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FIERCE STORM HAS SUBSIDED

After Raging With Relentless Fury For 36 Hours in the States of Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas--Railway Traffic Was Impeded

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 20.—After raging with relentless fury for 36 hours the blizzard subsided early today. The wind continues to blow, however, and the snow is drifting heavily. The Union Pacific is snow-bound between Cheyenne and Sydney, where several passenger and mail trains are tied up. From Cheyenne west the road is open, but trains are running far behind schedule time and it is necessary to run rotary plows ahead of each train. Nothing has been heard from the Centennial stage, which started out from Laramie yesterday morning. The driver is an experienced plainsman, however, and it is believed he has stopped at some ranch. Conservative stock men say this is one of the worst storms for the stock interests that has prevailed in this section in many years. There have been no reports of lives or stock lost but it is too early yet to hear from the outlying districts.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 20.—The worst snow and wind storm since the storm of 1895 has raged in Colorado today.

The blizzard was general throughout eastern Colorado and Wyoming and western Nebraska and Kansas. The average snowfall was 11 inches and a 45 mile wind blowing across the prairies hurried the snow in huge drifts.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 20.—The worst snow blockade for years is being experienced on the lines of the Burlington & Elkhorn in the western part of Nebraska. All over that part of the state a storm has raged incessantly since yesterday noon, and the snow is piled up many feet deep.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 20.—A blizzard has been raging for 24 hours and railroads are either blocked or badly delayed.

LARAMIE, Wyo., Dec. 20.—Yesterday's blizzard was the worst ever known here. It is believed that considerable loss of life will result. All the stages running from Laramie, except that to Centennial, 40 miles distant, returned after vainly trying to brave the storm.

Want Saloon Licenses Raised to a Thousand

A thousand dollars per annum, payable strictly in advance, looks like a rather steep figure for a liquor license in Rossland, but it is strongly advocated by several leading saloon men, and their arguments in favor of the movement are backed up by plausible reasons. It is maintained that under the present regulations, whereby the applicant for a license may obtain one for the asking and upon payment of a quarter's fees, has resulted in the establishment of twice as many saloons as the town can afford with any margin of profit for the people in the business. The circumstances are such, however, that everyone in the trade is hanging on and waiting for bricker times in the hope of reaping a profit from that branch of their business. The result of the existing overcrowding in the saloon business, it is claimed, is that none of the saloon men are making

money. A section of the people in the business strongly advocate a revision of the license regulations whereby an annual fee will be placed at \$1000, which amount shall be payable strictly in advance. It is maintained that the city would lose nothing by the change, for sufficient licenses would be taken out at the higher figure to compensate for the saloons that would be squeezed out of existence, that the remaining saloons and hotels would have a chance to make a profit out of their bar business, and that the public would secure better service because the people in the business, having a greater volume of trade, would be in a position to give better accommodation.

Saloon people claim that their business is entirely overdone, and that there will be no opportunity to turn over a profit for years to come unless some steps are taken to reduce the number of license-holders.

Wrestling Match For Christmas Day

That this Christmas will not be allowed to roll by without attempting to arrange something in a sporting way is now an assured fact. Everything in a sporting way but wrestling has been tried here during the past year and a half and now there is more than a half chance of such an event being pulled off.

A short time ago there arrived in the city John Tippett, from Cornwall, England, who comes here as a wrestler of no mean merit in the old country. Tippett is reputed to be the second prize man of England in a wrestling way, having won that honor at numerous wrestling competitions there. He is now working in the War Eagle mine. Tippett is said to be a good man, and it was on that understanding that a match with another man was talked of.

Billy Dunstan, a miner in the Centre Star, is the one that has been picked out as Tippett's opponent. The contest has, therefore, assumed the aspect of War Eagle mine vs. Centre Star. Dunstan is a Cornishman who has been in the United States for some time,

having worked in the mines of Michigan and Butte. In Ingheming, Michigan, he is reported to have won considerable fame in a wrestling bout with one of the cracks of that section. While in Butte Dunstan surprised everyone by the clever manner with which he disposed of his opponents. He won from practically every man that he wrestled with, and has, in fact, a very enviable record as a wrestler. He will probably be backed to a man by the entire Centre Star crew who look upon him as almost a sure winner, barring accidents.

