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## STATE STORM SWIFT

Nebraska Visited by Severe Combination  
Wind, Rain and Snow.

### APPROACHES BLIZZARD IN PLACES

Worst of Years in Northern Section, Where  
Stock Seriously Suffer.

### FRUIT NOT FAR ENOUGH TO HURT BAD

Weather Most Severe for April Known in  
Many Years.

### OMAHA HELD TIGHTLY IN THE GRASP

Inclement Elements Introduced  
Thursday Night by Rain and Tem-  
perature Falls Twenty De-  
grees Before Day Dawns.

The severest storm of the season, including the beginning and ending of winter, yesterday, today and tomorrow, is expected to visit the entire Nebraska valley. From before daybreak until late in the night, it raged with relentless fury, leaving rain, snow, sleet and a terrific wind in its wake. It came from the northwest and extended as far south as Oklahoma and promising a complete abatement, according to the weather forecasters, until this afternoon. Fortunately it came too soon to ruin the prospect of fruit in Nebraska, at least, for the buds are not far enough advanced to be subject to serious injury. Live stock, however, suffered in some sections of this and other states. No mortality losses were reported in this section.

No storm of the winter season just closed compared with this one, for it combined nearly every disagreeable element, and continued with such incessant severity. Thursday night in Omaha and generally in Nebraska, a rain began falling. The mercury dropped and soon snow was drifting down in struggling flakes. Wind arose and all night these three elements prevailed. Fortunately, save the wind, which seemed to maintain the upper hand. By morning the temperature had fallen 20 degrees, registering 28 above zero. Early in the day sleet set in for a short period, but by 9 o'clock rain had again set in, and it held it until well into the morning, when snow once more came into being and finally triumphed over the rain early in the afternoon, continuing nearly throughout the remainder of the day. But the wind was so strong and constant and the temperature, which had moderated since morning to some extent, too mild, to permit snow to lie on the ground to any appreciable depth.

**Wind Fifty-Five Miles an Hour.**  
In Omaha, which was not the storm center by any means, the wind attained a velocity at 4:00 of fifty-five miles an hour. At various stages it was up to fifty miles. Up to 5 o'clock last night the total precipitation here amounted to about .20 of an inch. Much more than this was registered in other sections of the state, though, for down in the southwest part the snow was reported as being as much as six inches. Up in the northern part, as reported from Norfolk, it was driven by a furious wind, which was pronounced the worst blizzard of the season. Here stock is said to have undergone considerable suffering. Taken as a whole it is quite generally agreed that no April for many years had anything to compare with this storm.

**Yesterday afternoon Weather Forecaster** Weigh said:  
"The storm is general over the central valley, with rain, snow and high winds throughout the state. Rain and snow still continue east of the lake region. The storm is central over Des Moines, with a barometric pressure of 29.12. Here at Omaha the temperature was 30 at 7 o'clock this morning and the lowest recorded temperature during the night was 28. A fall of over twenty degrees since yesterday morning at 7 o'clock. The probabilities are for cooler over the central valley tonight and continued light snow or rain with heavy winds. The storm center is now over the west and is moving eastward. Locally the conditions promise cooler tonight, with high winds, with the probability of the storm breaking away tonight, though there is nothing very hopeful for Saturday. It will likely be warmer Sunday. The precipitation here was .24 of an inch. At Oakdale, it was .18 inch, at Tekamah .26 of an inch. The rain was a little lighter in other parts of the state. The highest wind velocity during the night was thirty-two miles and at 11:30 reached fifty miles per hour for a few minutes."

**No Letup Until Afternoon.**  
Last night about 9 o'clock he said:  
"I think the wind will not entirely subside until after noon Saturday and the temperature may be a little lower in the morning, though not appreciably so, than now."

Omaha fared very fortunately so far as serious results from the storm were concerned. A number of sign boards were put to somewhat of a test and some trimmings on old buildings had about all they could do to cling to their moorings; pedestrians, of course, were never away from their equilibrium, but public services did not suffer materially, except the wires of the Omaha Electric Light and Power company, which kept a large force of men busy throughout the day, the chief mischance of course, being the fact that the electric lines were pulled through the wires and material interruptions, the telephone and telegraph wires survived and no buildings gave way.

