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SLEET STORM IS RAGING

Disagreeable Day Keeps Norfolk People Within Doors.

ALMOST A BLIZZARD OF ICE.

Traffic Has Been Difficult All Day—Nearly Impossible to Walk—Thick Coating Covers the Earth in This Corner of It.

[From Thursday's Daily.]
What appeared early this morning to be nothing more than a drizzling, slushy rain, has developed, hour by hour through the day, into one of the most disagreeable, though not severe, of the winter's storms. With a chilly wind coming down from the north, the falling water was soon turned to an icy sleet and this afternoon finds Norfolk and the country about it wrapped tightly in a thick, slippery coating of slimy, slushy crust which tangles you up when you try to walk and slides you back when you try to advance.

The weather department hung out the threatening sign yesterday and today have gone it one better and promised rain or snow tonight and Friday, with the threatening conditions continuing. The low barometer has its nerve. The calendar seems to say that spring has arrived, but the storm stares the gentle season in the face and throws snow balls at it. With half a tendency toward a real light snow, the heavens have thrown a dimness over the city and with half a tendency more there might be a blizzard in all earnestness.

WARSHIPS RESTORE ORDER.

Rebels Are in Possession of the City of San Domingo.

San Domingo, March 25.—Quiet has been restored in this city by the warships in port. The minister of war, Pichardo, has surrendered to the revolutionists and the minister of posts and telegraphs, Senor Castiello, has joined the foreign minister, Senor Sanchez, in taking refuge at the United States consulate. The inhabitants of the villages around this city are joining in the revolutionary movement. No news is obtainable from the southern and northern parts of the island. There was severe fighting at Lavega, but the result is not known. If the north and south refuse to join in the revolutionary movement the situation may become more serious. Commerce is at a standstill and there is considerable anxiety as to the future. A warship is going to San Pedro de Maroris, to the eastward of the city, in order to complete the surrender. The warship Presidente, which is off the northern coast of the island, is in the possession of President Vasquez.

Washington, March 25.—United States Consul General Maxwell at San Domingo telegraphed the secretary of state that the city of San Domingo is in the control of the revolutionists, the government forces having been defeated, and that President Vasquez is in Mocha.

DOZEN KILLED IN RIOT.

Further Trouble Is Feared at Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, March 25.—Twelve natives were killed and sixty wounded, many of them non-combatants and women, during Monday's rioting. The government building was destroyed by the rioters and the police barracks was damaged by fire and water. All the government records in the colonial secretary's office, the court house, the crown lands and other departments were destroyed.

More speeches are being made against the water ordinance, and there is a probability of further serious trouble. The court house, which cost \$350,000, is completely gutted and the contents of the vault destroyed. The chamber of commerce is holding a meeting, with a view to cabling the home government requesting the recall of the high officials here.

POLITICS CUTS A FIGURE.

Man Who Is Not a Good Republican Is Turned Down for an Office.

Washington, March 25.—In connection with the appointment of Mr. Person as postmaster at Wilson, N. C., the postoffice department issued the following statement:

"After a careful investigation the department came to the conclusion that Senator Pritchard was right in the statement that Mr. Vick had not supported the Republican ticket, and, consequently, had forfeited his claim to party recognition. Therefore, Mr. Person, who was recommended by Senator Pritchard, has been appointed."

Panic at Chinese Sham Battle. Victoria, B. C., March 25.—According to advices received from the Orient, the grand review of Chang Chih Tung's modern drilled soldiers in the Yangtze provinces, together with the naval squadrons, was a great naval and military display, but it was disas-

trous to the populace and a large number of lives were lost. When the sham battle started a panic seized the whole populace, a report having been spread that an invasion was to take place. So great was the panic that suicide was resorted to, and it is reported also that many children were drowned in order to get rid of them to allow their parents to run faster.

TILLMAN STIRS HEARERS.

South Carolina Senator Gets Mixed Reception at Detroit.

