CRASH ON A CURVE

Passenger and Freight Trains Collideon the Mr. Higgins said of the wreck: Illinois Co. ral Pailroad.

BIX OF THE DEAD TONAL TO Two Others Missing Are Supposes

Perished Miserably.

ELEVEN MORE KNOWN TO BE HURT

Passengers Penned in by Wreckage and Roasted to Death.

FLAMES DRIVE BACK THE RESCUERS

Terrible Suffering of the Survivors in the Intense Cold-Train Crew is Blamed for Disobedience

of Orders.

ROCKFORD, III., Dec. 15 .- Failure on the part of a conductor to obey orders is supnoxed to have been the cause of a headend collision on the Illinois Central between Irene and Perryville early today. The two trains were the eastbound passenger train No. 4 and a through freight from Chicago, going west. As a result, eight people are dead or missing and

The known dead are: RISHARD ORMSBY, Chleago, engineer of

eleven injured.

known.

JAMES REARDON, Freeport, fireman of

passenger train ROBERT THOMPSON, Dubuque, Ia., American Express messenger.

J. W. FUNK, Chicago, brakeman on pas-DAVID BEHAN, Freeport, freight engi-

EDWARD CAREY, Freeport, freight fire-Missing and supposed to be dead:

Newsboy on passenger train, name unknown. Section foreman from Irene, name un-

Identifying the Injured.

Injured, as far as the names could be learned, are:

H. G. Wellman, Chicago, right arm erushed off at elbow; taken to Rockford city hospital, condition critical,

D. R. Ahrendet, Chicago, cut and brulsed by broken glass. J. H. Quinlan, passenger conductor, cut and bruised, crushed about the chest,

taken to Rockford city hospital; condition Berlous. W. B. Keefe, Sloux City, Ia., head cut.

Frank Stadleman, New Athens, Ill., cuts about head and arms. Thomas Hendricks, New Athens, Ill., cut.

and bruised and hair scorched off Slightly cut:

G. E. Shurtleff, Genoa. G. F. Berch, Kankakee, Ill. A. L. Boggs, St. Louis. John Hussey, Independence, In

Crash at Full Speed

The trains met in a slight bend of the track, both running at full speed. The smoking, express and baggage cars were piled on the locomotives, penning in the occupants of the smoker. Only three of the half dozen persons in that car escaped. The others were penned in and if not instantly killed were reasted to death and their bodies, along with those of the engine crews, were entirely consumed.

All efforts of the survivors to rescue th victims were unavailing. The flames drove them back at every point. The temperature was 20 degrees below zero and the lev wind was blowing across the prairie, the point where the wreck accurred being in a shallow cut, affording no protection. The injured were without hats or wraps and suffered terribly. By the united efforts of the survivors the waycar was pushed back from the wreckage to escape the flames and the wounded were placed on the bunks inside. Otto Ericson was the only man killed in Two hours elapsed before any relief was at Then an engine arrived from the east and pulled the waycar to Irene, three death.

miles distant. A relief train was started from Rockford at 1:30 a. m., having on board Dr. Catlin. Dr. H. R. Richings, Dr. W. B. Helm and Agent E. W. Brown. It arrived at the scene of the wreck twenty minutes later. In the meantime the injured had been brought back from Irene in the waycar and were transferred to the relief train and brought to Rockford. All the injured are doing well except H. G. Wellman of Chicago, who

is in a critical condition. Wrecking trains have been at work today and will have the tracks clear tonight. Six bodies were recovered from the debris, but were charred beyond recognition. Coroner F. M. Marsh will conduct the inquest Mon-

Passenger Conductor's Recital.

Conductor Quinlan of the passenger train was able tonight to talk of the wreck. He said: "We were trying to make up lost time, when suddenly there was a crash, throwing us all to the front of the car. I managed to clear myself from under the seat where I was thrown, and finding two men close by tried to release them. I was unable to do, and as they did not respond to my calls I escaped through a window, being scorched by the fire as I crawled out, so quickly did the flames spread. As I remember there were eight men in the car and I find that only two of them got out. The rest were doubtless burned in the wreck."

