

St. John, N. B., Jan. 6th, 1904.

THE GOLD WAVE

Hit the New England Coast With Great Fury.

While in Inland Sections the Storm Assumed the Character of a Veritable Blizzard--Forty Below in Some Parts of Vermont--Nantucket Frozen Up.

BOSTON, Jan. 5.—With the mercury hovering around the zero mark in this city and reaching an extreme of 35 degrees below in northern Maine, with a foot of snow at exposed points piling up in huge drifts that delayed railway trains and caused the abandonment of street railway schedules, and in cases interfered with the street traffic...

Williams were turned out of their home by fire, and clad only in their night-clothing, were obliged to walk more than a hundred yards through the driving snow to shelter. The house, with nearly all its rich furnishings was practically destroyed, and the loss probably will exceed \$20,000.

WOODS HOLL, Mass., Jan. 3.—The northeast gale with heavy snow which raged during the night shifted early today to the northwest, with its centre off Nantucket Island, accompanied by zero weather and clearing skies. Telegraphic communication with Nantucket was interrupted, and the wireless telegraph station at Siasconnet was in communication with lightship No. 58 until noon. The crew reported that they were having a terrific experience and that the ship was being kept under a full head of steam to relieve the strain at her anchors. Communication with the lightship was interrupted at noon, and it is believed that the aerial wires of the craft were blown away.

HULL, Mass., Jan. 3.—Pounding and tossing in the heavy surf kicked up by a fifty-mile gale, the wreck of the two-masted fishing schooner Belle J. Neal, which went ashore on Allerton Point during the night, was lifted from the rocks at high tide today and carried against the Point. Allerton sea wall, which was lay tonight, practically a total wreck, with great holes punched through her sides and her masts protruding over the sea wall. It was one of the most disastrous accidents of the winter, and the loss of the vessel was a heavy one.

Reports from Newport, R. I., told of the worst gale and snow during the day, with the mercury standing at 7 above. In the northern part of New Scotland the mercury stood at 22 degrees below.

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BURNHAM, Me., Jan. 3.—As the result of a collision between a snow plow with a freight train which was standing on the main line at the Maine Central station early today, the engine which was driving the plow and one car attached to the latter were thrown from the track and badly damaged. Engineer Edward Coburn, Conductor Charles Buck, Brakemen Goodale and Stinson of the snow plow train were severely bruised, and Fireman James Coyne sustained a deep scalp wound and an injury to one knee. The crew of the freight train escaped without injury. It is believed the accident was caused by the blinding snow, which prevented the engineer of the special train from discovering his position in time to avoid the collision.

MEDFORD, Mass., Jan. 3.—While the blizzard was at its height this morning, members of the family of Lombard

years' experience. The velocity of the wind reached 75 miles an hour, with a prevailing temperature of 15 degrees above zero. The train from Boston due here at 9 p. m. Saturday arrived at 1 o'clock today.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Jan. 3.—The thermometer registers from 15 to 40 below zero in different parts of Vermont this morning. Railway traffic is delayed from three to four hours by the snow and cold. Much large cargo are frozen nearly to the point of being unmanageable and farmers experience the greatest difficulty in getting water for their live stock.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Clear skies and biting cold succeeded the snow storm which raged all last night and yesterday, resulting in a total fall of from 6 to 8 inches, the heaviest of the season. While there was little interruption of street car traffic today, owing to the constant use of snow plows during the continuance of the storm, the service on the Hudson river was badly crippled. The Chicago, New York and Boston special, due at 1:30 p. m., was four hours late, and the Boston special due in New York at 7:45 a. m. was nine hours and 45 minutes late.

Michael Reed of Peabody was found unconscious and badly frost bitten in a snow drift in second avenue. Frederick Spring was found frozen to death in a drift near his home on Staten Island.

NANTUCKET, Mass., Jan. 3.—The fierce storm which has swept this island during the last 24 hours, accompanied by bitter cold, has caught the islanders unprepared, and the result is a harbor made impassable with a solid mass of ice, the inhabitants find themselves with but a small supply of grain and severe other necessities.

UPLAND, N. Y., Jan. 3.—Train No. 55, the last mail on the New York Central railroad, which arrived here at 9 o'clock this morning, six hours late, ran past the station because the air brakes failed to work, and crashed into four express cars being shifted by a yard engine. The wreck blocked traffic for some time. Engineer Edward P. Murphy, of Albany, was killed, the hand-rail of his engine being driven through his head.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 3.—Intense cold and exceedingly high winds are reported from points in this section and on the coast. The off-shore wind has not caused any marine disasters on the seaboard.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 3.—Railroad trains arrived here today from two to twelve hours behind schedule time. There was another snow storm today, but it was insignificant compared with the blizzard of Saturday. The ice jam on the American side above Niagara Falls continues to pile up. Thousands of people visited there today to witness the unusual sight of a practically dry river bed between the Three Sister Islands. A tremendous volume of water is being forced over the Horseshoe Falls. The jam is from 45 to 75 feet high and extends out into the river about 2,000 feet.

