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SEVERE BLIZZARD TIES UP TRAFFIC FROM PENN. TO MAINE

Large Number of Persons Meet Death From Exposure or By Accident.

STORM IN NEW ENGLAND WAS WORST IN VICINITY OF NEW BEDFORD, PROVIDENCE AND FALL RIVER—SCHOONER DAVIS PALMER, WITH CREW OF TWELVE MEN, LOST—LOSS IN AND AROUND BOSTON IS ESTIMATED TO BE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS—RECORD HIGH TIDE.

The Christmas blizzard, the severest storm experienced in the East in twenty years, tied up local traffic today in cities from Pennsylvania to Maine and disarranged train schedules throughout half a dozen states.

A number of persons met death through exposure or accident, five in Philadelphia and a dozen or more in New York. The final reports of fatalities in New England are not at hand.

In Philadelphia general business this morning was practically at a standstill. All through trains were late, only one street car line was running and the city was suffering from a shortage of milk. Reports from Pittsburg and Harrisburg indicated that conditions were improving rapidly.

Washington did not suffer severely, but on account of traffic conditions in the city President Taft decided to postpone his engagement to speak in New York.

Communication with Boston was maintained with difficulty. The storm in New England seems to have been worst in the vicinity of New Bedford, Providence, Fall River, Newport, Pawtucket and Woonsocket.

In New York city most of the suburban trains were running this morning with but slight delay. The surface lines were blocked, a condition that resulted in exceptional heavy traffic in the subway.

WRECKAGE OF FIVE-MASTED SCHOONER DAVIS PALMER FOUND

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—Masses of wreckage, apparently from the five-masted schooner Davis Palmer of Boston, were found on the beach at Hull today and it is believed the vessel struck on one of the outer ledges of the harbor during yesterday's storm and went to pieces with the loss of all on board, a total of twelve men. The Palmer was sighted off Cape Cod on Saturday, bound into Massachusetts Bay.

Five million dollars loss was the estimate made today of the havoc wrought in and around Boston by the blizzard as it swept New England and drove a record tide over the coast.

On land no fatalities have been reported besides the four known to have occurred yesterday in Chelsea, where a tidal wave, bursting through the dyke along Island and river and flooded eighty acres of homes and forced 2,500 persons to flee, scantily clad, into the raging storm. Thirty-two cities and towns which last night were in darkness owing to the cutting off of the electric light service hoped to have their lighting facilities restored by tonight.

WORST IN ELEVEN YEARS. The storm was the greatest that New England has experienced in eleven years. All along the coast phenomenal tides were reported. In many places sea walls were battered to pieces, boulevards razed and curbs and houses along the shore destroyed.

In Boston the tide swept over the wharves across Atlantic avenue and as far inland as the chamber of commerce. It is estimated that the damage in this section will reach about \$500,000.

The worst damage wrought by the storm was in Chelsea and Everett, where it is believed it will be several weeks before the tide gate on the Island End river can be repaired and the flood disaster remedied.

Thousands of homeless residents were taken care of at relief stations.

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Confederate Veteran is Named Successor to Senator McLaurin

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 27.—Governor Noel today announced the appointment of Colonel James Gordon, of Okona, as United States senator from Mississippi to succeed the late Senator J. McLaurin.

The appointment is temporary until the legislature can elect a senator for the unexpired term of three years and three months and is made with the understanding that Senator Gordon will not be a candidate for the unexpired term.

The appointment came as a surprise in political circles, as it was generally believed that the governor would name a temporary senator, leaving the office vacant until the legislature takes

17-Year-Old Crippled Girl Steals \$17,000 From Her Father's Bank

Chicago, Dec. 27.—The story of a 17-year-old crippled girl's alleged theft of \$17,000 from her father's bank was told in the criminal court here today by Assistant State's Attorney Fleming. The defendant is Angelina Schiavon, daughter of Pasquale Schiavon, a widely known banker. The

state's attorney claimed that the girl stole the money in order that she might have a dowry and marry her cousin, Michael Schiavon. The intended bridegroom is lame and five years the girl's senior. The prosecution charges that this young man's father induced the girl to steal the money.

SENSATION ON STOCK MARKET

ROCK ISLAND COMMON TOOK AN UNEXPLAINED RISE, GOING FROM 49 TO 81, AND THEN TOOK EVEN MORE SUDDEN DROP.