A peculiar circumstance of the accident was that all the killed were men. There were several women and girls on the train,

but all escaped. her little 3-year-old daughter, was asleep part of a gang of men engaged in repairing in the coach. She was awakened by the collision and, grasping the little girl, plunged through a window, and, sliding out over the wreckage, she was not injured in the slight-

est, nor was the child.

Horror of the Fire. In their stories of the disaster all those who escaped from the wreck dwell upon the horror of the fire and the rapidity with which the wreckage was eaten up by the flames. Almost instantly after the first terrific crash an oil car close to the freight engine exploded, the oil adding fuel to the flames and causing a most terrific spectacle. accentuated by the groans and cries of the dying men pinned in terrible agony and meeting death in the flames. Persons who were attracted to the scene by the noises of the collision and the flames, were unable to render the victims any assistance, as the fire spread so rapidly that in less than fifteen minutes the cars had been

for the disastrous wreck at Perryville, Ill., on the conductor and engineer of the freight train. They are said by Mr. Higgins to have disobeyed orders, which were to stop at Irene, several miles east of Perryville.

"It was a had wreck and a lamentable accident. It was due to the fact that the conductor and engineer of the freight failed to obey orders. The passenger was delayed DARING RESCUES IN ARCTIC WEATHER three hours and forty minutes by the weather. Coleman is the regular passing point for the two trains. The conductor

d engineer of the freight train were inted that the passenger train was late was their duty to sidetrack at Irene,

sich they neglected to do. "There is no explanation of the explosion that we can get word of. Employes on board both trains say both were running at full speed and that the shock was terrible. It seems there were three distinct blows, due to the recoils of the cars. The men say they were thrown down three times in rapid succession. The entire passenger train and a large part of the freight train and many narrow escapes from death were

Story of a Survivor.

Bernard R. Abrendt of Chicago, one of avenue tonight and fainted on the threshold the wreck:

"I was riding in the chaircar when the I broke the window with my fist and the furnaces in the basement, where the elimbed out, cutting and bruising myself fire started.

badly. "A fellow passenger who sat in the chair next to me jumped outside the window cupants of the sixteen apartments. Soon after me and fell on his side. The wreck all chance of escape by the main stairway took fire almost immedately and in ten was cut off by the flames. Many persons minutes was reduced to ashes. The oil were restrained only by force from leaping from a tank ear and the high wind that from the upper windows, others were overprevailed helped the blaze.

apes. A young woman with a baby jumped out of one of the cars and escaped without a scratch. We were all obliged to stand out

Miss Maude Stewart, flance of Harry G. Wellman, another Chicago passenger who was seriously injured, is now at his side in the Rockford hospital. She left tonight in response to a telegram from the hospital authorities requesting her presence. Wellman was seriously injured, his right arm being torn off, and it is thought he cannot recover.

WRECK ON GREAT NORTHERN

Spreading Rails to Blame, but Self-Setting Brakes Keep the Death List Down.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 15 .- A special to the Independent from Kalispell says a wreck occurred on the Great Northern railway near Essex, in the Rocky mountains, at 2 o'clock this morning. The engine, mail car and smoker remained on the track, but all the others were derailed. Some cars were overturned and all were due to rails spreading.

o California.

Siele of the McPhee company.

The train was going at a rate of twentywere extinguished by the passengers.

Nineteen Reported Injured. ANACONDA, Mont., Dec. 15,-A special

to the Standard from Kalispell says that

Among the injured are: bruised about head and body.

severely. Yale Gleason, San Francisco, traveling positive evidence that he was burned. man, bruised, not serious. - Tycle, Addistown, badly cut and bruised.

girl and three men, whose names cannot dwelling next the saloon, but this blaze be learned. One woman had her collarbone was quickly subdued with small loss. The broken and was injured internally The other two old women suffered broken

burt. She was pinned under the wreckage in the debries or collected along the street and had to be chopped out.

ribs and were injured internally.

In all nineteen passengers are reported til the current was turned off. The teminjured. The cause of the wreck is believed t

have been the spreading of the rails. The debris caught fire, but the flames were put out by the uninjured passengers. There is said to have been much looting

during the excitement. lows Fireman Killed.

