



Storm-Swept Cities of Eastern United States Struggling Today Under Heaviest Blizzard of Year



DIGGING HARRISBURG OUT

Harrisburg in Center of Affected Area; Fall Nearly Foot Here; Traffic and Business Held Up For Many Hours; City Has Army of Men Cleaning Streets; Very Little Wire Trouble Reported; Middletown Car Jumps Track Injuring Conductor; All Trains Running Into Town Are Late; Country Districts Report Huge Drifts On Wind-swept Roads

Blizzard swept for nearly twenty-four hours Harrisburg and Central Pennsylvania to-day struggled through a mantle of snow a foot deep. Throughout the eastern parts of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Delaware the heaviest snow storm of four years raged throughout the night. Everywhere snowfalls of from one to two feet are reported.

Traffic and business was held up to-day in nearly every city in the blizzard belt. Trains on all lines running into Harrisburg are from a half to three hours behind time. Hundreds of people were forced to walk a mile or more to work because of tie-ups on the city and suburban trolley lines. Trolley cars jumped the tracks at various points last night and this morning in attempting to plough through heavy drifts.

Just before noon to-day the sun broke through the clouds hanging over the city. To-morrow it will be clear and biting cold. The temperature will be about ten degrees above zero according to the Weather Bureau.

Table titled 'SNOWFALL REPORTED IN THE BLIZZARD BELT' listing snowfall in inches for various cities like Harrisburg, Wilmington, New York City, etc.

City Suffers Most From Tie-ups on Trolley Lines

Harrisburg suffered most perhaps from the tie-ups in the city and suburban trolley lines. So far behind schedule were most of the lines in the city that from every end of the city a procession of working people took to the streets and walked to work.

The trolley lines went out of service at midnight last night, and the four sweepers of the Harrisburg Railways Company were ordered out to clear the tracks. This morning a force of seventy-five men was put out on all lines to shovel out the cars that stuck in the drifts.

Lines Open at 10 O'clock By 10 o'clock all the city lines were open but three of the suburban lines were completely out of service. The Riverside cars stopped dead at 3 o'clock this morning and no cars could run farther than Seneca street. At 5 o'clock an attempt was made to resume car through the drifts to Riverside, but it stuck; another car was sent to help it follow out, and it stuck; then the sweeper was sent to the rescue; it went off the track.

Car Stuck at Linglestown The Rockville and Linglestown lines were out of service all morning and will probably not be in service until late to-day. One car is tied up at Linglestown and cannot be gotten out. The annual dinner of Witman, Schwarz and Company which was to have been held this evening at the Paxtonia Inn may have to be postponed, for there was little hope this morning that the drifts could be opened to the inn.

The difficulty found by the trolley people was the drifting which made useless any attempt to open tracks on the suburban lines. A gale blowing eighteen miles an hour swept the light snow everywhere piling up drifts shoulder high. At two places cars went off the track because of the snow. Car 255 of the Oberlin line jumped the track at Thirteenth and Howard streets about 11 o'clock and ran almost to the curb in front of the Hill Post Office. No one was hurt and the car was soon put back on the track.

Conductor Is Injured A Middletown car jumped the track in Motor street in Highspire at 1 o'clock this morning, ran over into a vacant lot and injured the conductor, H. A. Graybill, of 1613 Market street, this city. There were no passengers on the car at the time, and the motorman succeeded in stopping the car before it turned over. It blocked the Middletown line for several hours this morning.

Appeals for help came to the Harrisburg Railway office this morning from the Paxtonia Inn, asking that a car be sent out to bring into the city ten people who were stranded there. It was impossible to get a car through because of the drifts. A horse hitched to a milk wagon owned by a Mr. Packer was buried in five feet of snow at Fourteenth and Reese streets about 8 o'clock this morning when it slipped on the ice and fell into a drift.



To An Old Valentine

An old valentine! Three little love verses! She merrily laughed as she perused them, I know, And now as I read them my spirit rehearses The joys and the shine of a sweet long ago. The ribbon that tied it have years ago gone faded, But still round a heart like tendrils they twine, And curls lock on with his merry eyes shaded, For well he remembers the old valentine.

BIGELOW GOES TO ALTAR AT REVIVAL

Governor's Brother Among Those Who Professed Conversion

Special to The Telegraph Pittsburgh, Feb. 14.—Looking down on the sea of faces in front of him in the big tabernacle last night, Evangelist "Billy" Sunday espied George Tener, of Sewickley, brother of Governor Tener; State Highway Commissioner Edward M. Bigelow, County Commissioner J. Denny O'Neill and Warden John Francis, of the Western Penitentiary.

Together they soon won Mr. Tener to their cause. The Governor's brother had no sooner started toward the altar than he was joined by both Commissioners E. M. Bigelow and Warden Francis.

