

MIDDLE WEST IN GRIP OF STORM OF SLEET

Chicago, Ill., February 15.—The storm of sleet and snow that broke over Chicago and the middle west at midnight on Sunday crippled all means of transportation, local, state and interstate, all but paralyzed the telegraph service, and resulted in serious injury to person and property. A man was killed at Hammond, Indiana, by a train on the Monon line, while he was blindly struggling along the tracks through the storm, and in Chicago a number of persons were injured by falling on the slippery sidewalks. One of them, John Matlock, a free county commissioner, was blown from his feet at Michigan avenue and Jackson Boulevard and his skull fractured. He may die.

Trains All Late. All trains coming into Chicago were more or less delayed. Some being reported six hours overdue and others snow-bound at points in the north. The wires on some of the roads, particularly the Chicago and Great Western, the B. & O. and the Pere Marquette, failed entirely, and the local officials of these roads had no means of knowing where their trains were located. Service on the elevated and surface railways, the city wires, and between midnight and five o'clock this morning, the wires were badly retarded by the ice-coated rails, and between midnight and five o'clock this morning, the wires were rendered extremely dangerous by the high wind and heavy seas, and all steamers that put out early Saturday evening hurriedly headed for the nearest ports where the storm began to rage.

High Wind Accompanying Storm. In Chicago the storm was marked by a high wind. A sixty mile gale prevailed during the night, and there was a continuous drive of sleet that coated everything with ice. Steamship transportation on the lakes was rendered extremely dangerous by the high wind and heavy seas, and all steamers that put out early Saturday evening hurriedly headed for the nearest ports where the storm began to rage.

Great Loss of Life in Wreck of Steamer Off Cape Terawhiti, New Zealand. Wellington, New Zealand, Feb. 15.—Fifty-two bodies have been recovered from the wrecked steamer Penguin, of the Union Steamship Company, Wellington, which went on the rocks off Cape Terawhiti on Friday night. Six of those who abandoned the Penguin are accounted for. In all the passengers and crew numbered about 100. The ship struck about ten o'clock at night, but the captain remained on deck while his vessel slid into deep water and was able to steer her closer to shore.

Cardinal Martinielli Becomes Prefect of Congregation of Rites. Rome, Feb. 15.—Cardinal Martinielli, well known in United States, where he was apostolic delegate for six years, has been appointed prefect of the Congregation of Rites, replacing the late Cardinal Crivelli. He thus becomes one of the leaders of the Roman church. Cardinal Salsola, who also was an American delegate, is prefect of the Congregation of Studies, another most important position in Rome. Archbishop Ireland has been informed that the Pope will receive him in private audience before his departure from Rome, the coming week. It will be merely a ceremonial visit.

Two Wives Keep Death Watch. Philadelphia, Feb. 15.—John William Boyes, a prominent photographer, is dying in a Pennsylvania hospital. Two women who are each claiming to be his lawful wife, keep the death watch beside his bed. He married an English girl in London and eight years later married a Philadelphia girl and the London woman secured a divorce four years later. Boyes returned to London and effected a reconciliation with his first wife. According to the British woman they were once again together, but she was threatened action in court, his second wife went to Wilmington, Delaware.

Regina Musical Festival. Regina, Sask., Feb. 15.—At a meeting of the committee of the Saskatchewan Provincial Musical association held on Friday, May 24th, 25th and 26th, were fixed as dates for the big provincial musical festival to be held in Regina when the musical societies from throughout the province will meet together to compete for prizes. Arrangements are being made for the same. Judges to act at the festival are acting at the Edmonton festival earlier in the same month.

Universal Suffrage in Sweden. Stockholm, Sweden, Feb. 14.—Both chambers of the Swedish Diet have passed the bill providing for universal suffrage, with proportional representation in parliament. All the inhabitants in the country, over 24 years of age, are entitled to vote. The bill passed the first chamber by a vote of 129 to 84, and the second chamber 129 to 84.

Must Not Accept Railway Passes. Brockville, Ont., Feb. 14.—The Conservative association of the township of Lansdowne has placed itself on record as opposed to delegates to political conventions accepting railway passes or having their expenses paid. Delegates to conventions in future who are known to be offenders, will be disqualified from voting.

New Block in Macleod. Macleod, Alta., Feb. 15.—R. G. Macdonnell, J.P., is collecting material for a brick block, which will be built here as soon as the season opens.

