

HEAVIEST SNOW OF THE SEASON

Fiercest Storm Since the Great Blizzard of 1888 Sweeps New York.

THE WHOLE CITY IS SNOWED UNDER

Street and Steam Car Traffic Seriously Affected—Mails on All Trains Several Hours Late—The Snow Blockade Complete in the Shopping Districts—Several Department Stores Closed at 4 O'Clock—Four Thousand Men at Work Cleaning the Streets—Several Steamers Off Sandy Hook Awaiting a Chance to Come Into Port—Great Fall of the Beautiful at Atlantic City—State, Towns and Cities Snowbound—On the Pocono.

St. George, the island itself was completely snowed under and the movement of trolleys or trains was brought to a halt. Even sleighs were unable to make their way through the great drifts. In the afternoon a few trains were not through on the north shore by using the big freight engines of the Baltimore and Ohio road. Derailed trains stopped all traffic on the south shore line. The conditions of traffic were in every respect worse than in the great blizzard of 1888.

There is a sameness about the reports from the various towns. Anywhere from four to eighteen inches of snow, wind blowing at a hurricane rate, drifts from six to, in one instance, twenty-five feet deep are among the features. While there is iteration and reiteration of delayed trains, impeded or wholly abandoned trolley service, and impassible country roads.

Two steamers, which arrived during the night, struggled as far as quarantine, where they came to anchor. Several steamers are supposed to be off Sandy Hook, waiting for the storm to abate before attempting to enter the port.

The Chicago mail, due at 4.35, did not get in until 7.35 a. m., and the Washington mail was an hour and a quarter late. The local deliveries of mail were hampered by the difficulty of driving the wagons through the snow-encumbered streets.

Mails on the New York Central were from two to three hours late, and all mail service between this city and all points on Long Island was practically suspended. The trains on all the lines terminating in Jersey City were hours behind time, during the morning, but towards evening the schedules were more nearly maintained.

From the elevated lines there was considerable delay in the early hours, but by the evening rush hours all trains were running on time, although enormously overcrowded, owing to the interruption of the surface lines.

Brooklyn Bridge Clear. The Brooklyn bridge was kept clear of snow from the time the storm began. From the elevated and trolley cars were crowded to their utmost capacity, although many thousands of Brooklynites preferred the perilous passage of the ferries to participating in the crush on the bridge.

Printers Strike at Barcelona. Barcelona, Feb. 17.—The strike situation here is becoming more grave. A state of siege has been proclaimed. The papers and some of them is appearing.

Rev. Dr. Newman Hall Ill. London, Feb. 17.—The Rev. Newman Hall, D. D., former chairman of the Congressional Union, who has been ill for some time past, is pronounced this evening to be sinking.

Pension Granted. Washington, Feb. 17.—A pension of \$5 has been granted Ruth Peak (widow) of Scranton.

RULE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Governor Taft Explains His Plans for Governing the Islands.

SHOULD WORK ON THE PROGRESSIVE PLAN

Qualified Suffrage, with Gradual Growth in Popular Government. Local Legislature, One Branch Elective, One Appointive—Representatives in Washington—Independence at This Time Would Be an Evil.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Governor Taft, in his testimony before the senate committee on the Philippines today, explained his theory, which is, he said, also the theory of the Philippine commission, of what congress should do in the way of supplying the Philippine people with a form of government.

Second—The institution, within a reasonable short time, of a local legislature, to consist of two bodies, one to be chosen by vote and the other to be appointive.

Third—Permission for the islands to send two or three representatives to Washington.

In reply to questions Governor Taft said he agreed with General Funston that the establishment of a popular assembly would give opportunity to demagogues to stir up the people, but that he did not include in that designation all persons who are opposed to the same.

To grant independence would have the effect of consigning the 90 per cent. of uneducated people in the islands to the same servile position they held under Spanish rule. There should be a declaration on the part of the United States of its intention to hold the islands indefinitely with the understanding that when they are suitable for such a condition they may give an absolute independence.

Several trains were stalled near Broad Brook for some hours but were released late in the afternoon. Trains from New York reached Broad Brook from two to three hours late and these with two engines attached.

By night the situation was much improved and passenger traffic on all trunk lines crossing the state were running in only thirty minutes late.

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Grover Shoots Ducks Again. Norfolk, Va., Feb. 17.—Charles Keefe, of Washington, secretary of the Rock Boat fishing club, at which Keefe and Grover were guests, returned to Norfolk from the marshes today. He stated that the Cleveland rigger killed two hundred ducks and thirty geese on Friday and that Mr. Cleveland did more than his share of the slaughter.

Paterson Is Independent. Paterson, N. J., Feb. 17.—Governor Stanley today received a letter from the mayor of Paterson, N. J., advising that the city had voted to become independent.

One Killed and 24 Wounded in Riot. Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—The case of Bell, who had the better of the six-round bout with George McFadden, of New York, tonight at the Penn Athletic club, both men fought hard from beginning to end.

Gambler Robbed of \$2,000. Clinton, Iowa, Feb. 17.—A daring robbery was committed here early today by two masked men, at the point of revolver, held up Flanagan's gambling establishment and robbed the twelve inmates of money and valuables, amounting to \$2,000. There is no clue.

