

THE WRAITH OF THE BLIZZARD.**CRUELTY TO CONVICTS.**
**A Horrible State of Affairs Revealed
In Arkansas Mines.**

It Visits the East in the Shape of a Flood.

MUCH PROPERTY SWEPT AWAY.

Dams Burst and Thousands of Acres Are Inundated — Snow and Wind Block Traffic in the Northwest.

Roads Blocked.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 22.—Specials from the interior of the state show that the thermometer last night ranged from 10° to 12° below zero. Not a wheel is moving on the upper Michigan peninsula roads, except those propelling snowplows. It is the most complete blockade of the season.

MARQUETTE, Mich., March 22.—One of the worst blizzards of the winter set in last night at an early hour and lasted until morning. Considerable snow fell, and a strong wind drifted it badly, so that railroads were greatly hampered in their operations. The cold was intense, the temperature ranging between 10° and 12° below zero, making the night at different points on the peninsula.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 22.—The storm which raged Tuesday night and into this morning through portions of Dakota, Minnesota and northern Wisconsin was one of the severest that has been experienced in the north. The blizzard was composed of a cold wave of unusual severity, accompanied by a heavy and cutting wind, and in many places was rendered worse by a blinding snow storm. In Minnesota, north of Crookston, and in northeastern Dakota, the blizzard was so bad that railroads were completely stopped. Whenever there was a snow drifts were badly drifted and the railroad tracks in numerous instances were covered to a depth of nine feet.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 22.—Last night the mercury dropped to 10° below zero and a fresh wind prevailed, so that the snowdrifts defied all efforts to clear them. Minnesota and Dakota trains were somewhat delayed. In northern Michigan and Wisconsin and southeastern Minnesota and northern Iowa, there was a heavy fall of snow which delayed trains.

Heavy Damages By Flood.

WOOSOCKET, R. I., March 22.—Cranberry meadow dam at Quicksream, a mile above East Blackstone, Mass., gave way last night and the estimated damage to railroad and highways will be \$75,000.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 22.—The water in the Blackstone river reached its highest point at noon to-day. Nearly all the mills along the river have stopped, and considerable damage has been done them and the railroads throughout this section.

EASTON, Pa., March 22.—The Delaware river is sixteen feet above low water mark, and the Lehigh twelve feet. Floods have stopped all mills in South Easton.

Floods in New York.

MIDDLETON, N. Y., March 22.—Spring floods are causing trouble along the New York, Ontario & Western railroad. Many serious washouts have occurred.

A Cyclone in New York.

OSWEGO, N. Y., March 22.—A cyclone passed over a small section of the county about a mile south of Fulton yesterday afternoon, doing considerable damage.

The Floods in Hungary.

PESTH, March 22.—The situation in the flooded districts in Hungary is appalling. The dykes at Békés are falling and the town is doomed. Fifty or more houses have already collapsed. Floating ice has destroyed many houses in Danaplin. In the adjacent country large stores of corn and food have been lost.

DISMISSED.

Swindled Foreigners Found to Have No Case in Court.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The long pending suit of the Banque France-Egyptienne of Paris against John Crosley Brown, Jess Seligman and William Watts Sherman, bankers, as trustees of the defunct New York, Boston & Montreal railway scheme for the recovery of \$20,000,000 and Edward Bischofschmid, the London banker, and the same trustees for the recovery of the \$91,182 advanced for the same purpose, was dismissed to-day in the United States circuit court.

Hunting a Desperado.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., March 22.—[Special Telegram to the Bee]—A band of prominent residents of this section are pursuing Henson Willis in the adjoining counties. He is wanted for four murders. The first was the killing of Mr. and Mrs. John Jennings, who, according to the story told by Willis' wife, were murdered by him a short time ago and the bodies concealed in the river. Three nights ago Willis killed his father-in-law, George Carter. This killing was the result of a family quarrel. After this murder was committed Willis scraped up what money he could and fled. Ten men under the leadership of McMillen Thornton, a young business man of this county, followed and overtaken him in the woods near Herford. He was laying for them, however, and fired the first shot, taking them totally by surprise, and his second and third shots struck his father's heart. He fired twice again, killing two others of the posse seriously. He then got away without a scratch. As near as can be learned, the posse, or rather the remnant of the posse, gathered up the dead and wounded and returned to reinforce the police. At first men had to come out and see what had happened, no matter at what cost. More bloodshed is expected, as the man is well armed and desperate.