Detroit, March 25.—Senator Tillman was greeted by alternate storms of applause and hisses when he delivered an impassioned address on the race problem at Light Guard armory, the audience being evidently divided between upholders of his ideas and strenuous opponents of them. He said that the north demanded majority rule and, with a sneer, added that there were 235,000 more negroes than white people in South Carolina. "It will mean that more blood will flow than was shed in the civil war if you persist in trying to subject us to the domination of the blacks." Upon the senator's reference to some of Sherman's army as bummers, chicken thieves and carpetbaggers, his northern audience broke out into such violent hisses that the speech was interrupted and some of the more timid ones in the audience feared trouble.

TEA IMPORTERS UNITE.

Object Said to Be to Prevent Importation of Impure Teas.

New York, March 25.—One hundred and sixty importers, wholesalers and retailers of tea throughout the country have united to form the National Tea association of the United States. The objects of the association are declared to be the support of the law of 1897, forbidding the importation of impure teas, and the promotion of the consumption of tea in the United States by disseminating information in regard to its quality and the proper methods of its preparation.

Smallpox Patient Given 25 Lashes.

Columbus, O., March 25.—The whipping post was resorted to at the smallpox hospital to maintain discipline. Hugh Murphy, a negro suffering from smallpox, attacked and badly wounded T. V. Flowers, another patient, with a fork. Dr. Belbel, superintendent of the hospital, decreed that Murphy should receive twenty-five lashes on his bare back, and the punishment was inflicted by the superintendent himself after the offender had been tied to a post by attendants.

Kaiser Invites American Warships.

Washington, March 25.—The Post says: "Emperor William of Germany has given further striking proof of his desire to maintain friendly relations with the United States. In a personal cablegram to President Roosevelt, he has invited the battle fleet of the United States in North American waters to visit Kiel, Germany, during regatta week, in May. The emperor's message will not be made public until the president has sent his reply."

Preaching Orders Expelled From Paris.

Paris, March 25.—The chamber of deputies, by a vote of 304 to 246, rejected all the applications for authorization made by the religious preaching orders. The entire session was devoted to a discussion of the government's bill, which opposes the application of the preaching orders for authorization. Among the orders who are thus expelled from France is the English Passionist order, which conducts a church in the Avenue Herche for American and English Catholics, and in whose behalf British Ambassador Monson and United States Ambassador Porter recently interested themselves.

Flood Situation Unchanged.

New Orleans, March 25.—The Mississippi river gauge here registers 20.1 feet, a rise of 0.1, but the conditions are unchanged and the engineers still expect the crest of the flood to pass without mishap, even in the La Fourche and Pontchartrain districts, where the hardest fight is being made. A report received from Donaldsonville, La., states that the break in La Fourche's levee, although causing a fall in the bayou at Napoleonville, has caused no fall on either side of the river or the bayou at Donaldsonville and that, on the contrary, the river there rose 0.3 in the past twenty-four hours.

Bank Robbers Use Dynamite.

Owingsville, Ky., March 25.—An attempt was made to rob the Salt Lick Deposit bank. There were two explosions of dynamite. The first explosion failed to open the vaults, but it aroused the citizens, who assembled before the robbers secured the contents of the vaults. The robbers escaped, but had previously robbed several stores.

He Would Not.

"Would you die for me?" she asked sentimentally.
"Now, look here!" he returned, in his matter of fact way. "Are we supposed to be planning a cheap novel or a wedding?"

HOLBROOK HAS BIG FIRE

Main Portion of Business Section Wiped Out.

LOSS TO CITIZENS IS GREAT.

The Firemen Do Best Possible Work to Save Town—Bucket Brigade Plays a Part—Loss Reaches at Least \$20,000.

Holbrook, Neb., March 26.—Special to The News: The greater part of the business portion of this little village has been utterly wiped out by fire which started about midnight and burned for several hours.

