

BLIZZARD IS RAGING

Western States in the Grip of a Fierce November Storm.

HOWLING BLAST FROM ARCTIC REGIONS

Snow Falls Freely and is Blown About by Heavy Wind.

MERCURY DROPS AWAY DOWN IN THE TUBE

One of the Worst Storms in This Region Ever Experienced.

INTERFERES WITH TRANSPORTATION LINES

Advices from Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Kansas, Missouri and Other States Tell the Same Story.

LINCOLN, Nov. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The blizzard that set in during the night has continued all day, causing practically a suspension of business here.

ABILENE, Neb., Nov. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Four hundred or more head of sheep belonging to Fred Christian and James Jardine, stockmen of this city, during the severe blizzard this morning became stampeded from their range on the Phillips place, south of Abilene, and rushed headlong over the high embankment into Salt creek and were drowned and swept away by the current.

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at the same time the mercury stood at 81 above. The sleet has turned into snow this evening and is drifting badly. The street cars are having a hard time to move and the railroads are anticipating trouble.

SIoux CITY, Nov. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The blizzard which began early this morning is still raging tonight. Reports from the surrounding states indicate it to be quite general, although so far in this part of Iowa no serious damage is reported.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Nov. 21.—A blizzard is raging here tonight. Snow has been falling heavily since 2 o'clock this afternoon. The wind is blowing a gale. The thermometer has fallen forty degrees.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Nov. 21.—The rain and sleet storm of today turned into a howling blizzard tonight. Telegraph, telephone and street car business is badly crippled, with a prospect of a general blockade in railroads.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Nov. 21.—Rain has fallen all day. The temperature has dropped to 40 degrees at 11 o'clock tonight and is still going colder. Snow is very tight in various points in northern Iowa.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Nov. 21.—A rain and sleet storm struck Burlington tonight, accompanied by colder weather. Telegraph wires are badly affected and communication is difficult. Some trains are delayed.

FALLING TEMPERATURE ALL OVER.

Snow Belt and Freezing Winds from Oklahoma and Southern New York.

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SICK SOLDIERS AT LIBERTY

Dr. Stimson, Before War Commission, Criticizes Hospital System.

FOOD FOR WELL MEN, BUT NOT FOR THE ILL

Men Were Permitted to Leave Montauk Who Were Not in Condition to Be Turned Loose—Other Testimony.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Dr. F. J. Ives, chief surgeon of the division of the Federal army corps, was the first witness before the War investigating commission today. He said that while at Chickamauga he saw no distress among the soldiers for lack of medical supplies.

"If you could get supplies from the major told of his experiences in action in the Indian wars and said that the condition of the men in the Cuban campaign as compared with those of the Indian wars was equally as good. In the El Caney fight he thought there should have been more ambulances, but believed everything had been done for the wounded that was possible.

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not feel he is protected, because everything he says is really volunteered testimony." Colonel Reilly interrupted by saying: "But you don't need any protection; you are a private citizen."

"Yes, I know," replied the witness, "but I know a case where I think a man was a most improper man to have a responsible position, and yet I would not like to say so."

"You, yourself," said Dr. Connor, "are acquainted with the case of the doctor who complained of the government and certain officers of the government, and particularly that the medical department of the government had not been doing its duty. Do you, therefore, think it fair to decline to give us facts?"

"There are hundreds of officers who would be delighted to tell you what they know," replied the witness, "if they could protect themselves after stating what they had to tell."

"You are the first man who has said that as this commission is," declared Dr. Connor, "if you refuse to give information because you are not compelled to give it."

After a considerable discussion on these lines the witness still continued to decline, which led General Beaver to say: "If there are other gentlemen like you who want to testify before a congressional committee, with a trip to Washington, you may have an opportunity to do so. It would be better for you to testify before us now."

It is thought that Colonel Theodore Roosevelt will appear before the commission tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Dr. S. Clifford Cox, an assistant surgeon in the First Volunteer regiment of the District of Columbia, today explained to Colonel Denby of the War Investigating commission his connection with the case of Sergeant Deboen.

"The patient died in a Brooklyn hospital last September. He had not attended the case until September 3, when he had pronounced it typhoid and ordered the patient taken to the general hospital. Dr. Cox did not believe Deboen had suffered by being shifted to the general hospital."