The wind was sufficiently strong, however, to blow down the ninety-five-foot stack over the Union block, Fifteenth and Furness streets. The stack, made of heavy sheet iron and stoutly wired, came down with such a crash that all the occupants of the building were aroused. In the fall the stack buckled, one end being supported by the wires and the upper part toppling over a broken mass into the area-way below. Except to the stack itself no damage was caused by its fall, which fact was the occasion for more or less surprise among the tenants of the building. The work of repairing the downcast smoke aperture was immediately started after the accident.

The Burlington weather report shows snow at all stations on the northern division of the system in Nebraska. On the Alliance and Sheridan divisions no snow is reported. This also is true of the western division. On the southern division about half the stations report snow. No rain is reported from any part of the state.

**One of Heaviest Snows.**  
Deputy Marshal J. O. Moore, who has just returned from the northern part of the state, reports it snowing heavily up about

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## FORESTS' EFFECT ON CLIMATE

German Savants Think Influence of  
Trees Has Been Over-  
estimated.

BERLIN, April 8.—The influence of the forest on climate was the subject of discussion at the annual meeting of the German Meteorological society here yesterday. The conclusions reached assigned much less influence to the forests than have been hitherto assumed. Prof. Schubert of Göttingen gave a summary of the results of his four years' observations at Prussian forestry stations throughout the extended wooded region of the northwestern part of Brandenburg. Two observations were taken daily at numerous points within the forests, in clearings and other points. The result was that from the minimum variations of temperature and humidity in the forests, and at more remote points, it was concluded that the forests had no appreciable influence upon the rainfall and general climate. It was pointed out in the debate following that the observations in the extended swampy regions of Russia gave similar results. Diagrams and tables illustrating the above experiments will be sent to the St. Louis exposition.

### SMALL DISTURBANCE AT BARCELONA

Republicans Jeer Minister, Royalists  
Cheer King and Gendarmes Alike.  
BARCELONA, April 8.—King Alfonso left Barcelona today on a visit to Genoa. His visit, however, suffered from a disturbance here last night. While the king was leaving the theater after the gala performance a party of republicans returning from a meeting attempted to make a demonstration against Premier Maura, shouting and whistling. The king, however, was not disturbed. There was some disturbance here last night. While the king was leaving the theater after the gala performance a party of republicans returning from a meeting attempted to make a demonstration against Premier Maura, shouting and whistling. The king, however, was not disturbed. There was some disturbance here last night. While the king was leaving the theater after the gala performance a party of republicans returning from a meeting attempted to make a demonstration against Premier Maura, shouting and whistling. The king, however, was not disturbed.

### OBSEV DANISH KING'S BIRTHDAY

Father-in-Law of Europe's Royal  
Honors Celebrated.  
COPENHAGEN, April 8.—King Christian today celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday in excellent health. United States Minister Swenson conveyed to the king a greeting and felicitations from President Roosevelt. Congratulatory telegrams were received from the various governments. Enormous crowds thronged the vicinity of the palace cheering the old monarch, who, with the king and queen of England, appeared on the balcony of the palace.

### RUSSIA'S HELP DURING CIVIL WAR

Incident of American's Interference  
Strife Recalled at St. Petersburg.  
ST. PETERSBURG, April 8, 5:38 p. m.—The Novoye Vremya today prints prominently an article from an American newspaper describing an interview between Emperor Alexander II and William Parker, the Philadelphia financier, formerly financial agent of the Russian government in the United States, on the occasion of the review of the Russian fleet at Constantinople in 1891, during which the emperor told Mr. Barker of his determination to consider Great Britain's recognition of the confederacy as a casus belli, and for that reason sent the Russian fleet to New York and San Francisco. The Novoye Vremya remarks:

Russia has not forgotten to honor the flag raised in 1862 by Russian squadrons at New York and San Francisco. The American newspaper which published the interview on April 4 for an unknown destination. While the departure of these newspaper men from Moscow has not been reported, it is possible that the correspondents referred to in the above dispatch are those who were to have left Moscow last Wednesday. Chempulov is about a two days' run from Moscow.

### RUSSIANS OBSERVE GOOD FRIDAY

Gather in Churches to Commemorate  
Tragedy of Golgotha.  
ST. PETERSBURG, April 8.—One hundred millions of the emperor's subjects today revived the tragedy of Golgotha. The Russian capital seemed plunged in grief. The busy hum of the metropolis was gone. The streets were deserted. All night and morning the church bells tolled mournfully, reminding the faithful of the betrayal of Gethsemane, Peter's denial, the trial before Pilate, the burden of the cross and finally the crucifixion. The scourging and mocking of the Saviour were impressively reenacted at the Alexander Nevsky cathedral, Antonius, the metropolitan of St. Petersburg, officiating.

