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PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 8, 1909.

Official Weather Forecast

FAIR AND COLDER WEDNESDAY; THURSDAY, FAIR, LIGHT TO MODERATE NORTH WINDS.

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TAFT'S MESSAGE IS READ TO CONGRESS

Much Interest Manifested by Democrats and Republicans Alike.

HIS TREATMENT OF THE ZELAYA INCIDENT ATTRACTED THE MOST INTEREST, THOUGH THE CUSTOM HOUSE FRAUDS CAUSED SOME COMMENT—HOUSE ADJOURNED IMMEDIATELY AFTER READING HAD BEEN CONCLUDED.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The first annual message of President Taft was delivered to congress today. It was presented in both houses by Assistant Secretary Latta and in both houses was received shortly after 12 o'clock.

In the senate, when the reading of the message began at 12:12 p. m., great interest was manifested by both Republicans and Democrats.

There was a full attendance of senators on the floor of the chamber and as soon as copies of the document had been furnished to them they riveted their attention upon the printed pages.

While the secretary of the senate read the president's words, many senators hastened over the pamphlet, hunting for subjects in which they were especially interested.

The others proceeded in the more orderly way of following the reading from the desk.

Following close upon the heels of the house committee appointed to wait upon the president, Secretary Latta entered the house at 12:14, bearing the president's communication.

There was a scramble by members to obtain first copies when the bundles containing them were unwrapped. The speaker at once ordered the clerk to begin the reading of the communication.

As the reading proceeded, a general discussion of the message took place.

Some Favorable Comments.—The portions which attracted most attention were those relating to the complication with Nicaragua, the diminution of public expenditures, the custom house frauds and the tariff act.

The mildness of the first part of the message dealing with routine European matters led to the opinion that the new president would be comparatively formal in his treatment of such subjects.

When, however, the reading had progressed further it was discovered that he could be vigorous in the use of language when he desired and one senator said that some of the expressions had caused him to doubt whether there had been a change of administration.

The one phrase which attracted most attention was found in connection with the president's treatment of the Zelaya incident, of which he spoke as "the sad tale of unrepeatable barbarities."

His use of the expression "cut to the quick" in connection with department expenditures was also commented upon as unbecomingly.

At 1:40 p. m. the reading of the message was concluded in the house and that body adjourned until Friday.

Wheat Crop Shows Big Increase in Area Planted

Washington, Dec. 7.—The crop reporting board of the department of agriculture today estimated that the area of winter wheat is 7.3 per cent. greater than the revised estimate area sown in the fall of 1909, equivalent to an increase of 2,449,000 acres, the indicated total area being 33,483,000 acres.

Steamship Line to Pensacola and Other Principal Ports

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 7.—In a speech before the Southern Commercial Congress today, John L. Mathews, of St. Louis, said a transportation company in St. Louis, whose capital is soon to be increased to twenty-five million dollars, proposes to navigate the Mississippi river and put in a cost line of steamships and barges for sea towing to all the principal ports of the South, including Pensacola, Tampa, Charleston and all intervening points.

Mother and Infant Found Lying in Snow Nearly Dead

Danville, Ill., Dec. 7.—Lying in six inches of snow on the steps of a bank building and almost dead, a Hungarian woman and her six-months-old child were found at daybreak by a policeman. Attached to the woman's dress was a tag consigning her to her husband and minor at Westville. She, with her baby, arrived in the night from New York, where she had landed with other immigrants from Hungary. Ignorant of the language of the new

TIN WORKERS MAY ARBITRATE

BRIDGEPORT, Ohio, Dec. 7.—The strike at the Aetna Standard plant may be settled before end of the week—TROOPS GUARDING PROPERTY.

By Associated Press. Bridgeport, Ohio, Dec. 7.—The strike at the Aetna Standard plant of the Aetna Sheet and Tin Plate company caused the injury of a train conductor and a loss to parties concerned amounting to one hundred thousand dollars, is now a waiting game.

It is generally believed that before the end of the week the strike will be arbitrated.

Vice-President Lewis, of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, said that arbitration is possible. The officials of the company conferred today, but nothing was given out.

Six hundred troops are still guarding the company's property. A trainload of strikebreakers from Pittsburgh are expected to arrive during the night.

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Little Rock, Dec. 7.—The jury in the case of W. Y. Ellis, charged with the murder of N. P. Willis, of Indianapolis, was discharged today, after announcing that it would be impossible for them to agree upon a verdict. The jury stood in a deadlock for three and three for acquittal.

BRANCH OF THE RED MEN HERE

ORDER HAS BEEN FORMED WITH BRIGHT PROSPECTS AND ANOTHER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY NIGHT.

The Red Men made a great haul in the Pensacola Forest Monday evening, in spite of the bad weather, and several palefaces were captured.

On Friday night, next, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Fisher building, they expect to capture a good many more and have some good talks by different past great sachems on the good of the order, and all arrangements will be made for the institution of this great order on Monday, Dec. 20.

Notice The Journal for the Red Men's night for Friday night's meeting.