BOTH BANKS FULLY PROTECTED

Toronto, Ont., February 15.—The impression that the Bank of Montreal and the Bank of Commerce were opposing interests in the Steel-Coal case. Byron E. Walker, president of the Bank of Montreal, authority for the statement that the Bank of Montreal had two-thirds of the Steel company's account, and the Bank of Commerce one-third, and that the same proportion of the Coal Company's account was divided between the two banks. Both banks were secured beyond peradventure, and whatever the issue of the case was it would not have made a particle of difference to them. Their interest in the situation was the general interest of the public. Negotiations for a settlement had been promoted by the Bank of Commerce as well as by the Bank of Montreal.

A MATRIMONIAL ALLIANCE

King Alfonso Urges King Manuel to Marry King Edward's Niece. Lisbon, Portugal, Feb. 14.—The visit of King Alfonso of Spain to King Manuel of Portugal, ended yesterday when King Alfonso urged King Manuel to marry King Edward's niece, the late Duke of Edinburgh's daughter, the late Duke of Edinburgh's daughter, the late Duke of Edinburgh's daughter.

Drift on Field of Ice. Fishermen in Perilous Position in Lake Erie.—His Governor Saved. Buffalo, N.Y., Feb. 14.—After a perilous battle against angry waves that churned tons and tons of floating ice, 16 fishermen were saved from a terrible death in Lake Erie this noon, by five men who manned a small boat from the Thomson fleet of lake steamers, which were anchored just outside the breakwater of the Buffalo harbor. Somewhere out on the lake Julius London, a fisherman of 38 years' experience, is drifting with his two dogs on a broken ice field, a mile square.

Export of Coal and Coke. The deputation was fully equipped with maps and charts to show the mutual advantage it would be to both Alberta and Montana in having a water connection. The premier was urged to use his influence towards having the Alberta lines, especially the one tapping the coal areas, extend to Great Falls, where there are huge smelters which would use a steady supply of coal and coke.

Due to Spreading Rail. One Man Killed and Six Badly Injured in Wreck. Union, Neb., Feb. 15.—The Omaha St. Louis flyer, southbound on the Missouri Pacific road, which left here this morning, was wrecked at noon near this place, the smoking car and six coaches being overturned. One man was killed and six badly injured. Just how the wreck occurred is not known as the train was badly torn up. Several of the coaches were overturned, and the train was unable to leave. The train was wrecked at Union, Neb., where it was overturned. The train was wrecked at Union, Neb., where it was overturned.

Fatal Sleigh Ride. Kingston Boy Killed in Collision with Street Car—Breath Injured. Kingston, Ont., Feb. 15.—As the result of a sleigh riding down a hill a 14-year-old boy, Thomas Hunter, accidentally lost his life. His arm was badly crushed that it had to be amputated high up. His 11-year-old brother, Henry, was also injured. The two brothers while sleigh riding ran into a street car. Another lad, Leo O'Neil, was on the sleigh, but jumped before it struck the car, and escaped with a few bruises. The crossing has always been looked upon as a very dangerous one. Not long ago the police warned some children to keep off the hill, and also seized some sleighs.

Bravo Attacked at Rescué. Port Simpson, B.C., Feb. 14.—With his companion, Arthur Flewin, 15 years old, upset from a boat on Saturday morning, Walter Buerstenheim fell into the water for three hours before it drifted ashore but Flewin died with exposure. The former recovered.

Negro Shot to Pieces. Tampa, Fla., Feb. 15.—Jack Wade, a negro, was taken from Bay Street off Scott this morning by a mob. Miss Irma Newell for identification. The girl identified him. The mob took him to the woods and shot him to pieces.

MONTANA IS AFTER ALBERTA CONNECTION

Deputation From Great Falls Wants Premier Rutherford—Desires Connection with Coast Fields—Will Also Interview Officials of C.N.R. The policy of railway development, which is so much talked of on this side of the international boundary, line, is of equal importance to the residents of the state of Montana. Just as Alberta needs a railway, so does Montana, and the location of lines is causing by as much interest as this project.

The city of Great Falls is taking up the question with the view of seeing what can be done. The board of commerce have heard of application being made to the Alberta legislature for charters for several lines running to the boundary lines and at once restricted themselves to find out if possible what lines are likely to be built. For this purpose Herbert Strain, Chas. M. Webster and S. B. Robbins were delegated to interview Premier Rutherford and the Canadian Pacific railway officials during their long interview.