New York, Dec. 27.—A sensational and unexplained rise in Rock Island common stock immediately after the opening today, then an even more sudden drop, resulted in the governors of the New York stock exchange ordering a searching investigation. The stock rose from 49 3/4 to 81, then dropped to 50, all in a few minutes, closing at 51 1/2.

Today's operations of Rock Island common totaled two hundred and eighty thousand shares. Rock Island officials profess to know nothing about the deal. Prominent bank officials suggested that the whole matter had its inception in buying for European interests who had, it was supposed, been short in the stock.

MYSTERY OVER DEATH OF A BOY

ENTIRE DETECTIVE FORCE OF PITTSBURG TRYING TO SOLVE MYSTERY SURROUNDING DEATH OF FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 27.—Practically the entire detective force of greater Pittsburg attempted a solution today of the death of James Lawrence Friel, the 14-year-old boy whose body was found yesterday in an abandoned house in the north side partially nude, frozen stiff, and the throat terribly lacerated with a knife.

Young Friel had been missing from his home since December 13. On that day he attended school with two companions but separated from them late in the afternoon. A small boy playing in the room of an abandoned house on the north side accidentally stumbled on the body.

ONE DEAD AS RESULT OF A CHRISTMAS BRAWL

Starksville, Miss., Dec. 27.—Brewer Frantz died at his home, near here, today as a result of a Christmas brawl. It is alleged that during a fight with Charles Carmichael, his brother-in-law, Frantz was disemboweled by a knife in the hands of Carmichael. About the same time and in the same neighborhood Lize Veasey, 18 years old, shot and dangerously wounded David Edmunds.

SEVERAL INJURED WHEN A CAR JUMPED THE TRACK

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 27.—Frank Randall, 28 years old, of Plymouth, state today, signed by the governor and placed in Senator Gordon's hands. He will leave for Washington the latter part of the week to take the oath of office.

While it is not expected that Senator Gordon will serve more than two or three weeks, there is a strong probability of a legislative deadlock, owing to the large number of probable candidates who are being brought forward, and it is not improbable that he might serve a year or more in event the legislative deadlock remains unbroken.

FORMER PRESIDENT ZELAYA IN MEXICO

Lands at Salina Cruz and Leaves at Once For Mexico City.

WILL SPEND SIX MONTHS IN LATER CITY—ZELAYA'S DEPARTURE FROM NICARAGUA IS NOT REGARDED IN WASHINGTON AS AT ALL CONCLUSIVE THAT HE WILL ESCAPE PUNISHMENT FOR HIS CRIMES—NEW PRESIDENT CAUSES SON OF AMERICAN TO BE BEATEN.

Salina Cruz, Mexico, Dec. 27.—Jose Santos Zelaya, former president of Nicaragua, who landed here today from the Mexican gunboat Guerrero, left tonight for Mexico City. He said he would remain there for six months. He added he would express his thanks to President Diaz for the latter's kindness.

Declaring that the attitude of Secretary Knox toward him could not fail to be disapproved by all fair-minded people, and that the secretary's judgment was warped by false reports of conditions in Nicaragua, Zelaya endeavored in an interview to justify his treatment of Cannon and Grace as an act which anyone in his position would have committed.

Zelaya said Cannon and Grace owned no property in Nicaragua. "They attempted to instigate a mutiny and armed rebellion in order to force the United States to intervene," he said. Americans and other foreigners owning property in Nicaragua enjoyed protection at his hands the same as natives. Zelaya charged Harry Caldera, American vice-consul at Managua, with purposely making false reports to Washington, with the object of overthrowing his government. Cal-

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NORWEGIAN GRANDDEST SEAMEN IN OF XMAS EVENTS

Looking For Man Who Forged a Check For Fifteen Thousand

Cincinnati, Dec. 27.—The police are hunting for a man who gave his name as M. M. Richton and his address in this city, who is wanted in connection with the forgery of the name of St. M. Rainey, a New York capitalist, to a \$15,000 check and the mysterious disappearance of the same amount in bank stock in the Citizens National

MORE FRAUDS BY DR. COOK

CHIEF FORESTER, IN SPEECH IN NEW YORK, SAYS SPECIAL INTERESTS HAVE MADE REPEATED ATTACKS ON FOREST SERVICE.