FORTY THOUSAND MEN STRIKE

Rioting Is Reported in Barcelona. Mob Attempts to Sack Markets.

Barcelona, Feb. 17.—It is estimated that forty thousand men have struck at Barcelona, and serious rioting is reported there today.

Not long afterwards, April 10, 1901, it was announced that Yang Yu's illness was caused by an attack of vertigo following the receipt of news by him that the Chinese bank, in which he had deposited his entire fortune, had been plundered and that he had lost everything except his house.

SOUTHERN ELECTIONS ARE CONSIDERED

Republican Members of the House of Representatives in Caucus. Resolutions Adopted.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The Republican members of the house of representatives held a third caucus tonight to consider the question of southern elections. The attendance was not as numerous as at former gatherings.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this caucus that the committee on rules present a resolution, as a substitute for those now pending in the house, providing in substance that a select committee of eleven members to consider questions relating to the disfranchisement of voters.

It was stated by those who had been most instrumental in framing the resolutions that the investigation could be conducted here in Washington, probably without any necessity of making personal investigation in the south or elsewhere.

BELL ACCUSED OF FORGERY

A Honesdale Man in Jail on Charge of Planting a Bogus Check. Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Honesdale, Feb. 17.—George H. Bell was indebted to Herman Schenherholz a letter from the latter, who was in payment of which he presented a check bearing the signature of Rieffer & Sons, Inc., for \$75, requesting the difference in cash.

TWO MEN CREMATED

New York, Feb. 17.—The bodies of Theodore Jacobson and James Stovel were found in the ruins of the Oranmental steel works, Astoria, today.

DEWEY DECLINES TO DINE

Cannot Accept Invitation to Meet the Prince Owning to Wife's Illness. Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 17.—Admiral Dewey received the following despatch from Washington today:

Will you dine with me on February 25, at 7.30 p. m., to have the honor to meet his royal highness, Prince Henry of Prussia?

Admiral Dewey replied as follows: I regret exceedingly not to accept your invitation to dine and have the honor of meeting his royal highness, Prince Henry of Prussia, but this desire is too ill for me to leave here.

Gans Excels McFadden. Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—Joe Gans, of Baltimore, had the better of the six-round bout with George McFadden, of New York, tonight at the Penn Athletic club.

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SENATE RATIFIES DENMARK TREATY

The Resolution Adopted Without Division or Amendment in Any Particular.

UNEXPECTED HAPPENS IN THE LOWER BRANCH

The House by Unanimous Vote Passes the Bill to Repeal the War Revenue Taxes—What Promised to Be an Exciting Contest Has Been Ended in a Quiet Manner—A Bill Extending the Charters of National Banks Is Passed in Senate.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The senate in executive session early today ratified the treaty with Denmark ceding to the United States for a consideration of \$5,000,000 the group of the Antilles known as the Danish West Indies.

Senator Bacon proposed an amendment eliminating the paragraph in the treaty giving authority to congress to fix the civil and political rights of the inhabitants, but it was voted down by a viva voce vote.

Mr. Allison vigorously opposed the provision, maintaining that the cotton statistics gathered by the department of agriculture were complete and accurate and that no necessary existed for their duplication.

Several other bills on the calendar were passed, among them one extending the charters of national banks. Mr. Aldrich, chairman of the finance committee, explained that the measure extended no new privileges to national banks but simply enabled those whose charters were about to expire to renew them.

HOUSE PASSES REVENUE BILL

The unexpected happened in the house today, when the bill to repeal the war revenue taxes was passed unanimously without a word of debate. This action was the outcome of a challenge thrown down by Mr. Richardson of Tennessee, the minority leader, after the adoption by a strict party vote of a special order for the consideration of the bill which permitted debate until four o'clock tomorrow afternoon, but cut off all opportunity to offer amendments except such as had been agreed upon by the majority and means committee.

Mr. Babcock said that he supported the program on the ground that the issue presented for the repeal of the war revenue taxes should not be complicated with other matters. At the same time he gave notice that he would press his own bill at the first opportunity. Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, scored a point against the minority by recalling the time under Democratic control of the house when 649 amendments to the Wilson tariff bill had been forced through without being read.

General Funston Has Recovered. Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 17.—General Frederick Funston has entirely recovered from the operation performed upon him here two weeks ago and will, it is stated today, be discharged from the hospital tomorrow.

DEATHS OF A DAY

Quincy, Ill., Feb. 17.—Wood was received here today the news that George W. Wood, a well known manufacturer and lay preacher, died last night at Quincy, Arizona, on a train while en route to El Paso. He had known some time ago that he was suffering from cancer and was being brought home to die.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Brigadier General William H. Cooper, commander of the Second Brigade National Guard of New Jersey, died suddenly of apoplexy in his office today. He was superintendent of the lightering department of the Pennsylvania railroad in this city, and was apparently in his usual health when he reached his office today. General Cooper was born in Bristol, Pa., in 1844, and was a veteran of the Civil war.

New York, Feb. 17.—Senatus N. Griswold, for thirty years president of the New York Conservatory of Music, died today in his apartment at the conservatory. He was 73 years old.

WEATHER FORECAST

Washington, Feb. 17.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday, eastern Pennsylvania, fair, Tuesday, except snow in the mountains, and Wednesday, slight snow, with fair, but high northwest.