

STORM IS GENERAL

It Extends from Rockies to New York and Winnipeg to the Gulf.
CENTER NEAR MISSISSIPPI AT MIDNIGHT
Heavy Snow at Many Points Accompanied by Cold High Winds.
TRAINS ARE LATE WIRES ARE DOWN
Traffic of All Cities Delayed and Live Stock Starving.
STREET CARS STOPPED DES MOINES
Lincoln Reports It Wind and Wires Down, While Stock in Transit is Delayed and Suffering.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—One of the severest storms of recent years has raged throughout the territory lying between the Rocky mountains and the Great Lakes since early this morning and has caused much trouble to street car companies, railroads and telephone companies. The latter were the greater sufferers, for the blizzard which swept through the west and northwest during the last twenty-four hours was preceded by a heavy fog and drizzling rain, which made it almost impossible to travel in the cities and in the country. The streets were covered with ice, and later in the day the poles went to the ground. Railroad trains were badly delayed all through the west, some of them being twenty-four hours late. Street cars were stopped in the cities of the west and northwest was practically at a standstill during the day.

Two Fatalities at Chicago.
In its extent the storm was the most widespread of any during the last fifteen years. Counting the fog as a component part of the storm, it stretched from the Rocky mountains to New York and from the Gulf of Mexico to New England. The only fatalities due to the storm in this city were: Alexander Steiner, a teamster, killed while unloading coal. A coal chute was blown from its fastenings and striking Steiner on the head. Thomas Walsh, a laborer, struck by a heavy board while entering a new building at Green street and Washington boulevard. The board almost cut his head off.

At Chicago and east of here the storm was still raging with great violence and was expected to continue throughout the night, the center of the storm being, apparently, between Chicago and Cleveland. Reports from Kansas City early in the day were that the storm extended from the middle of Missouri as far south as Indian Territory, and was accompanied through its extent by high winds and snow, about one foot deep. It was drifted so badly by the gale, however, that in nearly all the cities of the west, traffic was at a standstill by noon. The telegraph wires were down in all directions and it was with extreme difficulty that communication with the east and northwest was kept up. All trains throughout the country were held up, and were expected to arrive late in the afternoon, and the railroads gave up all idea of attempting to get them through on time, and devoted their energy to moving them in the best manner possible.

Stone Reaches St. Louis.
The storm by noon had reached eastern Missouri, and the temperature in St. Louis went down twenty degrees in two hours, while the wind, blowing from an Indian north, plied the snow up in the streets in great drifts. It was found possible to keep the street cars running, although great havoc was wrought with telegraph and telephone wires.

At Omaha and Des Moines conditions similar to those in Kansas City were reported, and both places were in bad condition early in the morning. All over the western states the storm increased in violence throughout the morning. All trains in this section were stopped at all points and constantly losing steam. In Des Moines street car traffic was suspended early in the day.

High Wind in Northwest.
In the northwest the storm was more violent than throughout Missouri and Iowa. At St. Paul the snow commenced falling last night and grew heavier all through the night, while the wind increased until it was blowing at fifty miles an hour. The heavy snow and the gale worked havoc with the railroads, and some of the passenger trains from the Pacific coast were reported to be twenty-four hours late and making slow progress.

The storm reached westward from St. Paul until it covered almost the entire northwest, and from the Dakotas, eastern Montana, Wyoming, northern Michigan and Wisconsin the storm was the same from all points. The snow fell in dense volume and, driven by a high northwest gale, was filling the streets and railroad cuts so tightly that street cars were for the most part compelled to stop running and all trains were behind time.

In the south conditions were somewhat better, snow and rainstorms, preceded by thunder and lightning.
Louisville, Montgomery and Memphis reported heavy rains, a rapidly falling thermometer and terrific winds. The first heavy rain in five months commenced falling during the day and continued through the night. The storm was welcome to the boatmen along the valley, for the water stage has been very low.