Copenhagen, Dec. 27.—Members of the University committee which investigated Cook's polar records says some details of the narrative of his expedition were fabricated and that papers showed that Cook used calculations furnished by Capt. Loose. A second report will probably be made by the committee by the middle of January.

Washington, Dec. 27.—On account of uncertain traffic conditions, due to the storm, President Taft has canceled his engagement to dine tonight in New York city with Andrew Carnegie and to speak before the American Historical association in Carnegie hall.

MAY DECLARE A BIG STRIKE

WIDER BREACH THAN EVER BETWEEN STRIKERS AND RAILROADS OF NORTHWEST, THE ROADS REFUSING TO REINSTATE MEN.

St. Paul, Dec. 27.—Contrary to expectations, the conference between the striking switchmen and railroads of the Northwest resulted in a wider breach than ever. If they fail to secure government intervention, labor leaders declare there may be a general strike of all railroad employes.

The breach was caused by the railroads refusing to agree to reinstate all the strikers immediately.

HOME BURNS, CHILDREN DIE

Loveland, O., Dec. 27.—Fire early today destroyed the home of L. Sonnecalf and caused the death of Rose and Paul Sonnecalf, aged 8 and 5, respectively.

Sam Leever and Cliff Lattimer, professional ball players, made an heroic attempt to rescue the children, but they were driven from the house by the intense heat.

Brokaw Will Not Take Wife Back, As He Has Heard Something

New York, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw's counsel tried today to get W. Gould Brokaw to say on a witness stand he would be willing to take his wife back. Mr. Brokaw at first was non-committal and gave the lawyer an answer that did not seem to admit of misinterpretation as negative. When Attorney Baldwin began the cross-examination of Mr. Brokaw he directed sharp questions one after another at him.

Scores of Sailors Mingled and Held Great Time in Land Far From Home.

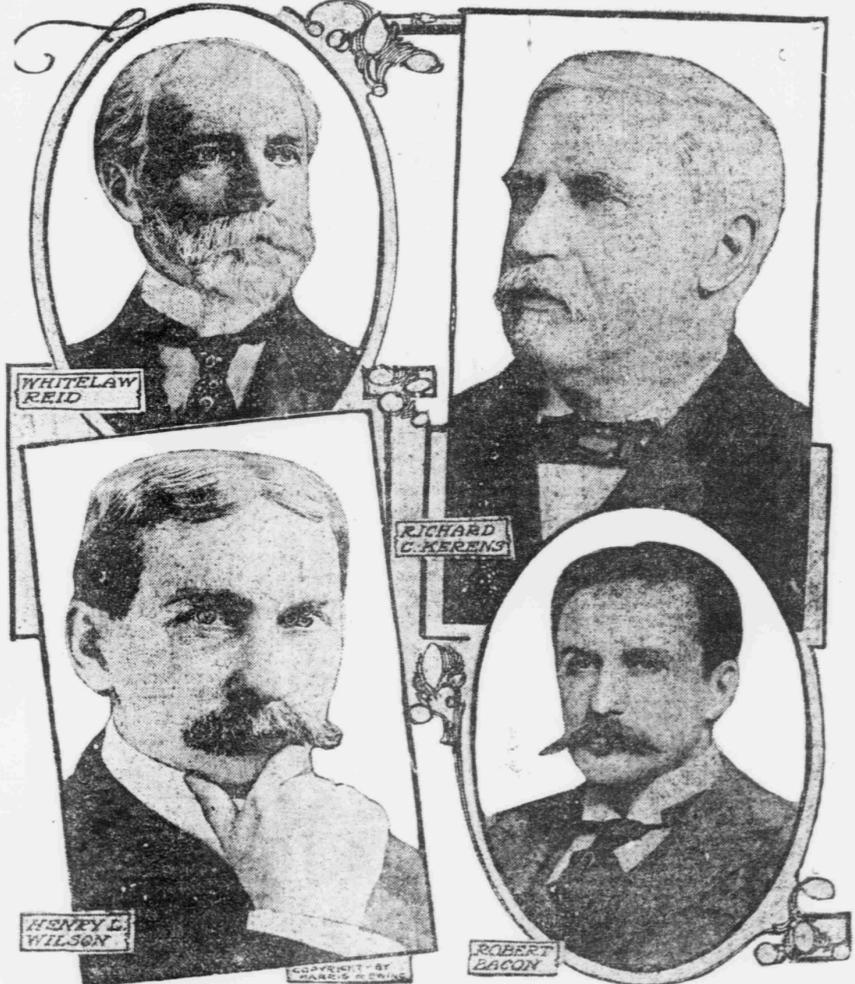
GREAT TREE SET UP AND USUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION CARRIED ON IN HAPPY STYLE—NORWEGIAN CITIZENS AND CHILDREN PARTICIPATE IN BLE CELEBRATION AT THE

