GUARD HIM

Henry Zang Gives Himself Up and Says He Had Trouble With Wesley.

SELF-DEFENSE IS PLEA

'Lady-Killer' Declares Prisoner Started Toward Him and Began Making Dire Threats.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

St. Louis, March 2.--Wesley, or as he was better known, "Red" Simon, placed on trial this morning charged with the murder of Emmet 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."

Guards Not on Job.

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.

"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 "lady killer." Three girls recently took poison on account of jealousy over him, and twice jealous women have thrown acid in his face.

NEGLIGENCE IS DEFENSE

RAILROAD CONTENTS EASTMAN FAILED TO STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN AT CROSSING.

On the grounds the plaintiff failed to stop, look and listen before crossing the track, the defendants in the damage suit brought in the circuit court by L. C. Eastman, the defendant, Salem Falls City and Western Railway Co., today filed an answer in which it is asked that the case be dismissed.

Eastman, in his complaint, alleged that one of the defendant's freight trains ran him down while he was crossing an "unprotected" crossing in Polk county, with the result he was injured bodily and his motorcycle, which he was riding at the time, was badly damaged.

The defendant alleges in its answer that the plaintiff failed to exercise due precaution in approaching the railroad track and utterly neglected to observe the provisions of the right of way sign located at the crossing which bids all persons to first stop, look and listen before attempting to go onto the track.

RIGGS IN BUSINESS HERE

Z. J. Riggs, former resident and prominent druggist of Salem, has resumed business again in the Capital drug store, recently owned by A. T. Woolport, with whom Mr. Riggs has purchased an interest. For ten years Mr. Riggs was proprietor of the drug store in the Salem Bank & Trust building. In 1911 he sold to his clerk, Mr. Woolport, who moved to the Masonic building, State and High streets.

Since leaving Salem Mr. Riggs has been doing exclusively prescription work in the leading pharmacies of San Francisco and Portland, receiving valuable training in up-to-date methods of compounding. He is pleased to be back in Salem, where he has many friends.

CLARK WILL SEEK TO BE STATE TREASURER ON REPUBLICAN TICKET

Springfield Man, Former Resident of Polk, Will Run Against Kays.

SENDS FOR HIS BLANKS

Former Resident of Polk County, and Not West Man, According to His Nephew in Salem.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

According to reports received here today, a third candidate for state treasurer will announce himself within a few days in the person of James L. Clark, of Springfield, Lane county. Mr. Clark has asked his nephew, Linn W. Nesmith, the well-known local law student, to furnish him with the necessary blank nominating petitions and data concerning the procedure one must follow when aspiring for a state office.

While Mr. Clark has not filed notice of intention to become a candidate for the office as yet, it is reasonably sure that he will come out in due course of time on the Republican ticket against the present incumbent and Tom Kay, the latest and only new candidate for the job. Mr. Clark advises his nephew, Mr. Nesmith, that he is thinking seriously of becoming a candidate and, as requested, Mr. Nesmith has mailed his uncle nominating blanks, etc.

Not West Man.

According to Mr. Clark's nephew, Clark is strictly not a West man, and is not entering the race for the office of state treasurer simply because Tom Kay has decided to become a candidate against Thomas B. Kay. Mr. Nesmith declares that his uncle is a staunch Republican, and has always been active in local and nation-wide politics. The local man is very emphatic in announcing that Mr. Clark has nothing to do with the governor's forces, saying that, in the event his uncle becomes a candidate, he will make the campaign absolutely alone insofar as West is concerned.

It is a well-known fact that Mr. Clark and Judge L. T. Harris, the latter being a candidate for supreme judge from Lane county, are very close friends, and it is highly probable that they will both figure prominently when the heat of campaign battle is highest.

Former Polk County Man.

The new prospective candidate for state treasurer was born in Polk county. He has been a resident of Springfield, Lane county, for a number of years, is a prominent member of the Elk lodge, and well known all over the valley.

Just what the situation will be in political circles in the event Mr. Clark decides to be a candidate remains to be seen, but from the manner in which certain other candidates for state positions received the news this morning, it is more than evident that there will be a considerable flurry among the backers of Tom Kay and Thomas B. Kay, if Clark decides to throw his hat into the ring.