FREEPORT, III., Dec. 15 .-- A freight train, a light engine and a wrecking train came into collision on the Chicago Great Western railroad at Bolton, five miles from here, today. F. M. Riley of Dubuque, fire man of the wrecking train, was killed.

Two Killed on Lake Shore.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 15 .- Charles A. Wilson and August Bausch were killed today in the Lake Shore yards at Air Line junction by Mrs. E. C. Williamson of Elyria, O., with being run down by a freight car. They were a section of track.

Killed by Illinois Central. WESSON, Miss., Dec. 15 .- W. A. Spence and Miss Janie Cannon, while out driving.

were killed here today by an Illinois Cen tral train. SENATOR SEWELL RALLIES Physicians Now Declare Him to Be

in No Immediate

Danger. CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 15 .- The condition fire early today and Mrs. Southworth was of Senator Sewell, according to his physi- burned to death. She had risen to build and stores were destroyed. The loss is born in Norway. cians, is encouraging. The senator during the kitchen fire and, being 75 years old and estimated at over \$200,000, with little in-

last night and is now said to be in no im- clothing ablaze. mediate danger.

FIRE THREATENS MANY LIVES

Tenants of Big Apartment House Driven from Beds by Flames.

Lincoln Avenue Car Barns Also Destroyed-Frozen Hydrants Hamper the Firemen in Their Work.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15 .- The four-story apartment building, known as the Olinger flats, at the corner of Indiana avenue and Thirtyfifth street, was burned early this morning The sixty tenants, most of whom were

spectacular and exciting. So far as reported everyone left the building by fire escapes or by ladders the survivors of the wreck who was injured | hoisted to the upper windows by firemen, and taken to a hospital, staggered into his but much suffering was caused by the exmother's home store at 669 West Ninth posure to the intense cold in scant attire. When the first detachment of fire-fighters from the fatigue and nervous strain he had arrived the majority of the tenants were been compelled to endure. When he re- panic-stricken and rushed wildly through of roads. This paragraph is satisfactory to

to leave the building. The attendant cold spell was responsible crash came. I was knocked senseless for for the fire. Complaints from the tenants territory at Ultra Espana is not acceptable a moment and the first I knew the steam that the building was insufficiently heated from the burst pipes was enveloping me. caused the janitor, John West, to overheat

A policeman on the beat rushed to the upper floors and aided in rousing the oc-

come by the dense smoke, and a scene of "There were a great many miraculous es- indescribable confusion followed.

Night Clothes and Arctic Weather. Women in their night clothes and with in the cold two hours waiting for the relief and descended to the street and were given bare feet climbed out to the fire escapes refuge in neighboring residences and stores. Many daring rescues were made by the firemen, especially from the second floor, where the danger from smoke was increased by the close proximity of the

flames. Mrs. Mowery, wife of Dr. A. E. Mowery, was in her apartments on this floor suffering from a severe attack of illness. Her husband carried her out in his arms through the halls and found escape by the stairs cut off. He returned to his rooms, and, throwing open a window, endeavored to attract attention through the heavy pali of smoke. Only a chance breath of wind cleared the air sufficiently for him to be seen. It was due to this fact that the two lives were saved.

The loss to the building, which was owned by John P. Olinger, was about \$15,-000; to the contents \$2,000, covered by insurance.

Lincoln Avenue Car Barn Burns.

The total destruction of Lincoln avenue car barns of the Chicago Traction company. more or less wrecked. The accident was with more than 160 street cars, resulted from a fire that was discovered at an early hour this morning. Besides the building OTTO ERRICKSON, enroute from Sweden | nearly all the grip cars and trailers used on Lincoln avenue were destroyed. The in-Several others were killed, but their tense cold of the last two days contributed names have not been learned. They were much to the spread of the flames, as the three old women, a young woman and three fire hydrants in the vicinity were found men. Three others, old women, are hurt to be frozen. When a supply of water had internally and are not expected to live, been obtained by thawing out the hydrants, Several others were more or less seriously after a delay of twenty minutes, the build-

ing was doomed. Among the injured was Advance Agent | Soon after the first stream was directed upon the flames the entire second story of the building was ablaze and fell with about five miles an hour when it broke in two 100 open summer cars that were stored and the air brakes set immediately, pre- there. The intense cold of the early mornventing a more serious accident. Most of ing added to the difficulties presented by the injured were in the day coach. All the fire and made it necessary to work the were asleep at the time of the accident, men in shifts, exhausted workers being re-The day coach caught fire, but the flames lieved by comrades, who had short rests in neighboring stores, which were thrown open to the fire fighters.