Altho scores of night and day and many miles from home, under the Norwegian seamen's memories of their birth places brought close to Palafox street the annual celebration set up and pieces of the Norwegian in King Haakon's church, 800 South and are always where a great tree was interest by presents from loved ones. There are country were disinterested in annual affairs, unrepresented looked forward to with dition to the Norwegians more especial of Pensacola and not one was ladies' society at the church. In addition to the Norwegian descent, fee, sandwiches, numbers. The with plenty of tea or from the trace of the celebration with coffee service room, where tables and chairs were set up. The visitation and direction of the service was under the supervision of the Rev. Mr. Helle, who had the assistance from ladies of the congregation. Rev. Mr. Helle, direct from Norway, who is here to place the Rev. Mr. Helle, who is a conspicuous helper. He also arrived and will relieve the pastor at the end of this week. Helle is going to Norway. Mr. Helle was the last celebration of the direct in Pensacola in a long time. put his whole soul in the event, however, and made a boy who, perhaps, has no home good to have come out.

CHURCH DECORATED. The church interior was decorated with the international signal flags, while the colors of Norway predominated and seemed to peep from every crevice. The great bespangled tree, with festoons of tinsel, and decorated with all manner of ornaments, the entire upright structure lighted by dozens of incandescent globes, stood at the end of the church. Every word spoken, except when addressing the land-lubber guests, numbered among whom were reporters, was in the native tongue of Norway. Songs were sung in that language, although many seamen of many other nationalities were present.

There was no set program, although things moved nicely and evenly. After the hour had arrived, Captain Slevdahl, of the Norwegian bark Catharina, at the request of the Rev. Mr. Helle, delivered a short address of welcome. This was warmly received. A song, in which all present joined and which was very nicely rendered, was the next number, and then an address by the retiring pastor. Then came the ceremony of marching, with hands joined, around the great tree, singing Norwegian Christmas songs. A special feature of this ceremony, and one rendered by request, was the singing of a Norwegian marching song, in which ladies, gentlemen and children joined. A visiting minister from Mobile was also in this ceremony. This song was sung with an accompaniment of hand-clapping and tread of feet, and was repeated once or twice. A mandolin solo was prettily rendered. Then some special addresses were given. Captain Pedersen, of the Norwegian ship Antigua, spoke for the Norwegians; Captain Johannsen, of the Norwegian steamship Bratsberg, spoke for the sailing of Norway, a feature never omitted; Consul Zellus, who was in his glory, spoke for the seamen guests and for America, the latter part of his speech

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Washington, Dec. 27.—When President Taft sent to the senate his list of nominations for diplomatic service there was considerable surprise that he named no one to succeed Whitelaw Reid as ambassador to Great Britain. In semi-official circles it is asserted that Mr. Reid will be reappointed. The president's nominations are as follows: Robert Bacon to be ambassador to France, succeeding Henry Watte, who retires; R. C. Kerens of St. Louis to be ambassador to Austria-Hungary, succeeding Charles S. Francis of Troy, N. Y., who retires; Henry Lane Wilson of Washington, now minister to Belgium, to be ambassador to Mexico, succeeding David E. Thompson of Nebraska, who retires; William J. Calhoun of Chicago, to be minister to China, the post being now vacant; Charles Page Bryan of Chicago, now minister to Portugal, to be minister to Belgium, succeeding Mr. Wilson; John B. Jackson of Newark, N. J., now minister to Persia, to be minister to Cuba, succeeding Edwin V. Moran of New York, who retires. The choice of Mr. Kerens to be ambassador at Vienna ends a long fight in which various influences have changed position a number of times. Senator Warner, the Republican member from Missouri in the senate, has been supporting the nomination, which recalls the fact that Kerens was a vigorous candidate for the senatorship when Warner was elected.