Wind Seventy-Two Miles an Hour.
At 5:30 the wind tore through the down town streets at a velocity of seventy-two miles an hour. It fell after that and by 7 o'clock had dropped to fifty-four miles an hour, where it remained throughout the night, with occasional gusts that would blow through the streets with the force of a cyclone, tearing down signs, smashing in plate glass windows and in many sections of the down town districts hurled pedestrians from their feet and overturning light delivery wagons. Early in the afternoon the police department found it necessary to station extra officers at the corner of State and Randolph streets, where the Masonic Temple, twenty-two stories in height, always creates a terrific increase in the natural rapidity of the wind, and the corner of Missouri and Dearborn streets, where a new building of the First National bank acts in a similar manner. From 2 o'clock until after the evening rush was

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CRITICISES RUSSIAN NAVY

St. Petersburg Newspaper Says Task of Rostovsky and Komradovs is Almost Superhuman.
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—In an outspoken article in reply to a recent letter of Admiral Bertelli, which was addressed to the Russian navy, the author criticises the condition of the navy, the Russian today declares the time is passed for silence, in view of the fact that the "old system of concealing facts is responsible for the loss of 500,000 roubles worth of warships and has been covered up with shame and grief. It would be absurd to hide the defects that can still be repaired in the ships which remain at Cronstadt and Libau. We have already originally wasted enough time."
The author enumerates the defects in the ships still in Russian waters, averring that the peculiarity of structure of several of the vessels destined for the far east make the voyage dangerous, and the torpedo boats are in such shocking condition that it is a matter of surprise that the authorities accepted their delivery. Torpedo boats intended to return to the Baltic, Rostovsky and Komradovs were not dispatched with the numerous defects which have been proved to exist in them.
In conclusion the author says:
"Even if Admiral Bertelli is a clever leader and his illustrious officers are bold sailors, everyone knows that we have no navy. The Russian navy has become a task in consequence of not being furnished with an account of the gravity of the situation. The situation occurred since the fatal night of February 8."
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Life Sentence for Sam
Former President of Hayti Convicted of Fraud—He is Not in Custody.
PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, Dec. 27.—The court has rendered a judgment in default, condemning former President Sam to imprisonment for life at hard labor for the alleged fraud of 300,000 bonds. Mismanagement of the public debt of Hayti and several members of Sam's ministry and other high functionaries have been condemned to terms of imprisonment ranging from five to fifteen years.

Man Demanded of Chinese Government
Goods Seized in Transit.
PEKING, Dec. 27.—The Russian officials here demanded of the Chinese Foreign office yesterday the restitution of the 250,000 roubles of ammunition apparently destined for Port Arthur seized by Chinese authorities at Fengtai, near here, four days ago.
The Russians assert that the ammunition was intended only for the legation guard.

Meat and Poultry Delayed by Fog
Reach London Docks.
LONDON, Dec. 27.—The conditions prevailing among the shipping in the Thames for nearly a week were considerably improved today in the snow. The produce intended for the London Christmas market was unloaded. The loss, however, through its late arrival aggregates several hundred thousand pounds sterling.

Schooner Begonia Missing.
ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 27.—The schooner Begonia, with a crew of eight men, overdue three weeks, has been posted as missing. It is feared it foundered. The Begonia is the only vessel unreported of all those driven seaward in the gale of December 2. Another fierce blizzard swept the coast Saturday, Sunday and Monday, blocking traffic. Little damage to shipping is feared, as few vessels are now moving in these waters.

Calcutta Caravan Receives Prince.
CALCUTTA, Dec. 27.—Lord Curzon, viceroy of India, received Prince Inayat Ullah, son of the amir of Afghanistan with great ceremony today in the throne room at the Government house. Both the viceroy and the prince were attended by brilliant staffs. The scene was most effective. The prince was evidently delighted with his reception.

Holland Not to Help Russia.
THE HAGUE, Dec. 27.—The report that Holland will place Sabang, in the Straits Settlements, twenty miles north of Malacca, at the disposal of the Russian second Pacific squadron, as reported from Tokio in a dispatch to the London Times, is devoid of foundation.

May Study British Methods.
PEKING, Dec. 27.—A proposal is now before the emperor of China to send the students of the naval college to the British admiral at Shanghai for a course of instruction.

No News at Che Foo.
CHE FOO, Dec. 27.—No further news has reached Che Foo today from the defenders or besiegers of Fort Arthur.

Convicts Go to Prison.
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—Thomas E. Barrett, former marshal of the St. Louis court of appeals, John P. Dolan, former chief of the democratic central committee, and Edmond P. Carr, chief of the central committee of the national union, were taken to the state penitentiary at Jefferson City to begin their sentences.

Detective on Trial for Murder.
NEW OLM, Miss., Dec. 27.—Dr. George B. Baker was on trial today for the charge of having murdered Dr. G. B. Gebhart on the night of November 1. Both the defendant and his victim were prominent socialists.