Loss of \$130,000 President John M. Roach of the Traction company placed the loss at about \$130,000, the Great Northern wreck near Essex, partly covered by insurance, but the exac Mont. He was probably smothered to amount he was unable to state. It is supposed the fire originated from an overheated stove in one of the cars that were in Joseph Kipp, Blackfoot, Ida., badly the barn. It is reported that a watchman was in the barn when the fire was discov-Jack Miller, Blackfoot, bruised, but not ered and he has not been seen after it was under control, but there is so far no

The heavy east wall of the building fell across Sheffield avenue and flying bricks demolished the front of a saloon opposite. Others injured are three old women, one The flames also communicated to a frame saloon was damaged to the extent of \$2,000 A serious danger to the firemen was from the broken trolley wires, which were The young woman is said to be seriously charged with electricity. These were buried and offered great danger to the firemen unperature of 15 degrees below zero covered

cold was reported. TWO MEN BURNED TO DEATH Gasoline Engine Explodes and Cremates Imprisoned

the hose with thick coatings of ice which

required the utmost care in handling it. No

case of serious injury from live wires or

Operatives. HARGRAVE, Manitoba, Dec. 15 -Fire caused by the explosion of a gasoline engine totally destroyed the engine house of the elevator owned by E. A. Holmes. Five men who were in the engineroom when the explosion occurred were unable to get out through the door.

E. A. Knight burst open a window and three of the men escaped. Two others were burned to death. The victims were Stewart Wright of Kola district and R. D. Sikes, a farmer living near here. The three who escaped were badly burned, the most seriously injured being the proprietor of the elevator, E. A. Holmes.

MICHIGAN WOMAN IS CREMATED Mrs. Southworth, Seventy-Five Years Old, Victim of Kitchen Fire.

OVID. Mich., Dec. 15 .- The house of the day railied from his sinking spell of nearly blind, it is supposed she set her surance. The fire originated in a news-

Iowa Department Store Destroyed. ORANGE CITY, Ia., Dec. 15 .- (Special

CAPTURE COLOMBIAN SEAPORT

Liberals Aided by Venezuelans Re port Another Notable Victors.

WILLEMSTAND, Island of Curacao, Dec. 5 .- The Venezuelan General Vincente Sanchez, who is now here on his way from Maracaibo to Caracas, reports that a thousand Colombian liberals distantly supported by 4,000 Venezuelan troops, captured the Colombian seaport town of Rio Hacha, on the northeast coast of the Guajiva peninsula, December 10, after Generals Clodomiro Castillo and Cirio Pupo, both Venezuelans, had defeated 2,000 Colombian conservative troops near Treinta. Treinta is thirty miles southwest of the Rio Hacha, in Colombian territory.

Chilli Situation Improves. BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 15 .- (Via Galvesn.)-Although the situation between Arasleep, were aroused by the dense smoke gentine and Chili has improved it has not yet been clearly defined. The council of Argentine ministers has spent much time in studying the two paragraphs of the Chilian note, which form the basis of that country's proposition, at agreement on which would mean the solution of the pend-

ing difficulties. The council has decided to accept the first paragraph concerning the construction covered later he told the following story of the halls and apartments in their efforts the Argentine Republic. The compilation of the second paragraph relating to the pretended occupation by Argentine of Chilian

to the ministers. The assurance is given that the Argentine government replying to this paragraph will answer that it is impossible for it to recognize an act which, after investigation, has been disproved. The hope prevails here that everything will be arranged on a

friendly basis within a few days. It is believed that Chili will insist upon presenting an insignificant claim for the invasion of Chilian territory by three Argentine policemen. Argentine still continued taking military measures. Men of wealth are offering the government money with which to buy horses and otherwise equip a regiment of cavalry should occasion de-

Public opinion throughout the entire country is expressing its patriotic approval of the government's conduct. The people remain quiet. The government has decided to divide the government late six military zones, with 20,000 men in each. The arms and equipment for these men are already in hand in the respective zones. Over and above the reserves called out

last week 15,000 volunteers have presented themselves for service. In case of necessity the government has resources which would enable it to mobilize au army of 200,-000 men. BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 15 .- (Via Galves-

ton.)-LATER-The situation here is unchanged. Everything is quiet. The Argentine government will tomorrow forward its reply to the Chilian note.