The local volunteer department did everything possible to save the store buildings on the main street but against the raging flames they were absolutely helpless. A bucket brigade was formed early in the progress of the blaze but the destruction went on regardless.

It was fortunate that no residence property was set by the flying sparks. The loss after a few hours burning was reported to be something like \$20,000, partly covered by insurance. The cause is unknown.

MRS. BURDICK DENIES WRONG.

Widow of Murdered Man Continues Her Story Before Buffalo Court.

Buffalo, March 25.—"Have you received any information as to who killed your husband?"
"No, sir."
"You swear you have no knowledge or information as to who killed him?"
"I do."

These questions were addressed to Mrs. Alice Hull Burdick by District Attorney Coatsworth at the inquest into the death of her husband. The questions came abruptly, while the district attorney was drawing from Mrs. Burdick information about her relations with Arthur R. Pennell. She denied that Pennell took her key to the front door of the Burdick home while they were in New York together and had duplicates made of it.

Before leaving the stand, Mrs. Burdick took occasion to say in reply to questions from her counsel that nothing improper or immoral had occurred between her and Pennell. At the same time she said her husband was fond of the society of other women, and, for some reason not quite clear, she said that Mrs. Pennell was quite familiar with the dining room and "den" in the Burdick home.

To complete the examination of every one known to have been in the Burdick home on the night of Feb. 26, when Edwin L. Burdick was murdered, the district attorney called to the stand the two youngest Burdick children, Carol and Alice, aged respectively thirteen and ten years. The district attorney questioned the children closely about the events that occurred at their home on the night before and the morning after the murder of their father. The children displayed no more sign of emotion than did their grandmother, or mother, or older sister, while talking about the terrible death of their father. Their recollection of the happenings at the time of the tragedy was rather hazy, and "I don't remember," was usually the answer they gave when the district attorney pressed them closely on any point.

Thirty Thousand Acres Flooded.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 25.—Thirty thousand acres are flooded by the breaking of a protection levee around Lacona Circle, Ark., twenty-five miles north of Rosedale, Miss. The crevasse is several hundred yards wide. So suddenly did the water rush through that the people living in the inundated territory were forced to take refuge on the government levee in the rear. Considerable live stock, it is feared, will be lost and the negroes there are said to be without provisions.

This levee protects something over 30,000 acres of the finest land in Desha county. The conditions are growing more critical all along the line every hour and weak places are developing which require immediate attention. The entire levee is being guarded closely and every citizen is at work assisting the government authorities and the levee board. The crest of the wave is now passing and if the levees can be held for a few days longer, the condition will begin to improve.

Fatal Fight at a Dance.

Dallas, Tex., March 25.—A special from Tucumcary, N. M., gives details of a pistol duel in a dance hall, which resulted in the death of Hoffman, Curley and Kenneth Woodard and the arrest of John Young, Verril Carni and a man named Keiffer of Clayton, N. M., charged with the shooting. The trouble is said to have been caused by a woman.

Methodists Criticise Bishop Potter. Philadelphia, March 25.—The report of the committee on temperance, read at the Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal conference, makes the following criticism of Bishop Potter of New

York: "Whatever may be the unwarranted deductions made by friends of the liquor traffic in favor of indulgence in intoxicating liquors from the published results of the investigations conducted by Professor Atwater as to the value of alcohol as a food, or the conclusions drawn from the miserable apology for the mechanic who gets drunk, made by Bishop Potter in the words, 'how can I blame him if now and then he evens up,' as he says, we profoundly believe there is no valid defense for the use of alcoholic liquor, as a beverage."

FIRE IN FURNITURE STORE.

Eight-Story Structure in Pittsburg Damaged by Flames.

Pittsburg, March 25.—Fire broke out in the large eight-story brick building at Pennsylvania avenue and Cecil alley, occupied by the McElvin Furniture company, and before the flames were controlled the three upper floors were gutted and the stock on the lower floors was badly damaged by water.