Panic Among Young Women
Cylinder Head Blows Out in Brooklyn
Factory Employing Twelve Hundred Girls.
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Engineer Charles Healy was instantly killed, his assistant, Daniel Ferrer, probably fatally injured and the lives of hundreds of young women were endangered today when the cylinder head of the great engine in the Chelsea late mills in Brooklyn blew out. The noise of the explosion threw into a panic the 1,300 young women at work in the building. Many of them were badly bruised and hurt in their efforts to escape.

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Suit Against Paper Trust
Attorney General Moody Asks for an Injunction Against General Paper Company.
ALLEGES THAT ITS METHODS ARE ILLEGAL
As the Selling Agent of the Mills It Controls the Market Absolutely and Has Advanced Prices Fifty Per Cent.
ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 27.—Attorney General Moody, for the United States, through District Attorney Haupt and Frank B. Kellogg and James M. Beck, special assistant attorney general of the United States, late this afternoon filed a petition in the United States district court in which he makes the General Paper company, as principal defendant, and the Haxes Paper company of Grand Rapids, Minn.; Hensopin Paper company of Little Falls, Minn.; Wolf River Paper and Fiber company of New Richmond, Wis.; Atlas Paper company of Appleton, Wis.; Kimberly & Clark company of Waukesha, Wis.; Evered Fibre and Paper company of Appleton, Wis.; Wausau Paper Mill company of Brokaw, Wis.; Centralia Pulp and Water Paper company of Centuria, Wis.; Combined Locks Paper company of Combined Locks, Wis.; DeSmet Paper company of DeSmet, S. D.; Grand Rapids Paper and Pulp company of Grand Rapids, Wis.; Menasha Paper company of Menasha, Wis.; Neokosa Paper company of Neokosa, Wis.; the Falls Manufacturing company of Oneco Falls, Wis.; Plumbe Paper company of Park Falls, Wis.; John Edwards Manufacturing company of Port Edwards, Wis.; C. W. Howard company of Menasha, Wis.; Wisconsin River and Paper company of Plover, Wis.; Tomahawk Pulp and Paper company of Park Falls, Wis.; Northwestern Paper company of Cloquet, Minn.; Consolidated Water Park and Paper company of Grand Rapids, Wis.; Manufacturers Paper company and the Petoskey Fiber Paper company of Petoskey, Mich., and the Rhinelander Paper company of Rhinelander, Wis., party defendants in a suit to enjoin them and restrain them from doing business through the General Paper company as the sales agent, in violation of the provisions of sections 1 and 2 of the act of congress, approved July 9, 1890, entitled "An act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies."

Prices Advanced Fifty Per Cent.
The petition alleges that in consequence of the combination of the General Paper company, regulated prices, sales and shipment and territory for the sale of the same and after deducting operating expenses of the General Paper company, divided the surplus among the members of the corporation. The petition recites that the General Paper company was organized under the laws of Wisconsin May 26, 1890, with a capital stock of \$200,000, divided into 1,000 shares, which were distributed among and are now held by certain of the defendants named, and that later the defendants, by their combination, naming them in the order in which they entered the trust, and goes to state that the General Paper company became the exclusive selling agent for the defendants, with absolute power to control the output of the various mills, to determine the price of all paper sold and to whom and upon what terms and conditions the paper should be sold, and into what states and places it should be shipped, what publishers and other customers each mill shall supply.

Moody Explains the Petition
Special Attorneys Are Appointed to Collect Evidence.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Attorney General Moody tonight gave out the following statement regarding the suit instituted at St. Paul today by the federal government against the paper manufacturing companies:
"On the complaint of many newspaper publishers last spring that a combination to restrain of commerce existed among manufacturers of paper to control the distribution and sale of their products among the states of the union, the Department of Justice began an investigation of that subject, and to further aid the department in that respect the attorney general appointed Frank B. Kellogg of St. Paul (Minn.), and James M. Beck of the New York bar as special attorneys to collect the evidence and make a report thereon. These gentlemen, after an exhaustive examination of the matter, simultaneously with that conducted by the Department of Justice, have reported to the attorney general that, in their opinion, the facts sustained support the complaint and justify in the public interest, the filing of a petition to enjoin the operations of the General Paper company, a corporation of Wisconsin, which is the instrumentality through which the alleged combination to control the prices and distribution of their products in the western states is conducted. In this opinion the Department of Justice concurs. The attorney general today directed that the petition be filed against the General Paper company and the twenty-four paper manufacturing companies located in Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota which it represents, to have such a combination declared to be an unlawful restraint upon interstate commerce and a monopoly. The petition will be filed in United States circuit court, the district of Minnesota, as soon as the necessary papers can be prepared.