United States Vigiliance.

PARIS, Dec. 15 .- The Tenner, reviewing the dispute between the Argentine Republic and Chili, says that when complicates the question is the vigilance, not to say jealousy, with which the United States remains faithful to the two ged Monroe too, have fared rather severely at the hands doctrine, which excludes all other intercention, while justifying their own, and watches for the interference of Great Britain or other powers in the affairs of South America.

La Liberte declares that an Argentine Chilian war would just suit the American imperialism and it would entirely suit the designs of those working perseveringly to ling rapidly. pervert the Monroe doctrine.

CONFIRMS REPORT OF SIGNALS London Manager of Marconi Announces Success of Transatlantic

Wireless Telegraphy.

LONDON, Dec. 15 .- Major Flood-Page of he Marconi Telegraph company, in an interview with a representative of the Associated Press confirms the report that Mr. Marconi, at St. Johns, N. F., had received signals from the experimental station at Poldhu, Penzance. Major Flood-Page said that the severe weather made continuous tests very difficult, but there was no doubt that the wireless signals had been succeas fully transmitted across the Atlantic. ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 15 .- Congratu-

lations from Newfoundalnd and abroad are today pouring in on Mr. Marconi Local telegraphers, while admitting the theoretical value of the proposition, think a number of years must clapse before it can

be put into practical use. IOWA'S COLD WAVE BROKEN Much Warmer in Des Moines and Light Snow is Driven by Southwest Wind.

DES MOINES, Dec. 15 .- (Special Telegram.)-The backbone of the cold snap gave away this afternoon, when the wind veered around to the southwest, and the emperature began to rise rapidly. The minimum early this morning was 18 below zero, the lowest for December since 1886, and I degree below the Saturday mark. At o'clock this evening it was 6 above and ising, and a light snow began to fall. BURLINGTON, Ia., Dec. 15.-The ther mometer here marked 13 below zero at 4 m. The temperature moderated during the day, being ? above at 4 p. m.

COOPERAGE FACTORY BURNS Plant that Furnished All Sugar Trust's Barrels is Destroyed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 .- Fire tonight destroyed the large factory of the Brooklyn Cooperage company in Willamsburg. Sev inteen firemen were burned, some of them seriously. The plant is the most extensive of its kind in the country and furnishes he American Sugar Refining company with its barrels. The loss is estimated from \$150,000 to \$250,000. One of the injured firemen may lose the sight of both eyes.

FIFTY-SIX BUILDINGS BURN Fire Destroys Business Part of Salem at a Loss of Two Hun-

dred Thousand. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 15 .- The fire which started last night at Salem, seventy miles east of here on the Baltimore Thomas B. Southworth was destroyed by & Ohio railroad, destroyed practically the business part of that city. Fifty-six houses paper office, but the cause is unknown.

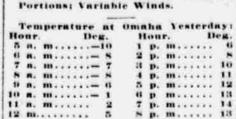
Drowns Inder Ice. PADUCAH, Ky., Dec. 15 .- Third Clerk

Rise of Twenty-Two Degrees Recorded Since Early Sanday Morning.

CONDITION GENERAL THROUGHOUT WEST

Omaha Gets About as Much Snow as Any Other Point, and that Hardly Enough to Measure on the Gauge.

Forecast for Nebraska-Fair and Warmer Monday; Tuesday Fair, Colder in Northern and Western



Nebraskans may turn down their coat colars and take off their ear tabs today. The cold wave is flapping itself out of the state were slaughtered by trains. and when the winds thus created are quieted the wave itself will be found to be a thing of the past.