POLICE MAINTAIN ORDER

By Associated Press Tokio, Feb. 14.—The Japanese government to-day took extensive measures for the maintenance of order in the capital and for the suppression of disturbances in connection with the demonstrations of protest against the increase of taxation. A line of police armed with sabres was drawn up around the Parliament buildings and several opposition newspaper editors were arrested on the charge of inciting the populace to riot.

\$10,000 FIRE AT LEBANON

Special to The Telegraph Lebanon, Pa., Feb. 14.—For the second time since 1914 was ushered in, the full Lebanon fire department was called upon to fight fire in zero temperature, when Thursday night the Iron City Foundry plant, on the southwest corner of Third and Green streets, was gutted, entailing a loss estimated at between \$9,000 and \$10,000.

WANT LINES CONTINUED

By Associated Press Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—The New York Central to-day applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to continue after July 1 its ownership in steamship lines. The Panama Canal act forbids such holdings unless the commission sees fit to extend the time.

HOUCK ANNOUNCES HE WILL RUN AGAIN

Secretary of Internal Affairs First in Field For Nomination to Office

Secretary of Internal Affairs Henry Houck last night announced that he would be a candidate for renomination for the office which he has held since 1907 and his friends promptly proceeded to arrange for a lively campaign. The petitions in his interest will be circulated next month in every part of the State as people have asked to be permitted to start them.

Playing of Orchestra Prevents Panic in Movie

An overheated pipe set fire to the floor in the lobby of the Photoplay Theater early last evening and damage the floor to the extent of \$25. Employees detected the smoke and called the Washington chemical by telephone. To prevent a panic, notice was sent to the orchestra leader to play a lively selection and Manager Silverman kept the attention of the audience from the fire by making a brief announcement of coming attractions. The 600 people in the theater were surprised to learn later that there had been a fire.

INCREASE HEARING CONTINUES

By Associated Press Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—Informal discussion of terminal services by carriers to shippers who have private sidings and other facilities in connection with the shippers' protest against the proposed general 5 per cent, freight rate increase continued to-day before Commissioner Harlan, of the Interstate Commerce Commission. No conclusion will be reached by the commission on the evidence thus taken.

LOOKING FOR "SLAVER"

Attaches of the local Police Department are not acquainted with Frank Johnson, alias Frank Gosler, and Miss Sergy Coleman, wanted in Guernsey county, Ohio, on a white slavery charge. A circular announces a reward of \$100 for the apprehension of this pair.

GRADE CROSSING REGULATION MADE

The Public Service Commission Establishes Rules For Street Car Operation

A general order has been issued by the Public Service Commission in the matter of regulations governing the protection of grade crossings and has been sent to the various steam railroads and street railways throughout the State. They provide that before an electric railway car shall cross the tracks of a steam railroad the conductor shall go in advance and ascertain whether there are any approaching trains. He shall not signal the motorman his proceed until he is assured that there is no danger. At crossings where conditions are especially dangerous, safety devices must be provided which must be submitted and approved by the Investigator of Accidents for the commission.

President's Condition Is Reported Improved

By Associated Press Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—President Wilson was up and about to-day and while his physician did not permit him to leave his bedroom his cold was declared better and responding to treatment. Secretary Tumulty, who spent a half hour with the President, said he was getting along nicely, but that he needed rest, and would not attend the Gridiron Club dinner to-night, at which he was to be the guest of honor. The President was unable to go to the Gridiron banquet last December because of a cold.

SAVES PUBLIC \$3,000,000

By Associated Press Madison, Wis., Feb. 14.—The report of the Wisconsin Railroad Commission to-day makes the claim that the commission saves the public more than \$3,000,000 a year in reduced freight and public utility rates.

SHIPS EN ROUTE TO MEXICO

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—The battleships Florida, Utah and Delaware were en route to-day from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for Vera Cruz, to relieve the Rhode Island, Virginia, Georgia and Nebraska, which will go to the north coast of Cuba for winter maneuvers.

MAYOR BACKPEDALS AS SUNDAY SELLING IS PUT UP TO HIM

Says He Doesn't Know His Jurisdiction; Things May and May Not Be Done

HE HASN'T LOOKED IT UP

Refuses to State Definitely Whether He Will Take Up Question

No effort to bring about the closing of cigar, candy, drug and other stores on Sunday in accordance with the recent suggestion of the Civic Council of Harrisburg Churches, has been made as yet by Mayor John K. Royal. The Mayor says he "really has had no knowledge," official or otherwise, of the council's action, other than what he has seen in the newspapers.

"If the problem is put up to you officially by the Civic Council of the Harrisburg Churches, will you insist upon the Sunday closing?" the Mayor was asked.

"What may or may not be done I don't know as yet, because I haven't looked into the subject. As I've said, I know nothing of such action other than what I've seen in the newspapers."