The fire started in the packing room on the fifth floor and spread so rapidly that for a time it was feared the entire structure would be destroyed, as well as the adjoining building, occupied by the Surprise Clothing company. Upon the upper floors of the latter building many girls and women were employed in the manufacture of clothing, and a panic ensued, but all reached the street in safety. Two firemen were overcome by the smoke and were carried out of the McElvin building unconscious, but it is thought they will recover.

The loss is estimated at \$150,000, fully covered by insurance.

Spain Will Sign Protocol.

Washington, March 25.—The Spanish government will sign with Minister Bowen a protocol providing for the appointment of a mixed commission, to sit at Caracas, to adjust the claims of the citizens of Spain against Venezuela. The president of the republic of Mexico will be asked to name the umpire. With the completion of the Spanish protocol all the nations except Denmark having claims against Venezuela will have provided the machinery for settling the claims of their citizens against Venezuela.

To Prohibit Mixed Marriages.

Madison, Wis., March 25.—The assembly committee on state affairs decided by a vote of five to two to recommend the Williams anti-negro marriage bill for passage. The action came after a long and spirited hearing on the bill. The measure, if adopted, will prohibit marriages between whites and negroes within the state.

Downpour at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 25.—Coming down in sheets at times, the rainfall has exceeded the records of the season. The downtown streets are flooded and many of the outlying districts are impassable. The railway service was crippled by the water that flowed down from the high ground of the city.

Stage Robber Foiled.

Ukiah, Cal., March 25.—A lone highwayman held up the stage traveling between this point and Mendocino City and shot and instantly killed the armed messenger, Q. A. Overmeyer. The driver, Harry Oway, whipped up his horses and amid a rain of bullets, escaped uninjured.

Children Burn to Death.

Kansas City, March 25.—At Kansas City, Kan., two children, Asa and Charles Bigelow, aged four and three years, sons of O. W. Bigelow, were burned to death in a fire that destroyed their home, the mother having locked them in while she went to the store.

Take Two Trays of Diamonds.

Omaha, March 25.—Two trays of diamond rings, containing twelve gold bands set with stones, valued at \$1,000, were stolen from the jewelry store of A. B. Huberman at noon by two well dressed young men, who made their escape.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Admiral Dewey is to review and inspect the North Atlantic squadron, which is off the Virginia capes, on its return north from southern waters.

After a personal inspection of the proposed site, Secretary Moody has selected Guantanamo as the principal United States naval station in the West Indies.

Jack Pierce shot and killed Mrs. Barney Hediger and a man named Patten and then killed himself at Gilt Edge, Mont. The men had quarreled over the woman.

Edward Vandeventer, member of a prominent family at Mound City, Mo., was killed near there Tuesday by the explosion of several sticks of dynamite, used in killing fish in the Missouri river.

The boiler at John McCauley's sawmill, near Wickliffe, Ky., exploded Tuesday. J. S. Bird, engineer, who was on top of the boiler; Arthur Starks and Warren May, employees, were killed, and John McCauley and George Marshall were badly hurt.

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STRIKERS GO TO WORK

Men of Swift Packing Company Out a Short Time.

REACH AN EARLY AGREEMENT.

Butchers Object to Non-Union Man But Agree to Return to Work and Will Adjust Later—Plan Made a Hit With Butchers.

Omaha, March 26.—Special to The News: The strike among the employes of the Swift Packing company has been settled and the men are now at work. The plan on which the strike was settled was that the men should return to work and that the company would take cognizance of the differences existing and adjust them later. The proposition was received with favor by the men and the business is now being carried on with full and accustomed vigor.

Omaha, March 26.—Special to The News: Because a non-union man had been employed by the Swift Packing company, at their plant here, 150 butchers who had been working regularly, absolutely refused to register in this morning, and their places are vacant.

For a time it seemed that violent trouble might result from the break, but nothing has so far been done in violation of the law and no arrests have yet had to be made.

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