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FIRE AT COUNCIL BLUFFS

Fuller & Johnson-Shugart Company Loses Heavily Through Flames.
IMPLEMENT WAREHOUSE AND STOCK BURN
Alarm Given Early, but Element Makes Short Work of Combustibles, Doing Damage of About \$100,000.

The large four-story agricultural implement warehouse of the Fuller & Johnson-Shugart company, on South Main street, Council Bluffs, was destroyed by fire last evening. The value of the stock destroyed was roughly estimated last night to be between \$50,000 and \$75,000, and is said to be amply insured. The building cost \$40,000 and was insured for \$50,000. The building was erected and owned by the Warehouse Construction company, No. 2 of Council Bluffs, which is composed of local business men.

The fire was first discovered about 6:45 o'clock and by 7 o'clock the building was a mass of ruins. The origin of the fire is unknown, but is supposed to have started from electric wires becoming crossed in some manner.

The burned building stood on the site of the Deere-Wells warehouse, which was destroyed by a big fire in 1891. It was implemented near the night of December 12, 1896, when within the short space of two hours fire consumed the Deere-Wells warehouse, the Shugart-Emple implement company's warehouse and the plant of the Consolidated fence works.

The fire last night was first noticed by a small boy, who turned in the alarm. It was then 6:45. The fire is thought to have started in the northeast corner of the building, near the chimney stack on the third floor. By the time the firemen reached the scene the entire interior of the building was a smoking furnace. About 7 o'clock the roof fell in and at 7:30 the east wall of the two upper stories fell. This was followed in a few minutes by the falling of the west wall, the north and south walls followed in a few minutes and by 8 o'clock the building was in ruins.

On the tracks of the Burlington, on the east side of the building, were hundreds of freight cars. String after string of cars were pulled away, but a number of empty cars and five loaded with coal were burned to the trucks.

Shortly before the west wall collapsed there was a terrific explosion, which hurled bricks and burning debris of all kinds high into the air and out the street, many of the bystanders having narrow escapes from being struck by pieces of the blazing debris. A stinky-gallon tank of gasoline was what exploded.

The firemen were hampered by the intense cold and the wind, which was almost a hurricane. The wind fortunately blew from the west. Had it been from the east the destruction probably would have stopped at the warehouse, but would have swept up Main street.

Council Bluffs Company.
The Fuller & Johnson-Shugart company was organized in Council Bluffs about two years ago. Samuel Higham, president of the Fuller & Johnson-Shugart company, E. L. Shugart is vice president and Lucius Wells is treasurer and manager. Mr. Wells was formerly a member of the Deere-Wells company. The company took possession of the new warehouse in June of last year.

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The coroner gave it as his opinion that the girl had been detained against her will and was attempting to escape.
Two suit cases found in the room occupied by the girl contained men's and women's clothing that indicated the owners had come from Washington recently. The marks on the men's clothing show that it was bought in Warsaw, Poland. A man's overcoat bore the name of Mr. Hoar. Other articles of men's clothing bore the mark "J. H." The initials found on the women's clothing correspond with those of a prominent jockey who recently returned to this country after a successful season on the Russian tracks. It is known that the jockey was in Washington, D. C., on December 25.

A pawn ticket found among the articles in the suit cases was for a valuable gold watch, which had been pledged with a pawn broker near One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street. The watch, valued at about \$250, has a diamond crescent on one side and on the other the initials "C. S. M." It was pawned by a stylishly dressed young woman, who gave the name Miss Hall, the pawnbroker said.

It has been learned that the suicide had lived some time at a hotel at Eighth avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street. She went there with a young man and the couple registered under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Hall.
LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 27.—The young woman calling herself Cecil Hall, who was killed by plunging from the third-story window of a lodging house in West Forty-sixth street, New York, last night, has been identified as Cecelia Moss, aged 25 years, of this city. Last night she was with her mother, Mrs. Thomas Moss, residing at 39 West Marston street, received the following telegram:
"Sorry to tell you your daughter has committed suicide. What shall I do with her body."
The telegram was signed Mrs. M. Webb, 202 West Forty-sixth street, New York. Mrs. Moss telegraphed back that the body should be sent to this city.

Her mother is unable to give much information as to her recent career. About a year ago she went to Washington, D. C. Later she wrote to her mother that on September 6 she had married Clifton Fraser of that city, whom she said was a well-to-do gentleman. Some time ago she wrote that she and her husband would spend Christmas here with Mrs. Moss, but a letter received a few days since said that she would go to New York. The girl also stated that she had been out with the father of the child, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hall. She directed that letters should be addressed to her under the name of Hall, in care of Mrs. Webb at the Forty-sixth street address. A photograph of Fraser, which she sent to her mother, shows him to be a rather handsome man about 30 years of age, smooth faced. J. Hoar, a jockey from Russia, mentioned in the case, is not known at any of the local hotels or by horsemen here.