A meeting of the two men will be held shortly, when the final arrangements for the match will be completed along with the drawing up of an agreement between the two men relative to the manner of the wrestling, etc. The match, it is understood, will be for \$200 a side. Besides the above amount there will be considerable money up on the side. The match will either take place in the opera house or at the International and will be at the afternoon of Christmas day. That much, at least, has been decided.

B. C. Mining Matters By Anthony J. McMillan

"It is quite true," said Anthony J. McMillan to a London interviewer recently, "that the 2 per cent mineral tax has created a great deal of discussion in British Columbia. Mining men do not object to pay their fair share of taxation, but the incidence of this particular taxation is objectionable. "The tax is levied upon the gross output of the mines, after deductions have been allowed for freight and treatment. Most of the mining men feel that in the earlier stages of the mining industry, taxation of this kind should not be imposed, but if it is felt necessary by the government to levy a tax somewhat upon these lines, the tax should certainly be levied upon profits—upon dividends declared—and not upon the gross output of the mines. The tax as levied today bears much more heavily upon the low grade mines than upon those mining high grade ore. When in Victoria about a month since, I had interviews with members of the government, who gave me to understand that they favored meeting the views of the mine owners, who are anxious to have this tax removed or readjusted. It must not be supposed that because mine owners object to this particular tax, that they are anxious to evade all taxation, for as a matter of fact those who are resident in the mining districts pay a large proportion—nearly one-third—of the total

taxation of the province of British Columbia. Some of this money comes back into the mining districts, and is spent in opening up roads, in building bridges, and in other ways. "For some time past there have been rumors of an impending amalgamation between the Le Roi and Le Roi No. 2 companies, continues the publication, and even the terms of the amalgamation have been suggested in certain unofficial quarters, but, as readers are aware, all official cognizance of the matter has been denied. As Mr. McMillan has so recently come from British Columbia it is interesting to know his views on the matter. "He said: "I do not care to discuss the affairs of the Le Roi company at present, as the general meeting of the shareholders will doubtless be called shortly. So far as I can see at present it is not likely that there will be any amalgamation in the near future." "What is your impression of the conditions of Rossland today? "The most hopeful feature is that the costs of mining and smelting are being steadily reduced, the smelting costs are lower, than before, and in the near future I look for still further reductions in this respect. It is safe to say that \$10 to \$12 ore will be profitably treated before long, and although no definite statement can be made with regard to any new reduction process, there are so

HELSCHER SHOT HIS SWEETHEART

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 19.—Miss Voltairine Leclyre, a noted anarchist and a teacher of languages, was today shot and mortally wounded by Herman Helseher, a former pupil, who is in custody.

Love affairs is said to be the cause of the deed. When arrested Helseher's only explanation was: "We were sweethearts, she and I. She broke my heart, and deserved to be killed."

Miss Leclyre is 38 years old, and her assailant is 35. The shooting occurred on the street in broad daylight and was witnessed by a score of people. Miss Leclyre was standing at a street corner. He disguised himself by means of a false beard and approached from the rear. He drew a revolver from his pocket and pointed it at the woman, who attempted to run away. She had gone only a few steps when he began firing. After discharging five shots at the woman, three of which took effect, he placed the pistol in his pocket and was arrested.

Miss Leclyre ran a short distance and fell and was removed to a hospital. She denied acquaintance with him, but when he was brought before her mistress she recognized him. She declined, however, to accuse him of having shot her.

Miss Leclyre has attained widespread notoriety through her anarchistic stand and her intimacy with Emma Goldman and other anarchists.

many men today working on new processes of concentration that I have not the least doubt that before long some satisfactory method will be found for treating the great, low grade ore bodies of the camp."

In regard to the Boundary? are somewhat different from Rossland, and the outlook is altogether encouraging. About 500,000 tons of ore will be treated this year in the Boundary, which shows a very considerable increase over last year's tonnage, these figures being greater, in fact, than the combined tonnage of the two preceding years. There are at present three smelters which are adding to their furnaces, and the Spowat is regularly shipping 150 to 200 tons a day either to the Greenwood or the Boundary Falls smelter, and making a fair profit."

What would be a fair estimate of the smelting costs in the Boundary? "Generally speaking something under \$2 a ton." Has the Snowhose company decided to erect its own smelter? "The matter is under consideration, but nothing definite is yet settled." Mr. McMillan concluded the interview by regretting the present unsatisfactory condition in the B. C. market in London, but he expressed the hope that it would not be long before confidence will be once more restored.