- Indicates Below Zero.

on the decided fall in temperature that began Sunday with the first reading at 5 a. m., when the mercury stood at ten below, and continued until 7 p. m., when it reached Five persons are known to have lost their its day's maximum of 14 degrees above. Omaha's slight spow flurries were as heavy as any town experienced, for there the prairies and it is believed he has midnight and the rivers will likely slowly territory from which the local office received reports, the heaviest being .2 of an

inch at Havre, Mont. Omaha's experience of the last few days Three perished in the storm on the plains, may have some precedents, but not many one froze to death in the railroad yards The deluge of frigidity was heralded from the local bureau at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon and became apparent at 3 o'clock lins. Three of the dead were herders, one the following morning. At that time the a railroad man and the other a woman. mercury stood at 20 degrees above. By 7 o'clock Saturday morning it reached 16 below, which lacked but one degree of equalling the December record here, so far as

the local bureau can testify. Colder Elsewhere in Nebraska.

Yet it was not the extreme of the state, for at Valentine at 8 o'clock of the same morning (Saturday) the government's observer found 34 degrees below. This was the lowest temperature of which the bureau received any information during the present stage and will probably stand as the North Platte was but 4 degrees warmer. Precipitate and extreme as were the changes in Nebraska temperatures, there were even greater ones elsewhere. At St. Louis the extreme drop in the course of the wave was from 54 degrees above to zero. At Chicago it was from 48 above to 6 below

of the weather dispenser. After the 7 o'clock readings last night Valentine reported 12 above and North Platte 16 above. From all over the north and west came reports of a similar nature. indicating that the cold wave is practically a thing of the past, except possibly in the

The most acute suffering incident to the

change has probably been in the south, but

east, and there it is reported to be dwind-Local conditions were such last night the late afternoon hours were really a period of moderation. The wind blew with almost blizzard fury and ears grew white whenever long neglected. Few people ventured out and the city had a sepulchral appearance that will make most welcome bustle of business when it is resumed

less rigorous from this time on. STOCKMAN FROZEN TO DEATH T. Garnett of Trumbull, Clay T.

today under conditions espected to become

County, Perishes Looking After His Cattle. HARVARD, Neb., Dec. 15 .- (Special.) Word comes from Trumbull, in the northwest corner of this county, that as T. T. Garnett, about 60 years of age, living some three miles northwest of Trumbuil, was returning from a sale held by his son short distance from his home, he left the team and party with whom he was riding saying he would go and look after his cat tle and get them home. This was the last seen of him until yesterday, when he was

found frozen to death. BISHOP OF CHEYENNE DEAD Right Rev. Thomas Mathias Lenthen

D. D., Victim of High

Altitude. MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Dec. 15.-Right Rev. Thomas Mathias Lenihen, D. D., bishop of Cheyenne, Wyo., and one of the bes known men in the Catholic church of the west, died tonight at the home of his brother, Father Lenihen, M. C., where he had been for the last six weeks. He had been ill for a year and a half with heart disease, which had been greatly aggravated by the high altitude of the west. He was 57 years of age. His remains will be

taken to Dubuque Tuesday. JOHN SWINTON'S PEN AT REST Veteran Writer on Labor Topics

Passes Away at Age of

Seventy. NEW YORK, Dec. 15 .- John Swinton, for years a leader with labor organizations and a writer on such topics, died today in Brooklyn, aged 70. Mr. Swinton was a native of Warsaw, III., and for a long time was a printer. For more than thirty years he was connected with New York papers and at one time had a paper of his own

LIVES MORE THAN A CENTURY Mrs. Julia Lee Succumbs After One Hundred and Five

Years.

His wife survives him.

CARPENTER, Ia., Dec. 15 .- (Special Tele-

THERMOMETERS LOOKING UP WYOMING SNOW STILL DRIFTS HAVOC

Cold Weather Continues, but the Losses to Stock Prove Not to Be Extensive.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 15 .- (Special Telegram.) - The severe snow and wind storm which set in last Tuesday night, and which has been accompanied by the coldest weather seen in this state in many years, is still raging in some sections. Little snow is falling, but what has fallen is being Railroads Are Washed Off the Map and drifted badly by a high wind, which, unless it subsides during the night, may its up radical traffic completely. The snow

s fine and light and packs in railroad

cuts and other depressions solidly.