Mutual Advantages. It was pointed out on behalf of Great Falls that it has probably the most advantageous position of any town in Montana. The town has connection with the Great Northern railway in four ways and is on the Milwaukee transcontinental line. The C. P. R. line has entrance to Spirit Lake, and is thought to be mutually desirable that some Canadian lines, if not the C. P. R., should connect with Great Falls. The distance from the border to the city is 140 miles and there are no railways in this great stretch of country. That it is capable of being a valuable producing area is shown by the fact that fully 1,000,000 acres of the land are a part of an irrigation enterprise. The Great Sun Irrigation Co., of which Mr. Robbins is superintendent, will reclaim about 200,000 acres of land at a cost of \$7,000,000.

Admiral Beresford Retired. Will Vacate Command of Channel Fleet on March 24. London, February 14.—The admiralty announced tonight that on March 24th Admiral Lord Charles Beresford will vacate the command of the Channel fleet, which will then cease to be the chief fighting unit of the first line of Great Britain's naval force. Vice-Admiral Sir Archibald Berkeley Milne, now second in command, will be promoted to the second division of the fleet under the supreme command of Vice-Admiral Sir William May, second sea lord. It is understood that Admiral Beresford will retire from the service and will be placed on half pay.

Windsor in Hands of Gas Company. Windsor, Ont., Feb. 15.—Windsor will take Niagara power from the government until the situation is cleared up concerning the operation of the British and Canadian gas companies. The Windsor gas company, a 15 years' franchise. Alderman Sheppard, chairman of the special power committee, says so. All the gentlemen in the delegation stand high in the commercial life of Ontario. Mr. Webster is at present collector of customs in Great Falls, Mont., and was assistant for several years of the late Governor of Montana last November. Mr. S. B. Robbins, as stated above, has charge of the Congregation of Rites, and will reclaim about 200,000 acres of land and will cost about \$7,000,000. Mr. Strain is a prominent real estate man in Great Falls, and has been a member of the Trans-Mississippi commercial congress at Seattle. The subject of the trade relations between the United States and Canada.

Bringing Back Calgary Horse Thief. Toronto, Ont., Feb. 14.—Evidence of the extradition measures to which the Northwest Mounted Police will go in bringing delinquents to justice is shown Tuesday in the return of the city to take back a horse thief. The prisoner is Thomas H. Webb, arrested Tuesday in Owen Sound, charged with stealing a horse, harness and buggy of Ernest Mackon, of Calgary. Sergeant J. Wilson, N.W.M.P., brought Webb to the morning. The sergeant arrested the notorious train robber, Miner, whose capture from prison is now a topic in celebration.

Irregularities Amount to a Million. St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—Irregularities amounting to over \$1,000,000, have been discovered as the result of an investigation which general Garna is making of the army quartermaster's department. The stores and officers of many of the leading business firms have been searched for evidence of the illegal disposition of government supplies, and several high officials are reported to have been implicated in the irregularities.

Six Firemen Caught Under Roof. Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 14.—Six men are dead, nine others injured and several missing as the result of the fire Saturday at the John Marville Manufacturing Company's warehouse. Five of the dead and all of the injured and missing were firemen who were buried when the roof and wall of the building collapsed. The damage to the Marville Company was \$200,000.

Florida Hotel Burned. Daytona, Florida, February 15.—The Hotel Clarendon, at Sea Breeze, two miles from here, one of the largest winter resort hotels on the east coast, was burned to the ground early today, together with ten cottages nearby. Two hundred and fifteen guests were asleep when the flames broke out. All were got out safely.

Ottawa Usury Cases. Ottawa, Feb. 15.—J. H. Dube, one of the money lenders, charged with usury, appeared before the magistrate on Saturday. Judgment was reserved until Wednesday, along with the others whose cases have been tried. One of them has pleaded guilty and another has been found guilty.