ASK PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO ARBITRATE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt has proposed to the allied powers that the Venezuelan dispute be submitted to arbitration at The Hague tribunal. The powers have replied with a counter proposal that President Roosevelt himself arbitrate the issues.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—A semi-official statement made tonight, says: "The invitation to President Roosevelt to act as arbitrator, was made after a thorough consultation between Germany and Great Britain. An understanding has been reached by the two powers on the reservations attached to the offer, and the Germans will agree with the English note in all essential points."

HONOLULU TO CELEBRATE.

HONOLULU, Dec. 13.—Via San Francisco, December 20.—The opening of the cable between Honolulu and San Francisco will be celebrated here as a holiday, and the Merchants' Association is preparing to observe the occasion publicly. The first message will be from President Roosevelt to Governor Dole, and the governor's reply will be the first message from Honolulu.

MAIL RECOVERED.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 20.—Captain Fletcher, postoffice inspector, received a letter today, dated December 12th, from Superintendent Pulham, in charge of the northern mail service, which states that the mail lost when drivers Abbey and Greenlee were lost through the ice on the Atlin trail, has been recovered by those dragging for the bodies of the mail carriers, together with the sleigh, but the bodies have not yet been recovered.

DAVITT WELCOMED.

QUEENSTOWN, Ireland, Dec. 20.—Michael Davitt arrived here today on board the Cunard Line steamer Umbria, and was given an enthusiastic welcome. Replying to address from the Cork branch of the United Irish League, he said that the success of his mission in the United States had exceeded all expectations.

George Tippett was ticketed to Butte yesterday over the Spokane Falls & Northern. John W. Hartline was ticketed to Seattle over the Spokane Falls & Northern yesterday.

COAL FAMINE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Convinced that something must be done to end the coal famine, Mayor Low has sent letters to officials of the different coal carrying roads asking for facts concerning the situation. The mayor refused to enter into detail, but was hopeful something beneficial to the public would result from his action. I have written to the railroads in an unofficial capacity, said Mr. Low. I have been quietly investigating the state of affairs for some time, and I thought it advisable to write to certain persons for a few facts. In a few days I shall know more about the true condition of the coal supply in all parts of the city. It is likely the mayor will head a movement to supply the city with coal, if he finally decides the condition is serious enough to warrant official interference. He has had a conference on the question with borough President Cantor, who said there was strong likelihood of action being taken within a few days.

NO DONATIONS TO RAILWAYS

WINNIPEG, Dec. 18.—At a meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade today a resolution was introduced urging upon the Dominion government and parliament that no money donation or bond guarantee be granted by parliament to the Grand Trunk Pacific or the Canadian Northern railway for extensions of railways in the west. The resolution will be considered at another meeting of the board called for December 20th.

THE CANAL QUESTION UP AGAIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—After a session of less than three hours, the senate today adjourned until January 5 next. Today's session was largely given up to an address by Senator Morgan upon the question of the construction of an Isthmian canal. The senator declared that it would be in the interest of the United States to resume negotiations with Nicaragua and Costa Rica with the view of using the Nicaraguan route for the reason that, as he believed, if the United States should continue to depend upon the Panama route they would never have a canal. A number of bills were passed, and a conference reported providing for the payment of the expenses of the anthracite coal strike commission was agreed to.

BRADSTREET'S TRADE REPORT.

Holiday Trade Is Active—Traders Report a Successful Year. NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Wholesale trade is quieting down as the stock-taking season approaches, and what activity is noted by jobbers is in forwarding supplies of goods needed to reinforce stocks of retailers, depleted by what is conceded to be the most active holiday trade on record. Cold weather in the west has helped sales of furs, heavy clothing, and sleighs and further stimulated general retail buying. Holiday buying, it is noted, is for a rather more expensive grade of goods than ordinarily experienced. There are, of course, some drawbacks, such as unsettled weather or bad roads at the south. The coal shortage at the East and the continuance of the railway congestion at the west, will be affecting the movement of coke, bituminous coal and general freight, but taken as a whole, the mercantile community contemplates the approach of the end of the year with complacency and satisfaction. Seasonable influences affect the great industries.

