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A FIERCE SNOW STORM

A Storm of Snow and Wind Sweeps Over Western Nebraska—Other Sections Get Rain

A fierce snow and wind storm which began in eastern Wyoming and Colorado, which has extended a little into the extreme portion of western Nebraska, has caused traffic on the Burlington to be somewhat delayed. Passenger trains from Denver are reported from over an hour to two hours late. The Portland express is three hours late.

The storm is unusually severe for this time of year. At Akron from eight to ten inches of snow has fallen and it is still coming down at a furious rate. In the greater portion of Nebraska territory the weather is not nearly as cold, and rain instead of snow is falling.

At local headquarters it was stated this morning that the storm had not in the least interfered with the telegraph lines. A force of linemen was held ready at Lincoln to be sent to the west as fast as possible if it became necessary to repair damage on account of the hard blow.

Denver, Colo.—A general storm prevailed along the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains from Wyoming to New Mexico today. Snow has been falling in Colorado almost incessantly for the past twenty-four hours and still continues tonight. Suburban electric lines have operated with difficulty and railroads have experienced delay in running trains. As yet no serious results are reported in this section, but from Albuquerque, N. M., comes a report of considerable property damage there from high winds. The sudden dropping of the temperature, accompanied by blizzard conditions in northern New Mexico, has caused heavy losses to the sheep raising industry, if rumor is correct.

In Colorado the storm extended to the western slope. In the valley around Buena Vista the snow lies two feet deep on the level and in the mountains throughout the state the snow varies from two to five feet in depth. Twenty-two inches of snow had fallen at Florence by nightfall. Apple orchards in that section will suffer considerably. The trees, heavily laden with fruit, are breaking down. The roof of one of the buildings at the cement works at Portland gave way under the weight of snow. In northern Colorado the snow is twenty inches deep and should a

freeze follow heavy loss will result to the potato crop.

Wyoming reports a general storm that has played havoc with wire communication and is interrupting railroad traffic. Several minor wrecks have occurred. Live stock is threatened from exposure.

The storm, though abated somewhat still continued at midnight.

Worst in Years

Albuquerque, N. M.—The worst blizzard since the great storm of 1883 is general throughout New Mexico tonight. A high wind is bringing a general fall of sleet and snow throughout the Grand valley and reports tonight indicate that the losses to sheep growers will be very heavy.

The storm began here about 7 o'clock Saturday morning with a high wind, which rapidly increased in velocity until by 9 o'clock the gale had reached the proportions of a tornado. The wind carried dense clouds of sand and dust which developed into rain and later with rapidly falling temperature, into sleet and snow. Tonight the snow is falling in blinding sheets and meager reports indicate that it is much more severe in the country. Telegraph and telephone service is almost completely shut off and railroad traffic is delayed. Some minor damage has been done in Albuquerque, Las Vegas, Socorro and smaller towns south of Albuquerque.

Bryan and LaFollette in Conference

Milwaukee—The fact that Senator LaFollette and William J. Bryan were in consultation on Mr. Bryan's special train yesterday has set the tongues of the politicians wagging. Senator LaFollette was in Watertown, it was stated, to look at some Shetland ponies, but he returned to Madison on the Bryan special. What the two talked about is unknown to anyone except themselves. One of the rumors growing out of this meeting is that Senator LaFollette and Mr. Bryan, whose views are so near in common, may "mutualize" with other leaders who hold the same views and start a new party. One thing is certain, the incident has not helped to bring about harmony in the republican party, the friendliness of Senator LaFollette for Mr. Bryan, after the latter had attacked the republican state ticket, being deeply resented, and those opposed to Senator LaFollette assert that he is laying out a plan for again getting control of the party machinery.

To Pipe Liquid Coal Like Gas

Bevier, Mo.—Instead of having the basement half filled with the coal pile

and laboring morning and night with the shovel, it will be possible soon to turn on a faucet and let a bucket of coal run out, if the plans of Dr. George R. Nunelly succeed. Dr. Nunelly announced today that he had it all figured out and demonstrated.

According to the inventor it will be easy. Coal miners will disappear. Their places will be taken by men who will spray the face of the coal veins with a solution Dr. Nunelly has invented. The coal, he says, will be turned into a liquid by this means. The liquid coal will be pumped to the surface and stored in tanks. As soon as it is exposed to light and air, he says, it will become hard.

Liquid coal will be piped, he says, as oil now is, and will be distributed to consumers in cities and towns as gas is served.

Dr. Nunelly exhibited a dark fluid of about the consistency of mucilage, which, when exposed to light and air, gradually hardens. This, he said, was liquid coal.

General Andre Beaten

Paris—A banquet attended by six hundred Free Masons, given in the chapel of a former Carmelite convent here last night, caused considerable rioting and led to a number of arrests. During the disturbance General Andre, the ex-minister of war was beaten with sticks.

Insurance Brokers Barred

Indianapolis, Ind.—The American association of casualty and surety agents closed its annual convention today after deciding to exclude insurance brokers from membership. H. H. Coudrey of St. Louis was chosen president and Thomas R. Dugan of Louisville, Ky., secretary.

High Wind at Salt Lake

Salt Lake City, Utah—Wind last night blew down all wires between Salt Lake and Ogden, scattered signs and trees through the streets and interrupted street lights and cars. Several persons were injured by flying debris. At midnight the storm had subsided somewhat.

Lost in the Hurricane

Portland, Me.—The fourmasted schooner Meron is a total wreck, according to a cablegram received by W. S. Jordan & Co., part owners, from Curacao, Dutch West Indies. While details are lacking, it is believed here that she was lost in the hurricane.

Peasants Coming to United States

Zhitomir, Russia—The peasants of two villages, Pukoschofka and Doretz, in this vicinity, have decided to emigrate in a body to the United States.

HEARST'S STATEMENT

The Rule of Corporations Through Party Bosses Must Be Destroyed

Binghamton, N. Y.—The following statement was issued by W. R. Hearst in response to questions by up-state newspaper men:

"I was very glad to hear Judge Lyon say today in his speech that he had always maintained that when the people had a chance to vote for certain principles and certain issues in their own interest they would certainly do so. I feel without any partisan prejudice that that is a statement of exact facts. Hitherto both parties have been largely controlled by the large corporations that speculate in public officials in order to be able to appropriate public property and to secure special privileges.

"These corrupt corporations have worked in favor of the republican party, but have controlled the machinery of the democratic party in order to prevent that latter party from becoming a menace to the special interests. This year at Buffalo the democratic masses repudiated the paid agents of the trusts and attorneys of corrupt corporations and drove them from control of the party. The democratic masses then united with the Independence League in an effort to restore truly American government.

"The Independence League was started for the positive purpose of giving the people an opportunity to vote for American principles, for the democracy of Jefferson and the republicanism of Lincoln and for candidates that had not been nominated by the corporations and were not controlled by the corporations.

"This independent movement showed immense strength in New York City last fall and was without any doubt elected by the people with a plurality of not less than 30,000 votes. The immense flow of money that was poured into the campaign by the corporations seeking to defend their privileges resulted in immense election frauds at the polls and in the suppression of election news on election night for nearly two hours, while ballots were being defaced or miscounted or destroyed.

"Notwithstanding all these frauds it is undoubtedly true that there are at this moment in the ballot boxes that are being preserved in New York City enough votes to elect the whole independent ticket. But the corporations have been powerful enough to control