HALIFAX AT HALIFAX. Advice from Manchuria represent the Russian opinion that the settlement of questions connected with the Russian occupation of Manchuria.

SYDNEY, C. B. Graham Fraser Applies the Pruning Knife to the Present.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

Conflicting Reports as to the Probability of War.

Russia While Professing Best Intentions, is Making Strenuous Efforts in the Direction of Fighting—Further Negotiations May Intervene.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 3.—Chinese cruisers here are preparing for active service. They are taking on board ammunition and supplies. They will remain here under orders.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—The Russian warships here have been ordered to postpone their departure.

TOKIO, Jan. 3.—War with Russia is regarded as unavoidable, and the press is urging the immediate opening of hostilities. All of the banks are withholding funds, and it is believed that this is the result of official instructions. The government has completed and perfected arrangements for the transportation of troops and supplies, and the people calmly await developments.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—No news has been received by the foreign office today concerning the Russo-Japanese difficulty in the far east, and according to Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, the situation remains unchanged. Within a few days the cruisers Masaga and Nisinn, formerly the Moreno and Rivadavia respectively, which were bought by the Japanese government from the government of Argentina, and which were built at Genoa, will be formally delivered to Japan. Immediately on their delivery the Japanese flag will be run up and the Japanese legation hopes thereby to avoid any objections on the part of the Italian government regarding the sailing of the cruisers should hostilities commence before they are ready to put to sea.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 3.—Diplomatic circles confidently expect that the Russian answer to the Japanese proposals will be handed to the Japanese foreign office by Baron Rosen, Russian ambassador to Japan, within a very few days and do not expect grave results to follow. In other quarters the conciliatory attitude of both governments inspires the belief that the answer will pave the way to further negotiations, if, indeed, it does not directly lead to a pacific settlement of the Russo-Japanese war.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Cablegrams received here today from Tokio show the situation in the far east to be unchanged and at a late hour tonight it was declared that the Japanese position that nothing had occurred to dispel the gloomy view taken here of the prospects for peace. The fact that Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, criticizes the situation as extremely critical does not prevent him from hoping that a way may yet be found by which the questions between Russia and Japan may be settled without recourse to arms. The Japanese government is said to be not anxious for war, and throughout the negotiations has endeavored to repress all war talk. Japan, it is added, will await patiently the Russian reply and will not delay after receiving the note in announcing her future course. It is said that substantial concessions must be forthcoming from Russia in Korea that will offset the jurisdiction which Russia claims in Manchuria if war is to be averted. The Russian government has been urged to reply promptly.

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HALIFAX, Jan. 3.—Graham Fraser assumed the active management of the works of the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. at Sydney on Saturday. To every department of the plant, and after he was through gave instructions to close down the pen and hearth and to close down the blast furnaces. The effort will be made to increase the output of the plant, and it is expected that other departments of the works will also be closed down. No effort will be made to increase the output of the plant, and it is expected that other departments of the works will also be closed down. No effort will be made to increase the output of the plant, and it is expected that other departments of the works will also be closed down.

THE COLDEST YET. Thermometer Grazed 15 Below Zero Saturday Morning. Sunday's Cold Wave Caused Suffering All Over the Country—Wind and Snow Fall Added to the Discomfiture of the Day.

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BOSTON HEBREWS Say Russia Will Inaugurate Jewish Massacre Jan. 7th.

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SUDDEN DEATH Of the Manager of the Merchants' Bank at Quebec.

QUEBEC, Jan. 3.—J. Cape More, manager of the Merchants Bank, died suddenly this afternoon of apoplexy. He attended service in the Anglican cathedral this morning. He was a native of Halifax.

Northrup & Co., Importers and wholesale grocers, 24 South wharf, St. John, have issued one of the best wall calendars of the year. The picture of the new year's "declaring a dividend" is an art study in itself.

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WINTER PORT MATTERS.

Wicked Storm Interfered with the Sailings. Steamers Pretorian, Montrose and Lakonia, Held in Port by the Bad Weather.

The nasty storm which began Saturday and continued almost all through Sunday prevented the possibility of a movement on the part of any of the big steamships which were ready to sail at or about high tide yesterday.

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