Building is less active, but of the tone of the lumber market is one of undiminished strength. Deliveries are better, owing to some improvement in transportation matters. Detailed telegrams, in a majority of instances report retail and holiday business, the largest in years. Raw wool sales in this line and there are no bargain sales in this line. Dealers believing that the present stocks are good property, and next year's heavy weight goods are being ordered quite liberally. Some reduction in bleached cottons is reported, resulting in a good business. Some lines of cotton for export are reported reviving. Aside from this there is little change looked for until the turn of the year. Business failures for the week ending Thursday, December 18th number 275, as against 226 last week and 262 in this week last year. Canadian retail trade is in good shape, thanks to cold weather and the holidays. Montreal reports the past year as a satisfactory one in the wholesale trade, owing to increased sales, fewer failures and good collections. At Toronto the receiving and shipping of spring goods kept jobbers busy in cottons and woolen goods. Holiday trade has been better than last year, but not quite so good as expected, owing to losses by Canadian speculators in Wall Street. Holiday trade is active in British Columbia, where provincial industries are actively employed. Fifty million feet of lumber has been exported this far. The best demand for holiday goods ever seen is reported from Winnipeg. Retailer's stocks are badly broken up by the active demand.

BLOCKADE'S BEEN DECLARED

Venezuela's Intercourse With the Outside World Will Be Restricted After Dec. 25th Until She Makes an Effort to Pay Her Indebtedness

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The official proclamation of the blockade of Venezuela ports was gazetted this morning and becomes effective today. The text of the proclamation is as follows: Foreign Office, Dec. 20, 1902.—It is hereby notified, that as the United States of Venezuela have failed to comply with the demands of his majesty's government, a blockade by his majesty's naval forces of the ports of La Guaira, Caracas, Guanta, Cumana and Carupano, and the mouths of the Orinoco, is declared, and such blockade will be effectually maintained, from and after the 20th of December, subject to the allowance of the following days of grace for vessels sailing before the date of this notification from West India ports and ports on the east coast of the continent of America. Ten days for steamers and twenty days for sailing vessels. From all other ports—Twenty days for steamers and forty days for sailing vessels.

Vessels leaving the ports now declared to be blockaded—Fifteen days. Vessels which attempt to violate the blockade will render themselves liable to all measures authorized by the law of nations and by the respective treaties between his majesty and the different neutral powers.

BLOCKADE ON DECEMBER 25.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The state department has received notice from Charge d'Affaires White at London that the blockade of the Venezuelan ports will begin on December 25. Shortly after the receipt of a notice of blockade from the United States embassy at London a message was received from United States Consul Smith at Port of Spain, Trinidad, containing these words: "Venezuela blockaded." This was understood to mean that the blockade had already begun and completely mystified the state department officials, as it showed a conflict in date with the blockade notice received from London, namely, December 25. However, the department has resolved to regard the date given in the London dispatch as official until further advised.

VENEZUELA ADMITS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—If an agreement is reached on arbitration the procedure would be for Mr. Bowen, representing Venezuela as plenipotentiary, to sign with the representatives of the allies, a protocol, stating that the case is to be submitted to arbitration, that Venezuela admits the right of diplomatic intervention in behalf of a claimant, the details of the arbitration shall be arranged in a formal treaty which he pledged himself to sign. This treaty will provide in the greatest detail for the security of the foreign interests against vexatious and extortional interference on the part of the Venezuelan government hereafter and will insure the administration of exact justice in the settlement of claims, and especially will it relieve foreign residents of Venezuela from forced loans and prosecution in the time of revolution, and the status of the arbitration negotiations at the

close of the official day, as disclosed at the state department, was that the powers were waiting for an answer from the president to their proposal that he himself undertake to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulty.

The president's answer can only be guessed at, for the officials decline to express any opinion of their own. However, it is believed to be a fact that he will renew his suggestion that the case be submitted to The Hague tribunal, adding to the argument he has already produced the fact that the United States having claims of its own against Venezuela to the amount of about \$100,000, is a party in interest, and it would be unfair to put the president in the position of having to arbitrate his own claim. For their part, the powers being against The Hague proposition, the argument that President Castro would feel lightly bound by any decision by that tribunal, but would be certain to heed a judgment rendered by President Roosevelt.