While the high wind and drifting snew will cause the railroads untold trouble and expense, the conditions are becoming more favorable for the stock interests of the state, for cattle and sheep will now be able to secure feed almost anywhere on the ranges, where the snow has been blown off. It is only when snow covers the ground to considerable depth and lies for a week 13 or longer that there are losses among Destruction and Death Are Widestock. The present storm has not been of S p. m..... 13 this character, although the suddenness of p. m..... 12 its coming and its severity for a period of this character, although the suddenness of several days have undoubtedly caused losses in some sections, but there are no official reports of any losses except where bands

of sheep sought shelter in railroad cuts and From the best information at hand it is safe to say that the losses date, except the railroad accidents, will At least that is the prospect as based probably not exceed a few hundred sheep. There has been no loss among cattle. The loss of life in Wyoming due to the blizzard is probably little in excess of ten persons. lives, five others are reported dead and one other has been lost for two days on

Of the known dead one died at Cheyenne, one at Hanna, one at Rawlins and two between Rock Springs and Green River. and one was run down by a train during the blinding storm a few miles west of Raw-Five herders were reported lost near

Point of Rocks and as their dogs came in town the men undoubtedly perished. A civil engineer named Hemingway who left Casper several days ago to visit a ranch got lost and searching parties are scouring the prairies for him. As he was tenderfoot his friends believe he is dead. RAWLINS, Wyo., Dec. 15 .- (Special Telegram.)-The weather cleared up in this vicinity today and it is claimed that the ioss has been only normal. Some bands of sheep were badly scattered by the storm record for the wave of December, 1901, and herders are busy trying to get them back to their ranges. Sheepmen who have just come in from

herders and saide from the sheep killed on the railroad, the loss has been light. MINNESOTA SUB-ZERO RECORD men of the western ranges feel that they. Lowest Notch is Reached at Last and

Mercury Starts Up

Again. ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 15 .- The official eport of the weather bureau tonight contains the news that the backbone of the affected. present cold wave has been broken. From all of the stations in the far northwest reports are to the effect that there has been a decided rise in the temperature. that people will find it hard to believe that most places giving readings of but slightly

elow the freezing point. Sub-zero weather continues to be recorted, however, but not of such intensity s shown by the map of the previous twenty-four hours. In St. Paul the maxinum today was 2 belowand at 8 o'clock the thermometer showed 4 above. The rapid rise in the northwest has induced snewstorms and cloudy weather, but the snowfall has not so far been heavy enough to

cause material delay to traffic. CHICAGO'S COLDEST DECEMBER

Keenest Day of the Month Since Rec-

ords Were Begun Thirty

Years Ago. CHICAGO, Dec. 15 .- This was the coldest day Chicago has experienced in the month upon the moorings at Brown's Landing beof December since the weather bureau was came intense. The barges tugged at the established here thirty years ago. For ropes, there was a sudden snap and like three hours this morning the mercury stood a vast floating pier the 175 barges swung 21 degrees below zero. Later, however, into the middle of the Ohio river. No the skies cleared and the wind which had person was on the barges at the time. been blowing from the northwest, died down, causing a gradual rise of tempera- danger to any craft that was below beture, and tonight the thermometer at the came imminent. It was impossible to stop local weather bureau registered but 3 degrees below zero. The predictions for tomorrow are moderate weather and a rising

temperature. While there was considerable suffering among the poor, many of whom were unprepared for the sudden change, no deaths pened. were reported today that could be attributed to the cold.

MONTANA'S TREMENDOUS SNOW

of the Heaviest Falls Ever Known-From Two to Six. Feet on Level.

BILLINGS, Mont., Dec. 15 .- Eastern Mon-

tana has been enveloped in one of the

heaviest snowfalls ever known. The snow

averages from two to six feet on the level

and railroad travel will be interrupted for the next few days. The thermometer is 20 degrees below zero here tonight, with a strong north wind at that point. At Braddock the water is blowing, which will drive it from 10 to two and a half feet deep in the pits of the 20 degrees lower by morning. All stock on the open prairie is suffering frightfully and unless weather changes come within the next twenty-four hours losses will be great. J. H. Phillips, a well known sheep man, left for Flat Mills, accompanied by

day that the whole party were frozen. DISTRESS ON TEXAS RANGES Bitterly Cold Weather Threatens

Heavy Losses to Live

Stock.

two herders, and a report reaches here to

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CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—J. W. Higgins, general superintendent of transportation of the Blames the Blames Central road, places the blame.