Kentucky's Jumbo Thief.

LOUISVILLE, March 22.—It is now thought that Tate's total shortage will not be far from \$250,000. The books of the treasurer's office show extreme looseness and neglect and it will be weeks before order can be restored.

The special committee appointed to arrange articles of impeachment to be lodged against Tate was in session this morning finishing up business preparatory to submitting its report to the legislature. A democratic caucus was held last evening at Frankfort and a committee was appointed to present a resolution before the house requiring an examination of all accounts of state officers by examination.

Thompson, of this city, who arrived from Canada last night, says this morning he saw Treasurer Tate when there.

The report of the legislative committee appointed to prepare and prefer articles of impeachment against Tate was adopted.

A Drop in the Weather.

CHICAGO, March 22.—Disputes from various points in northern Indiana, Illinois and Iowa report a drop in the temperature yesterday of thirty to forty degrees, accompanied by high winds and light snow.

People are expressing that winter which will be seriously injured. In this city the mercury dropped thirty-eight degrees since yesterday morning, touching zero at daylight to day.

The Death Record.

ST. LOUIS, March 22.—Colonel Thomas McKissick, a railroad official and president of the Council Bluffs & St. Louis railroad, died yesterday at age of 65 years.

NEW YORK, March 22.—James M. Hatstead, president of the American fire insurance company, died this morning, aged eighty.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Miss Sneed, the society correspondent, better known as "Miss Grundy," died this morning.

Shot His Wife's Seducer.

RICHMOND, Ky., March 22.—This afternoon Ballard Branton, a son of Revenue Collector Branton, shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Dunley for alleged intimacy with Branton's wife.

JUST LIKE THE OLD MAN.
Young Gould Bleeds His Friends and Even His Father.

COAL HILL, Ark., March 22.—Governor Hughes and the penitentiary board arrived this afternoon to further investigate the brutality to convicts in the coal mines. They found that Warden Scott, who preceded the fugitive Gafford, was even more brutal.

It was shown that he whipped as many as seventy-five in one night until blood ran in streams from their bodies. The place where the convicts were confined is so filthy that there was a sickening stench from it. The beds and blankets were dirty and covered with vermin. Yesterday a lot of shoes and clothing arrived and men were provided with new waterproofed winter garments to-day. Convicts had whipped and found their bodies almost solid sores. The men feared to complain while Gafford was here for fear of being beaten again. Some of the convicts ran off to the mines and refused to return to Warden Scott, ordered Tom Gaddis, the pit boss, to go down and shoot him. He did so. Things are changed now, but the details of past acts are sickening and horrible.

BITTEN BY "BEN BUTLER."
An Enraged Sea Lion Makes Things Lively in a Shop.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Everybody who has been to San Francisco knows Seal Rock, and everybody who knows Seal Rock has seen Ben Butler. Ben was the son of the rock for many years until three months ago. He is ten feet long, has a cast in one eye, and is very thin across the waistline. His name is Tom Gaddis, the pit boss.

Chicago Herald: Back in the fifties, when the northern portion of Dakota was hardly more than a bleak waste of uncultivated land, the town of Pembina was founded by Enos Stutsman. He was a man as remarkable for his physical deformities as he was for his physical deformities. Enos emigrated to Dakota from the huckleberry districts of Connecticut and located in the upper Red River valley, where he filed and proved up on 320 acres of public land, which was the ground on which Pembina now stands.

Enos was a prodigy. He had the head and body of a giant, but his legs were hardly more than a foot long, and he was unable to travel without the aid of two short and powerful crutches.

He was a shrewd, calculating fellow, and soon became the recognized leader among the handful of emigrants who had taken up their residence in his neighborhood. As a political diplomat he had never had an equal in the territory, and for four consecutive sessions he was chairman of the council, the upper branch of the territorial legislature, and the old war horses who weathered the political battles of early days in the territory, when the old store and a half shanty in Yankton did not have double doors on its capital building, met often with the roar of a law maker, to-day testify in glowing terms to the wonderful ability of Enos Stutsman as a parliamentarian. Eight years ago he was taken suddenly ill and died.

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