"No," he said, "the young man was lying on a bed on the ground, but he had a hammock he could have used if he had desired. Dr. Cox expressed the opinion that the patient should not have been removed to the Brooklyn hospital from the general camp hospital."

Corporal Ryan testified that Dr. Cox had required Sergeant Deboen to come to his (the doctor's) tent, notwithstanding that he was unable to do so, and in the face of the fact that Deboen was practically carried up by two comrades.

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Scandal for Twenty-Second.

Lieutenant Swaine Under Arrest on Charges Investigated by Lieutenant Wassell.

A dispatch to The Bee from Pittsburg, Pa., received last evening, says: "Lieutenant William Swaine, Twenty-second infantry, U. S. A., was arrested here at 1 o'clock Sunday morning on a charge of adultery with the wife of Lieutenant W. H. Wassell of the same regiment."

The pressure came from governors, senators, mothers, wives and sweethearts. "What I cannot understand," Dr. Stimson said, "is why the United States government should have suffered the expense of the hospital before they were cured."

"Among the officers and men of the regular army I saw the most beautiful and noble devotion. An officer who looked as ill as any of his men came up to our carriage and thanked us for our kindness to his men."

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INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY

Senator Quay of Pennsylvania Must Meet Five Charges.

YOUNG QUAY AND HAYWOOD INCL. DED

Grand Jury Finds that a Long List of State Treasurers Have Been Faithless to Their Trusts.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 21.—The grand jury today returned the county court five bills of indictment against United States Senator M. S. Quay, his son Richard R. Quay and Benjamin J. Haywood, ex-state treasurer.

The bills charge the defendants with conspiracy with John S. Hopkins, late cashier of the People's bank, to defraud the bank of the money of the bank in the purchase of stock, and conspiracy with Hopkins in the misuse of funds on deposit in the People's bank. Hopkins committed suicide by shooting in March last.

Subsequent to the presentation of the indictment, the district attorney stated that he desired to present to the grand jury through the cashier named certain evidence in the suit against Senator Quay and others, but as this matter had now passed out of the hands of the grand jury their presence would not be needed until the case was brought to trial.

The true bills returned by the grand jury are five in number. The first charges M. S. Quay with conspiring with John S. Hopkins for unlawful use of the money of the People's bank in purchase and sale of various corporations for the account of benefit and profit of M. S. Quay.

The second indictment charges M. S. Quay with conspiring with John S. Hopkins to unlawfully buy and sell stocks, knowing that the said Hopkins was cashier of the People's bank.

The third indictment charges Benjamin J. Haywood, M. S. Quay and Richard R. Quay with conspiracy to convert to their own use \$100,000 of the public moneys of the state on December 1, 1898, when Haywood was the state treasurer of Pennsylvania.

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TEN THOUSAND STARVING

Fishing Season on Etrop Island Proves a Failure and Famines and Hardships Prevail.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 21.—Late advices from Japan state that 10,000 or more fishermen living in Etrop, near Japan, are suffering from famine, having nothing to eat, while others are existing on rats and putrid herrings.

During this winter all means of transportation between Etrop Island and Hokkaido province are suspended, in consequence of which the islanders are subjected to innumerable hardships in the event of a bad fishing season.

Queen Lil Once More Here

His-Sovereign Will Seek the Authorities to Have the Crown Lands Restored to Her.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—On board the steamer Copric, which arrived from the Orient via Honolulu today, was ex-Queen Lil of Hawaii.

The ex-queen is reticent regarding her mission to this country. The general impression is that she has come to make formal application for the restoration of the Hawaiian crown lands, valued at \$4,000,000.

It is claimed the crown lands are private property not subject to confiscation.

The contention of President Dole, the cabinet and the Hawaiian commission that the crown lands became part of the United States property upon the annexation of the islands, she takes exception to and is hoping that her trip to Washington will result finally in the crown lands again being held by private possession.

Poisoned by Deadly Dampings.

ALLANTOWN, Pa., Nov. 21.—James Slicher of Minnesota, has died from the effects of arsenical poisoning. He became sick September 13, and from a robust man of 150 pounds he became a mere skeleton of ninety pounds.

Will Buy Sword for Hobson

Alabama House of Representatives Approves of a Memorial for Famous Merrimac Hero.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 21.—A special to the News from Montgomery says the Alabama house of representatives today read and ratified a joint resolution appropriating \$5