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Deluge of Rain Sends Eastern Rivers on Rietous Career.

HEAVY LOSSES THROUGH PENNSYLVANIA

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sprend as Result of the Elements' Mad War Against the Human Race.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 15.-Stage of the

river at midnight: Herr island dam, 25.7 feet and rising six inches an hour; Lock No. I. Monongahela river, 26.7 feet, rising six inches an hour; Davis island dam. Oblo river, 21.5 feet

rising six inches an hour. "One of the greatest floods in the history of Pittsburg was averted by the audden drop in the temperature. The rise at the headquarters of the Allegheny and

recede. The above statement was made tonight by Weather Forecaster Frank Ridgeway. At 10 p. m. the government thermometer registered 7 above, and Mr. Ridgeway says it will drop to zero by 8 o'clock in the

morning. The remarkable weather conditions that prevailed in Pittsburg and western Pennsylvania during the past week culminated today in a decided drop of the temperature, accompanied by a flood stage of water in the three rivers, which caused some suffering and many thousand dollars worth of damage. Part of Alleghany and Pittsburg were submerged, household goods and stores that were placed in cellars and basements were damaged, and coal flats on the rivers were twisted from their moorings and sent crashing down the Ohio, threatening destruction to whatever came in their

Warning Saves Much Property.

The low-lying land along the Allegheny side of the river were the first to be subthe Red desert say they know nothing merged by the rising water. Late tonight about the reported loss of life among the the river began also to encroach upon the low parts of Duquesne on the Pittsburg side. Forecaster Ridgeway's warning sent out last night resulted in the saving of much valuable property. The base ball grounds at Exposition park are under water tonight, and the tracks of the Pittsburg & Western railroad and the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg are submerged also. Celrs on Kilbuck, Robinson, Sand Anderson streets have one and one-half feet of water in them and much terror was expressed among the people who were directly

> Assurances from the weather bureau set their minds somewhat at rest, as the constant dropping of the thermometer indicates tonight that the rise will be over by morn-

> Swirling, crashing and carrying destruction to everything in their way, 175 empty coal barges and fifty loaded boats were torn from their moorings today and went

down the Ohio river at a terrific rate. Passenger Bont Barely Escapes

The packet Ben Hur was on its way to the Pittsburg wharf and, with a good passenger list aboard, barely escaped a calamity that might have resulted in great loss of life. The craft were the property of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company, constituting the upper and lower fleets, and were tied up at Brown's Landing between the Point and Davis island dam. The great amount of water that poured out of the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers during the day caused a strong, swirling current and the strain

As soon as they broke away the great the fleet, as the momentum of the barges grew stronger and stronger. Warnings and messengers were quickly dispatched along the lower parts of the river and the people in shanty boats and persons who had valuable interests were told of what had hap-

Carry Away Bencon Lights

When the runaways reached Davis Island dam they had become separated and were going at a high rate of speed. In going over the dam they carried with them the signal lights and a portion of the machinery. What other damage they may in-

flict cannot be predicted at this time. At Duquesne a fleet of twenty-five barges, moored at the dock of the Carnegle steel works, broke away and went plunging down the Monongahela river. Nineteen o the barges were heavily laden with coal and when they struck the pier of the Penn sylvania railroad bridge just below Port Perry all but three or four were smashed and sunk, completely blocking the channel American Steel and Wire company and has reached the floor of the plant. At Rankin the Monongahela Water and Power company has an inch of water in its plant and will have to shut down in the morning until the water recedes.

LOSS ALMOST UNPRECEDENTED

For Severity and Destructiveness the Flood is Unequaled in Twenty-Five Years.

PHILADELPHIA Dec. 15.-A storm which for severity and destructiveness has AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 15 .- The cold wave not been equalled in this section in twenty-At Southampton-Arrived-Bremen, from four months and their unprotected condi-New York, for Bremen.

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Innumerable washouts have occurred on the Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia & Mead.