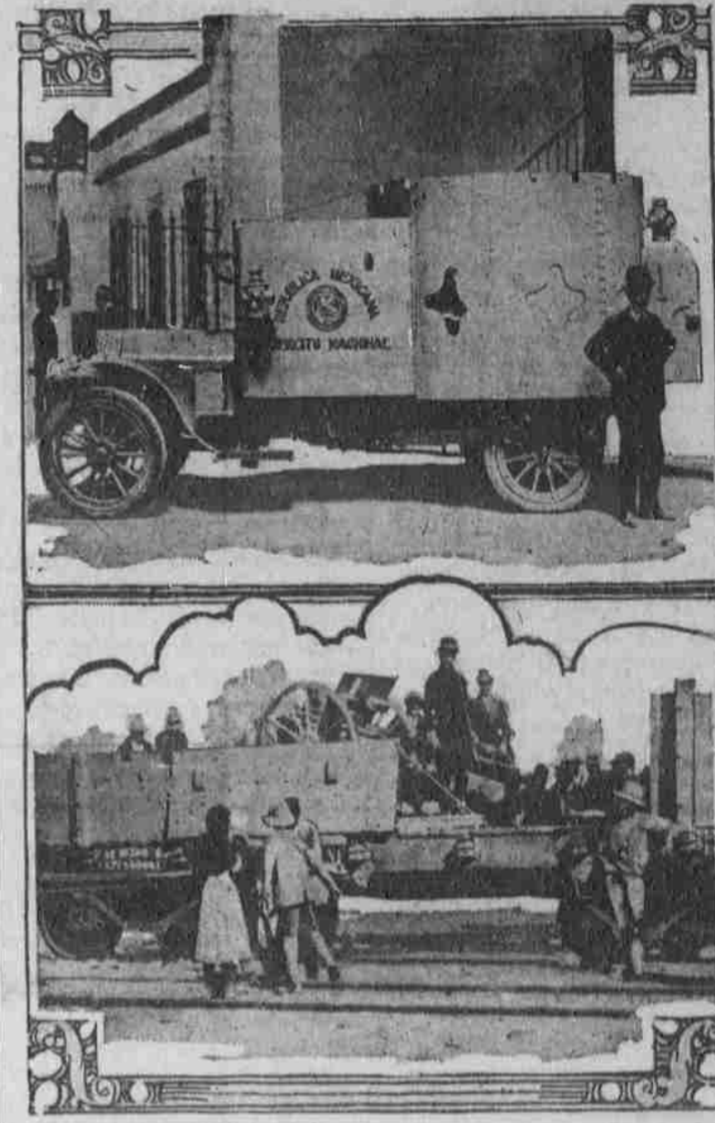
FALLS IN HOQUIAM RIVER.

Hoquiam, Wash., March 2.--The Hoquiam river is being dragged today for the body of H. Beede, a marine engineer employed by the Grays Harbor Construction company, who is supposed to have fallen from the tug Manette last night. Beede went aboard late and at midnight his coat, vest and hat were found in his cabin. Search of the city was fruitless. He had been drinking. His mother lives in Montana.

The Weather

The Dickey Bird says: Oregon, fair east, rain in west portion tonight and Tuesday and southerly winds.

Mexico Has Plenty of Guns Since Embargo Was Raised



At Top--Armored Port. Bottom--flat-car load of guns for Federals from United States.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Mexico City, March 2.--Since President Wilson lifted the embargo from the exportation of arms and ammunition to Mexico both sides have strengthened their armament. An up-to-date armored automobile was recently purchased by the federals for use in Mexico City and suburbs. This land battleship or moving fort, as one might term it, was not so formidable as it looks, for a band of rebels is reported to have kidnaped the machine when one was around.

SHE ACTED LIKE MAN AND SO HER HUSBAND IS SEEKING DIVORCE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, March 2.--Suit for an absolute divorce against Mrs. Marian J. Smith was filed here today in the superior court by Frank H. Smith, a wealthy insurance man. Among other things, Smith charged: "That Mrs. Smith smoked cigars and cigarettes in street cars. "That she never came home before 4 o'clock in the morning. "That when he asked her to account for her absence she would invariably answer: 'It's none of your business where I have been, but I've had a bully good time.'"

ALL LIVESTOCK RECEIPT RECORDS BROKEN IN PORTLAND YARDS

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Portland, Or., March 2.--All records for livestock receipts were broken at the North Portland yards today, with 146 carloads, 55 in excess of the previous high record made last week. The shipments included 2,703 cattle, 4,504 hogs and 2,174 sheep. Almost every state west of the Rocky mountains was represented. In the face of the heavy shipments, hogs opened 10 cents lower. Twenty-nine cars from Huntington and nine from Ontario, Or., were consigned to Miller & Lux of San Francisco.

NAUGHTON IMPROVES. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, March 2.--Sporting Editor W. W. Naughton of the San Francisco Examiner, ill of heart disease, continues to improve today.

WILSON TO CONTINUE HIS POLICY

Intervention Would Cost Terribly in Lives and Money, He Asserts.

NOTHING SERIOUS IN CARRANZA'S STAND

Merely Desires Regard Be Paid to Dignity as Revolutionary Leader.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

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 as serious a situation as it may appear. Carranza he considers merely desires that regard be paid to the dignity of his position as revolutionary leader, and stands on the letter of international procedure.

Expedition Not Abandoned. 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 would agree.

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

Secret Conference Held.

El Paso, Texas, March 2.--United States Consul Lacher arrived here today by special train from his post at Chihuahua City and held a secret conference with Special Agent Carothers of Washington state department and British Consul Percival of Galveston, in connection with the Benton case. It was believed the conference concerned the Juarez rebel officials' refusal to let the Benton commission leave for Chihuahua City.

Agrees With Carranza.

Chihuahua City, Mex., March 2.--"I am a soldier not a diplomat," said General Villa today, "and hereafter all questions involving foreign relations must be referred to General Carranza, who is supreme."

Villa's statement was taken as an acknowledgement of Carranza's right to dictate in the Benton matter, and as an acquiescence in the latter's attitude that the Englishman's execution was a subject to be discussed by the rebel chieftain with the British government, but not with Washington.

Says No Passports Needed.

Villa denied that passports had been refused to the members of the Benton commission saying that none were needed. He gave it as his opinion that

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