STRIKE IS AT AN END. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 7.—The strike at the plant of the Colonial Steel company, of Monaca, Pa., caused by a demand for a ten per cent wage increase, was ended today by the men returning to work.

GRAND JURY PROBING PHOENIX INS. COMPANY

Former Business Associates of Deposed President are Examined.

OTHERS WILL BE CALLED BEFORE JURY TODAY—HENRY EVANS, PRESIDENT OF CONTINENTAL INSURANCE CO., IS MADE CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS—INTIMATED THAT OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE PHOENIX MAY BE DEPOSED.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 7.—Acting upon the recommendation of the state superintendent of insurance, whose report yesterday discloses alleged irregularities in the management of the Phoenix (Fire) Insurance Co., the district attorney's office began an investigation before the grand jury today.

Henry Evans, president of the Continental Insurance Co., was today elected chairman of the executive committee of the Phoenix Insurance Co., of Brooklyn, and it is intimated that other officials besides Sheldon may be deposed as the result of the disclosures.

Sheldon is in a critical condition at his home at Greenwich, Conn. The fact that George P. Sheldon is so ill at his home in Connecticut that he is expected to die will not cause an abandonment of the commercial investigation and prosecution into the matters of the Phoenix Insurance company of Brooklyn, from the presidency of which institution Sheldon was removed.

W. H. Hotchkiss, superintendent of the insurance department, declared Continued on Page Four.

INVASION IS APPREHENDED

GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS PROCLAIMS MARTIAL LAW—BELIEVED FORMER PRESIDENT BONILA IS SEEKING REVENGE.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 7.—The government of Honduras, apprehending an armed invasion, has proclaimed martial law throughout the Republic.

This information reached here today. It is believed that Manuel Bonilla, a former president of Honduras, who was deposed by President Davila, aided by Zelaya, may be taking advantage of the situation in Nicaragua to seek revenge.

FREIGHT MOVED SATISFACTORILY

FIFTEEN HUNDRED BUSINESS MEN INSPECT TRANSFER STATIONS AT ST. PAUL AND DE CLARE STRIKE CONDITIONS IMPROVING.

By Associated Press. St. Paul, Dec. 7.—Fifteen hundred business men, constituting a committee of jobbers union and manufacturers of St. Paul, today personally inspected the transfer stations in and about the Twin Cities as to traffic conditions as a result of the switchmen's strike.

After a tour the committee gave out the statement that "freight is being moved in a very satisfactory manner and although normal conditions do not prevail at all points, a volume of business above the normal is being handled at some points."

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COUNTRY IN GRASP OF SEVERE COLD WAVE

Moving South It Will Be Felt Over Entire Section To-Day.

MUCH SUFFERING IN THE LOWER LAKE SECTION, WHERE THE COLD IS MOST SEVERE—TRAINS FROM THE WEST AND NORTH ARE DELAYED BY SNOW AND SLEET—THREE DEAD IN CHICAGO AND TRANSPORTATION SERIOUSLY HAMPERED THERE.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 7.—Chicago was visited today with the first real snowstorm of the season. Several inches of snow fell, impeding street traffic and delaying trains.

The storm caused the death of three persons before noon today and seriously hampered transportation on steam roads and urban lines.

The dead: Joseph Welch, a laborer, found dead on a pile of boxes in a freight-warehouse from cold and exposure.

Joseph Korea, switchman, blinded by snow and run over by a switch engine while at work.

Martin Varlo, section hand, blinded by snow and run over by a passenger train.

The storm extends from southern Wisconsin into Iowa and through the Ohio valley, covering Illinois and Indiana.

Trains from the West and North were delayed from one to three hours. The wind, averaging a velocity of 35 miles an hour, added to the discomfort caused by the storm, which the government weather bureau said would continue until noon.

Through the day the police headquarters were besieged for aid from storm sufferers.

WILL BE FELT OVER THE ENTIRE SOUTH TODAY

STIRRING CLIMAX IN "THE FOURTH ESTATE," SOME SUFFRAGE LEADERS AT BIG BENEFIT



The most effective move made by the woman suffrage leaders in New York to spread the propaganda of their cause was the benefit which they arranged at Wallace's theater, where the great newspaper play "The Fourth Estate" is having such a popular run.

Prime movers in the undertaking were Miss Alice Fisher and Miss Pauline Frederick, who have two of the prominent roles in the play. They prevailed upon the management to offer the entire receipts of one performance to the suffrage cause and invite such leaders as Mrs. Belmont, Dr. Anna Shaw and Mrs. Pankhurst, the English suffragist, to speak from the stage.

AGREES TO MEET SANTA ROSA ON BRIDGE MATTER

Commissioners of Escambia County Decide to Act on Important Matter.

WILL MEET SANTA ROSA COUNTY BOARD AT CONVENIENT DATE AND LOOK OVER SITE WITH VIEW OF EARLY CONSTRUCTION OF SPAN—FUNDS MAY BE DRAWN FROM GENERAL FUNDS ACCOUNT.