RETRIEVING HIS FORTUNES

Former Stockbroker Marries Divorced Wife of De Wolf Hopper. New Orleans, La., Feb. 14.—Albert Brown, the New York stockbroker, who figured in a sensational failure last August and who has been prominent in the bankruptcy courts for some time past, is in New Orleans, and announces that he and Miss Edna Wallace Hopper, the actress, formerly the wife of De Wolf Hopper, were married. He said the marriage took place at Freehold, Monmouth county, N.J., on November 25th, 1908. Miss Hopper now is appearing in a local theatre. Mr. Brown came south to visit her and will make a trip with her and the members of her company. The wedding of Mr. Brown and Miss Hopper took place at the home of Justice James S. White in Freehold. The license was issued on Nov. 18, but the wedding did not take place until the 25th. The witnesses were Miss Leona Anderson, Louis Ginter, attorney and Dennis O'Brien, Miss Hopper's attorney and personal adviser. All were pledged to secrecy.

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BENEFICIAL EFFECT OF KING'S GERMAN VISIT

Tension in Anglo-German Relations is Relieved—Franco-German Moroccan Agreement is Approved—Van Buelow Says Germany and England are in Complete Accord on Near East Question. Berlin, February 15.—It can be stated with authority that in the British view the result of the recent political conferences between British and German statesmen in Berlin is regarded as eminently satisfactory, and it is felt that these conversations will have an excellent effect upon Anglo-German relations. The Imperial Chancellor was assured of the British government's unqualified and cordial approval of the Franco-German Moroccan agreement, and in this way it will exert a material influence upon the continuation of friendly relations between Great Britain and Germany.

English officials welcome the assurance given during the interview, and they are glad to see that the secretary for foreign affairs, and the German chancellor, that in aiming for the preservation of peace and the maintenance of the status quo in the "near east," as well as in the support of the new order of things in Turkey, the British and German governments are completely in accord.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra left Berlin for London yesterday afternoon, after a visit of four days in the German capital. They were accompanied by the British ambassador, the Emperor and the Empress and their military suites and Prince Henry of Prussia. The leave-taking was cordial, and the Emperor kissing the Emperor three times on the cheek.

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TO BLAZE TRAIL TO ARCTIC

New York Dreamer Contemplates Great Undertaking. New York, N.Y., Feb. 14.—Equipment with 36 pounds of sweet chocolate and 65 pounds of milled milk, Harry Vincent Redford left the Gracie Central Station last night to find a new route to the Arctic Ocean. Mr. Redford is slim and delicate looking and says he is 28 years of age. Most of the expenses of the trip are being paid by sporting goods houses, patent food manufacturers and other persons interested in the great work of exploration. About the only expense that Mr. Redford had to defray was his car fare from here to Ottawa. He expects to collect specimens of Canadian flora and fauna for scientific institutions, and has made arrangements with certain weekly publications to write for them while he is away. Mr. Redford expects to explore an arctic coast that sections of Canada known on the maps as Mackenzie district and to blaze out a new route across it to the Arctic Ocean. "Why don't you try to discover the North Pole?" he was asked. "Oh, everyone goes there," he said. "But I have a snap compared to what I will have. However, I don't know but that I could find the Pole if I looked for it."

New Source of Revenue for France. Paris, Feb. 15.—The Chamber of Deputies passed an article of the income tax bill imposing an extra tax on the department of stores whose annual turnover exceeds \$100,000. The extra is one per cent on the turnover over \$100,000 and \$200,000, two per cent on to \$1,000,000 and three per cent if the turnover exceeds \$1,000,000.

Port Arthur Obtains Good Price. Port Arthur, Feb. 13.—Great satisfaction is expressed here at the fact that the Dominion Securities Co. of Montreal, at \$147.50 being accepted for 5 per cent.

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CENTRAL AMERICAN CITIES SUBMERGED

Incessant Rains and Cloudburst Causes Immense Property Damage—People Are in Desperate Straits, With Fruit Crops Destroyed and Houses Demolished. Mobile, Ala., Feb. 12.—Captain Henry Hendrickson, of the United Fruit Company's steamship, Belvernon, just arrived light from Boac del Toro, tells of the great property damage and possible loss of life there and at Port Limon and other points in Costa Rica, due to cloudburst and incessant rains since January 1. He said he was unable to obtain a cargo and that several vessels in port at Boac were in the same plight. On February 5, when he left Port Limon, the place was entirely submerged, and that the same conditions prevailed when he returned. He says that the reports from the fruit plantations were most harrowing, the crops being destroyed, houses demolished and railroad and highway bridges swept away. People were in desperate straits in the two places and more so in the interior. In the Zent district railroads and plantations suffered heavily, the water standing five feet deep.

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