The afternoon service at Isaac's cathedral was held the solemn ceremony of commemorating the three hours' agony, accompanied by a beautiful service of song. The interior of the great cathedral presented a wonderful scene when at last a silver cross, on which was pinned a picture of Christ crucified, was borne out through the inner golden gates to the shoulders of the black-garbed clergy to a magnificent sarcophagus erected in the center of the church. The vast congregation, consisting of over 10,000 persons, was on its knees, each person holding a lighted candle. Thrice the officiating bishop and deacons circled the altar and then all the lights were extinguished, and for hours thousands of people passed before the stateless, most of them sobbing and weeping.

### HONORS FOR RUSSIANS IN AMERICA

Cour Confers Decorations on Repre-  
sentatives as Easter Favors.  
ST. PETERSBURG, April 8.—Among the Easter honors conferred by the emperor, which will be announced tomorrow, are forty decorations of persons in the diplomatic service, three of which go to American officials. The Russian ambassador in New York is made a commander of the order of St. Vladimir. Albert Schillingbach, consul at Chicago, is made a commander of the order of St. Anne and Consul Struve at Montreal a commander of the order of St. Stanislaus.

The order conferred on Consul General Lodigensky is a very high one, given only for distinguished services and carrying with it hereditary nobility.

It is officially announced that in consequence of the departure of Russian representatives from Korea the portion of Russian interests in that country have temporarily entrusted to the French diplomatic and consular representatives.

A dispatch describing the burial of Russian seamen slain in the naval battle at Chemulpo says that a detachment of sailors from the United States gunboat Vicksburg as well as those from other foreign warships followed the bodies to the grave.

### FIND 50 RUSSIANS ON COREAN SIDE

Japanese Cavalry Enter With Equip-  
ment on April 8.  
(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.)  
NEW YORK, April 8.—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to the Bee.)—The Japanese advance cavalry reached Wiju on April 8. There were no Russians there nor on the Korean bank of the Yalu.

**Russia Will Release Refugees.**  
ST. PETERSBURG, April 7.—Through the United States government Russia has again been requested by Japan to allow the Japanese refugees on Sakhalin island to be transported to Japan. The foreign office has already expressed a favorable response to this request, but the delay in the completion of arrangements is due to the necessity of consulting the military authorities of the island. The United States government probably will send a neutral ship to take the refugees off the island.

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**New Road for California.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—Articles of incorporation of the Marysville & Susanville Railway have been filed with the county clerk's office, providing for a railroad from Marysville to a point in Honey Lake valley, at near Susanville, the route between these two places crossing the Sierra Nevada mountains and from Susanville a point on the boundary line between California and Nevada, the estimated length of the line being 125 miles. The capital stock of the company has been fixed at \$7,000,000.

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## COLONIAL TREATY SIGNED

Long-Pending Negotiations Between Eng-  
land and France Closed.

### COMPRISES THREE SEPARATE DOCUMENTS

Instruments Deal with Egypt and  
Morocco, Newfoundland and West  
Africa, Siam, New Hebrides  
and Madagascar.

LONDON, April 8.—The Anglo-French colonial treaty was signed in the Foreign office in London today. It comprises three separate instruments, the main features of which have been outlined from time to time in the Associated Press dispatches. The first instrument deals with Egypt and Morocco, the second with Newfoundland and West Africa, and the third with Siam, the New Hebrides and Madagascar.

By the terms of the treaty the present political situation in Morocco and Egypt remains unchanged and a full agreement is reported regarding Egyptian finances. Great Britain recognizes the right of France to guard the tranquility of Morocco, while France will not impede the action of Great Britain in Egypt and Great Britain adheres to the convention of 1880 for the neutrality of the Suez canal. It is agreed that public works and other undertakings in Egypt and Morocco shall remain in the hands of the respective states.

The freedom of trade in Egypt and Morocco is guaranteed for thirty years, and if the convention shall not be denounced before the expiration of that period it is to remain in force for four years more. In order to assure the freedom of the straits of Gibraltar, it is agreed that no fortification can be erected on the Moroccan coast between Melilla and the mouth of the Sebou river.

### Promote Mutual Assistance.

The two governments promise mutual assistance for the execution of these arrangements. In Newfoundland France foregoes exclusive fishing rights on the French shore, though retaining its right to fish.

The bail bill of 1886 is modified so as to give Newfoundlanders the right to sell bait to the French fishermen. Indemnities will be given the owners and employees of the French establishments on the Moroccan shore for the abandoned fishing rights.