Receiving a proposition from the board of county commissioners of Santa Rosa county to look into the matter of constructing a bridge across the Escambia river at Horse station, two miles south of McDavid, the board of county commissioners of Escambia county has agreed to take the matter over at length and adopted a resolution instructing the clerk of the board to communicate with the chairman of the Santa Rosa body, notifying the latter that the Escambia county board would be ready to meet them at their convenience, and that the site would be looked over, with a view of beginning the structure in short order.

The matter was brought to the attention of the local board by the chairman, who said that he had been approached by Mr. Tomassello, of the Santa Rosa board, who had informed him that the Santa Rosa body was ready right now to meet the Escambia county on half-way grounds in the matter of building the bridge.

The Escambia county people were of the opinion at first that a new jail was more needed than a bridge at this time, and some of them stuck out for the jail proposition until the last. At length the resolution was offered and was adopted.

The new bridge, as was estimated last night, will cost about \$25,000. It will be of steel, and will have to contain a draw, since the river there is a navigable stream, and the water department will have to give assent for the fording of the stream. The Escambia board did not feel disposed at first to accept the proposition of the Santa Rosa board to place the bridge at the approaches on the Escambia side, which would be more difficult to construct than were those on the Santa Rosa side.

The opinion of the county attorney was that the construction of a bridge by two counties, the cost would be equitable, and this changed the notion of the local board to insist upon its construction at McDavid.

Mr. McNeill, the clerk of the board, will address a letter today to the chairman and clerk of the Santa Rosa county commissioners, giving the latter notice that the Escambia board as a whole constituted a committee to meet the Santa Rosa board on the ground at any convenient date and take a look over the site, with the ultimate view of deciding upon final plans.

The County Commissioners. It was the regular meeting date for the Escambia county board. No minutes were read, and the first matter that the board considered was an application from the Beach Haven company for permission to build an electric line to parallel the national cemetery road from station 29 to station 39, the line to be at least 25 feet from the center of the main road. The application was read and discussed, the paper being introduced by Commissioner Brown. It provides for a 55-foot rail and the beginning of the work in six months after the acceptance of the county board's grant, and the completion of the electric line two years thereafter. About the only change made in the application was the first part of section 3, which gave all county officials the right to ride free over the line. This portion of the clause was struck out on motion of Commissioner Stewart. Otherwise the application was found to be in correct shape and it was granted.

Sheriff Wanted Water. Sheriff Van Pelt made inquiry in an address to the board as to what recourse he would have to take to get water at the county jail. The supply of water was ordered cut off early yesterday by Commissioner Brown, and for the space of two hours not a drop could be drawn. At 11:30 a. m., however, the water has been turned on again. The sheriff had been given to understand that the supply would be cut off until some time today, hence his talk to the board. When notified differently, he had nothing further to say.

TOOL THIEVES GETTING BUSY

POLICE HAVE REPORT THAT BOX OF TOOLS AT NEW SCHOOL BUILDING WAS FORCED OPEN AND QUANTITY OF ARTICLES TAKEN.

Tool thieves are getting busy in the city now, and those who have chests in and around uncompleted buildings would be acting wisely to properly lock them up at night.

Some time during Monday night a large tool box at the new school building in New City was forced open and a quantity of tools were stolen.

The box is the property of the Turner Construction company, which firm has the contract for the erection of the building. At night the workmen place the tools of their employer and the firm's tools in a large box and lock it up. Monday night it was forced, and the police learned that the choicest of articles were taken therefrom. There is no clue to the robbers.

Thieves stealing tools operate about once a year in Pensacola and suburbs, and the police are endeavoring in every way to apprehend the guilty parties this season at least.

CARGO CEMENT ON SCHOONER

THE MARJORIE SPENCER, WITH LOAD FROM NEW YORK, WAS REPORTED OFF BAR AT LATE HOUR LAST EVENING.

Loaded with cement, the American schooner Marjorie A. Spencer, 325 tons, Capt. Richards, was reported off the bar at a late hour last evening. A pilot was taken aboard and the schooner hauled off the shore line to await the chance of wind which would make an entrance more favorable. A stiff northeaster was blowing last evening.

The schooner left New York on Nov. 23 for Pensacola, and had not been reported until showing up off the bar. The cement is for beam engines.

President is Struggling With Question: "What is Whiskey?"

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Taft is putting in all his spare time these days struggling with the question, "What is whiskey?"

The succeeding approach the question has been carried through the food and drink experts of the department of agriculture, charged with the administration of the pure food and drugs act, to the solicitor general of the United States and to the president himself.

The printed evidence and the briefs of the distinguished attorneys who have appeared in the controversy form a record equal to that of many of the cases which the supreme court of the United States is called upon to decide, and the president is to be seen in the life of a federal judge who is taken to his private library in the evening the volumes of testimony are arranged upon his desk in the hope of reaching such a strictly legal decision on the vexed question.

The whole controversy hinges on the question of whether whiskey and "beetle" brand and highly rectified whiskey or imitation, when compared with whiskey which is aged and keyed by the old-fashioned method of storage in white oak barrels, which have been fire charred on the inside,