"Do you know whether there are any stores which keep open on Sunday, as the Civic Council of Churches points out?"

The Mayor Supposes "Well, I suppose there are some, but what jurisdiction the Mayor would have in the matter of closing them up I'm not so positive about. The old Sunday 'blue laws' prohibit this, I guess, but I think that the courts have given some sort of a judicial decision whereby it is held that certain stores—drug stores, and so on—may be kept open as a necessity. But I can't talk definitely about that because I don't know. I haven't looked it up."

"Will you ask for a legal opinion as to the extent of your powers?" the Mayor was asked in conclusion.

"As I have said before, I haven't looked into the question yet," he repeated, "and I can't say definitely."

SEEK IMMEDIATE ACTION

By Associated Press Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—Advocates of the Lea resolution proposing the creation of a Senate committee of five members to co-operate with the Interstate Commerce Commission in its investigation of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad and subsidiary lines sought to-day to secure immediate action on the matter.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and colder to-night and Sunday; low temperature to-night about 10 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and colder to-night; expect snow in mountain districts; Sunday fair and colder; high northwest generally fair. The heaviest snowfall occurred in the Susquehanna Valley.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 22; 2 p. m., 31. Sun: Rises, 6:55 a. m.; sets, 5:34 p. m. Moon: Rises, 10:41 p. m. River Stage: 2.5 feet above low water mark.

General Conditions The Southern storm has moved rapidly northeastward with increasing intensity. It is expected to reach the New Jersey coast. It has caused precipitation, mostly snow, generally east of the Mississippi river, except in the Lake region, where the weather has been generally fair. The heaviest snowfall occurred in the Susquehanna Valley.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 15. Lowest temperature, 7. Mean temperature, 30. Normal temperature, 30.

Make Yours a Public Service Store

This is the age of service. The rewards of to-day go to the men who give the most in return. Translated for you, Mr. Merchant, this means that the customers are certain to patronize the store that will give them what they want when they want it.

Cut prices may bring some trade but better service will bring more. This is the age when people are reading the advertising in their daily newspapers because they are finding it a distinct part of the service they expect their newspapers to give.

When a nationally distributed article of merit is advertised in the newspapers a demand for it sets in right away. People want to see it and, if satisfied, want to buy it.

They are going to turn to the store that lets them know it has the article. That store will be giving them the service they want at that particular moment.

If it is a good article they are going to remember the store where they got it and will come back to that store again.

Co-operative with manufacturers who come into the newspapers of your town to exploit their goods and you will be building business for yourself.

Co-operative work with dealers in nationally distributed articles is part of the function of the Bureau of Advertising, American Newspaper Publishers Association, World Building, New York.

Correspondence with general advertisers is solicited. Booklet on request.

Late News Bulletins SEA BRIGHT BATTERED BY STORM

Sea Bright, N. J., Feb. 14.—A Bright, which suffered great damage from wind and water earlier in the winter, is again battered by the Atlantic to-day. More of the bulkhead which protects the shore line was torn away, and some streets are flooded. The wind had shifted at noon, the tide had gone down and conditions were improved.

NEW EIGHT-CLUB LEAGUE PLANNED

Chicago, Feb. 14.—A new eight-club league in major league territory is contemplated by organized baseball. It was announced here to-day by B. B. Johnson, president of the American League. Johnson, who returned to-day from the major league's conference in New York, said the project was set on foot by President Baker, of the Philadelphia Nationals, and that it was at present under serious consideration by the major league club owners.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS REPORTED

Quebec, Feb. 14.—An earthquake shock was felt all over the city and district of Quebec at 5.40 a. m. to-day. The shock was violent enough to waken hundreds of citizens.

New York, Feb. 14.—The seismograph at the American Museum of Natural History here recorded a very faint earth tremor at about 5.40 o'clock this morning. These tremors have occurred daily, it was said, since the earthquake of last Tuesday.

DUTCH WARSHIP GOES TO MEXICO

The Hague, Netherlands, Feb. 14.—The Dutch warship Kortenaer sailed to-day for the West Indies to watch developments in Mexico. She will proceed to Mexican waters to protect Dutch subjects in Mexico if necessary.

YOUTH'S COMPANION EDITOR DIES

Newton, Mass., Feb. 14.—The Rev. Theron Brown, associate editor of the Youth's Companion since 1870, died here to-day aged 82. He was a graduate of Yale.

WILL ORGANIZE NEW CABINET

Stockholm, Sweden, Feb. 14.—Dr. Knut Hjalmar Leonard Hammarström, governor of Uppsala and a member of the Hague Court of Arbitration, to-day accepted the task of forming a new cabinet offered him by King Gustave, who insists on the selection of a Liberal ministry.