It is said at the state department that no matter how these two propositions are disposed of, there will be no backward step and that an agreement of some kind which will bring about a settlement of the Venezuelan troubles will result from the present negotiations.

VENEZUELA PUZZLED.

CARACAS, Dec. 20.—Notification that the blockade of Venezuelan ports by the allied powers will be made effective today was transmitted to the Venezuelan government this morning by the British consul at La Guaira. The announcement was not expected and caused a commercial panic. The rate of exchange jumped five points. The people here are still ignorant of the answer of the allied governments to the proposal to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulty. The government has knowledge of the answer through a communication through the United States legation, but it is puzzled by the wording and moreover cannot understand why, if Germany and Great Britain have accepted the arbitration proposal, the blockade should be made effective the same day that their acceptance is announced. The French charge d'affaires, Quieyreux, this morning delivered the Venezuelan government a request that in the event of a settlement of the claims of the other powers pending made France be accorded equally favorable treatment. Madame von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, the wife of the German charge d'affaires, left La Guaira today to rejoin her husband.

ACTION DOES NOT CONFLICT.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—The Norddeutsche Zeitung says the declaration of the blockade of Venezuela made simultaneously in Berlin and London does not conflict with the accommodating attitude of Germany and Great Britain towards the United States regarding the solution of the Venezuelan difficulty by arbitration. Moreover, says the paper, it was previously known in Washington that the adherence of the German and British governments in principle to the idea of arbitration does not arrest the coercive measures agreed on, and which are sanctioned by international law.

Rossland Scenes For English Lectures

Before the close of the present winter a magnificent series of views of Rossland will be thrown on canvas throughout the United Kingdom. The lantern slides ordered by Mayor Clute with the endorsement of the city fathers have been sent and delivered. They will be sent at once to the provincial offices at Victoria, where a collection of British Columbia views is being made up for Hon. Mr. Turner, agent-general at London. Mr. Turner will use these views in the course of lectures which he is to give throughout the United Kingdom for the purposes of bringing the resources of the Pacific province to the attention of English investors. The views are admirably done on glass and are turned out ready to slip into the lantern. W. Jackson Rigby had the commission for the work and he performed it splendidly. The request

from the agent-general's office was for scenes depicting residences, industries, etc., and the collection to be forwarded to him is as follows: Baptist church. Nickel Plate compressor plant. Nickel Plate headworks. Le Roi mine headworks. Le Roi mine hoisting machinery. War Eagle headworks. Centre Star headworks. Central school with pupils massed in front. Cook avenue school. Court houses. Federal buildings. Bank of Montreal. Fire hall and Presbyterian church. Shay engine hauling ore train on high line. Residences of William Wadds and Robert Hunter. Mayor Clute regards the collection as one of the best ever made in the city.

BABYLONIAN CONCEPTION.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Frederick DeLitzsch, who occupies the Assyriological chair in Berlin university, intends to employ the results of his recent researches in Babylonian in two lectures to be delivered before Emperor William, the first showing the Babylonian origin of the new testament ideas, and the second demonstrating the Babylonian conceptions in Jesus' view of life. The announcement has renewed the commotion among the orthodox clergymen who were increased at the DeLitzsch lecture before Emperor William last winter. "The Bible and the Tower of Babel."

INDICTED FOR FORGERY.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 20.—The grand jury today indicted Justice of the Peace Truman, E. A. Maxfield, his clerk, and former Constable Becht, on charges of forgery. It was shown that officers from Truman's court had arrested and fined persons without the formal act of a trial, while the court records indicated that everything had been carried out in legal form.

ANXIETY DISPELLED.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—A cable message from Fort De France, Martinique, announces that the French cruiser Troude, which was assigned a few days ago to protect French citizens in Venezuela, will now remain outside of Venezuelan waters, as all anxiety regarding the welfare of the French citizens has been dispelled.

PRESIDENT GOES VISITING.

RAPIDAN, Va., Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt and his family are tonight the guests of Joseph Wilmer, who resides in a beautiful old colonial mansion about two miles from Rapidan station. The special train bearing the president and his party arrived here this afternoon.

C. Williamson Milne expects to leave tomorrow night for the coast. William Thompson, E. M., general manager of the Rossland-Kootenay company, leaves on Wednesday for the east and England. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Thompson to Ontario.