France obtains three concessions regarding territory in West Africa. Under the terms of the first there is to be a territorial adjustment on the Zambesi, giving France access to the portion of the river navigable to ocean-going ships; under the second France secures six lots of islands and under the third there is to be readjustment of the frontier line between the river Niger and Lake Tchad, giving France a route through the desert to the sea.

In the case of Siam the two countries confirm the declaration of 1893, determining its precise meaning with regard to pre-existing differences.

With regard to New Hebrides the British and French governments agree to appoint a commission which will decide the land disputes between the inhabitants. Concerning Madagascar great British with-  
draws the protests made at various periods against the French economic regime there.

### SOUNDING DEPTHS OF OCEAN

California Expedition Finds Bitumen  
at Bottom of Abyssal  
Depths of Sea.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, April 8.—William E. Ritter professor of zoology at the University of California, has just returned from a voyage on the steamer Albatross, having been engaged for the last month in collecting specimens of sea life for scientific research. The entire month was spent in sounding and dredging the ocean off San Diego. Although most of the work was carried on about Point Loma, La Jolla and Catalina islands, some dredging was done about 200 miles off Point Conception, this being the farthest the steamer sailed from land. Here the abyssal depth begins, the soundings ranging anywhere from 10,000 to 14,000 feet.

"It was found that the great depths that we found the most interesting specimens of sea life," said Prof. Ritter. "There is an abundance of life there and it is surprising the range of color is astonishing. The prevailing life at the great depths is the star fish and the sea urchin. The sea urchin is most abundant in individuals and kinds."

Samples of the bottom were taken by the expedition at all places and scientists will be interested to know that bitumen was found in large quantities at the great depths.

### DISCUSS INDUSTRIAL AFFAIRS

American Academy of Political and  
Social Science in Session at  
Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, April 8.—A convention of national importance, especially to industrial interests, began here today, the American academy of political and social science. Nearly all great corporations and industrial interests were represented. The chair was occupied by Frank A. Vanderlip, former assistant secretary of the treasury.

The subject under consideration during the morning session was "The Government in Its Relation to Industry," which was subdivided and taken up in detail. The first branch of the topic was the "Government Regulation on Banks and Trust Companies," and addresses were delivered by William Barrett Ridgely, government controller of the currency, who spoke on "The Control of National Banks," Frederick D. Kilburn, New York state superintendent of banks, "The Control of Trust Companies," and Prof. Frederick A. Cleveland of the New York university, "The Financial Reports of National Banks as a Means of Public Control."

### QUARREL ENDS IN TRAGEDY

Barber Out of Employment Shoots  
His Wife and Then Kills Him-  
self at Denver.

DENVER, April 8.—D. S. Waycaster, a barber, shot and killed his wife and then attempted suicide by shooting himself in the neck. He is now in the county hospital and has a chance for recovery. Waycaster, who was out of employment, quarreled with his wife and mother-in-law several days ago and was compelled to leave the apartment of the latter. Today he returned and told his wife that he was penniless and starving and asked for money to buy food. This was refused him. A quarrel followed, resulting in the shooting. The Waycasters came to Denver from Asheville, N. C., about two years ago.

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## PROF. BROWNE IS NO HERETIC

Methodist Minister Is Acquitted of  
Charges by Committee of  
Church.

NEW YORK, April 8.—In the New York conference of the Methodist Episcopal church today the committee to which had been referred the charges of heresy against Prof. Borden P. Browne of Boston university reported that it had found that none of the five specifications in the charges had been substantiated and that it therefore acquitted him. This closed the case, as the action of the committee was final.

Shortly after the report of the committee was read, Rev. C. S. Wing, presiding elder of the Brooklyn north district, announced that new charges of a different nature had been lodged with him by Rev. Mr. Cooke against Prof. Browne. These accusations were three in number and in substance were as follows:

First—That he was guilty of writing libelous articles in the Zion Herald in 1899. These articles editorially attacked Edwin S. Redkey, a Methodist minister, and caused a suit for libel to be instituted against Chas. Parkhurst, the editor. Dr. Redkey received a verdict for \$3,000 and Parkhurst appealed. That he did not write the articles complained of. The case is in the Massachusetts courts.

Second—That he was guilty of making statements to reporters of the Boston post defaming the character of others when talking about the case just decided.

Third—That he had stirred discussion in church writing in the Methodist Review, May, 1898, on "Ethical Legislation in Church," he characterized the methods of some other clergy as "fussy."