TRAMP STEAMER STRANDED

Drumzeiler Still Aground Near Fire Island and May Be Impossible to Rescue Crew.
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Efforts to learn whether Captain Nicholson and the crew of the British tramp steamer Drumzeiler are still aboard the vessel, which is aground on the bar at Fire Island, have been unsuccessful and tonight the life savers will cease all watching from the beach in the hope of communicating with the ship. Hidden in a black fog and pounded by fierce seas rolling from the southeast, the steamer tonight was in imminent danger of going to pieces. If its captain and crew of thirty-two men are still on the ship they face an almost certain death in the heavy surf breaking over the sandy beach.

The captain would not let the life savers take off his crew yesterday, when the day was too late to save them. A boat in the water could be launched in the teeth of the southwest gale that was blowing up great waves and crashing them down on the shore.
The fog was so thick that the stranded vessel could not be seen from the shore, 200 yards away. Two rescue comings were made by the life savers, but no report was received from them today and it is thought they may have left to escape the storm.

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The petition alleges that the defendants entered into an agreement to combine and control the sale of the product of the different companies through the General Paper company in violation of the provisions of sections 1 and 2 of the act of congress, approved July 9, 1890, entitled "An act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies."

The petition alleges that in consequence of the combination of the General Paper company, regulated prices, sales and shipment and territory for the sale of the same and after deducting operating expenses of the General Paper company, divided the surplus among the members of the corporation. The petition recites that the General Paper company was organized under the laws of Wisconsin May 26, 1890, with a capital stock of \$200,000, divided into 1,000 shares, which were distributed among and are now held by certain of the defendants named, and that later the defendants, by their combination, naming them in the order in which they entered the trust, and goes to state that the General Paper company became the exclusive selling agent for the defendants, with absolute power to control the output of the various mills, to determine the price of all paper sold and to whom and upon what terms and conditions the paper should be sold, and into what states and places it should be shipped, what publishers and other customers each mill shall supply.

Moody Explains the Petition
Special Attorneys Are Appointed to Collect Evidence.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Attorney General Moody tonight gave out the following statement regarding the suit instituted at St. Paul today by the federal government against the paper manufacturing companies:
"On the complaint of many newspaper publishers last spring that a combination to restrain of commerce existed among manufacturers of paper to control the distribution and sale of their products among the states of the union, the Department of Justice began an investigation of that subject, and to further aid the department in that respect the attorney general appointed Frank B. Kellogg of St. Paul (Minn.), and James M. Beck of the New York bar as special attorneys to collect the evidence and make a report thereon. These gentlemen, after an exhaustive examination of the matter, simultaneously with that conducted by the Department of Justice, have reported to the attorney general that, in their opinion, the facts sustained support the complaint and justify in the public interest, the filing of a petition to enjoin the operations of the General Paper company, a corporation of Wisconsin, which is the instrumentality through which the alleged combination to control the prices and distribution of their products in the western states is conducted. In this opinion the Department of Justice concurs. The attorney general today directed that the petition be filed against the General Paper company and the twenty-four paper manufacturing companies located in Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota which it represents, to have such a combination declared to be an unlawful restraint upon interstate commerce and a monopoly. The petition will be filed in United States circuit court, the district of Minnesota, as soon as the necessary papers can be prepared.

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Postmasters and Rural Letter Carriers Appointed During Tuesday.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(Special Telegrams.) Postmasters appointed: Iowa, Hawleyville, Page county; David E. Shoven, vice John R. Hunter, resigned, South Dakota, Rousseau, Stanley county; O. W. Rousseau, vice Miss J. M. Rousseau, resigned.

Collections at Baltimore.
BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—The North Central Baltimore express, carrying a large number of passengers, including children and women, was stopped today in the yard of the Pennsylvania railroad with a faulty engine train. None of the passengers was injured, but all were badly shaken up. Several trainmen were more or less seriously hurt.

Man in Bath Room
LIMA, Dec. 27.—From the ceiling, one of the wisest men in the city, the vice president of the Lima Trust company was killed by electricity in his bath room here today. He received a heavy voltage of electricity, the contact being made by the iron register and an electric light chandelier. His fingers were burned badly and part of the face features were killed.

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