The charges were placed in the hands of a committee, which subsequently recommended that they be not considered and the recommendation was adopted by the conference.

### HARRIMAN SEEKS CONTROL

President Hill Ventures Opinion Re-  
garding the Northern Pa-  
cific Deal.

CHICAGO, April 8.—In an interview relating to Northern Securities matters the Record-Herald quoted James J. Hill, who was in Chicago today, as follows:

Mr. Harriman undoubtedly is trying to secure control of the Northern Pacific. That is easy enough for anyone to see. However, the laws of several of the states prohibit the ownership of the Northern Pacific by one man. It is not possible for him to acquire such ownership or control and I presume he would be prevented from accomplishing his purpose by those laws.

Asked whether Mr. Harriman would secure control of the road in event the courts should rule against the Northern Pacific stockholders, Mr. Hill replied: "He would not. In the Harriman-Pierce petition it is stated that Mr. Harriman received nearly 500,000 shares of Northern Securities stock in exchange for Northern Pacific stock. When asked why this sum was given Mr. Harriman, Mr. Hill replied:

"It was part of the purchase price of the common and preferred Northern Pacific stock held by Mr. Harriman. He sold his Northern Pacific stock absolutely, and did not exchange it." In speaking of the Pierce suit, Mr. Hill said:

"Mr. Harriman claims that it is a friendly suit; that is all I know about it."

### WILL APPEAL BOTKIN CASE

Prosecution Expects to Issue War-  
rant Charging Prisoner with  
Murder of Mrs. Deane.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—In view of the notice given by Attorney Knight that an appeal would be taken from the conviction of Arthur C. Botkin, who was found guilty of the murder of Mrs. Dunning, District Attorney Byington has notified the witnesses for the prosecution who came from Dover, Del., to remain here temporarily.

It is understood that the district attorney to have a warrant issued for the arrest of Mrs. Botkin, charging her with the murder of Mrs. Deane, a sister of Mrs. Dunning. The evidence in the case was obtained by the district attorney through the aid of the Delaware justice to be taken while they are in the jurisdiction of the court.

It is estimated that the cost to the state of the prosecution of Mrs. Botkin thus far amounts to \$50,000.

### HEARST CONTROLS IN KANSAS

Count of Delegation Shows Twelve  
Out of Twenty Are  
Out for Him.

WICHITA, Kan., April 8.—M. F. Immen, Hearst's personal manager, claims a majority in the Kansas delegation, which yesterday was counted by the anti-Hearst element. He gave out today signed interviews by several of the doubtful delegates who had been counted against the New York editor. Those delegates, who thus are classed as sure Hearst men, have expressed themselves for him, are: Delegate-at-large, Sam L. Hay, J. N. Haymaker, J. G. Johnson and H. P. Farrelly; district delegates, O. P. Beards, C. W. Oswald, T. W. Morgan, W. H. L. Pepperell, A. S. Keuper, W. P. Dillard, J. M. McCoun and A. M. Jackson. This gives Hearst at least twelve out of the twenty delegates, and his friends claim even more than that.

Hale, Haymaker, Pepperell, Kemper and Dillard were claimed by the opposition.

### FATAL TORNADO IN TEXAS

Three Persons Killed and Several  
Injured by Wind Storm at  
Mexico.

HOUSTON, Tex., April 8.—The tornado which passed over the town of Mexia killed three persons and injured nine others, three of whom, it is feared, fatally. The dead:

JOHN BALLARD.  
MRS. BALLARD.  
Four-year-old child of the Ballards.

The names of all the injured are not known, but reports today from Mexia are that two of them will die. Those known to be injured are:

George Parsons.  
Grace Livingston.  
Lemuel Hobbs.  
Patrick Lucey.

The Ballards were killed outright. Many houses were demolished and much damage was done to growing crops.

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## WORK ON DIET ICH REPORT

Senator Platt Now Engaged in Writing the  
Findings Committee.

### BAXTER'S COMMISSION NOW ENROUTE

South Dakota Delegation to Have  
Another Conference with Presi-  
dent Regarding the Rose-  
bud Bill.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, April 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Platt of Connecticut began writing his report on the Dietrich case today. While the report has been dis-  
counted in view of the evidence brought out at the trial of the case, interest, however, centers in the wording of the document. Just how far the committee will go and whether it will call attention to the failure of Summers to prove by his witness testimony that the evidence against the Dietrichs is problematical. Unquestionably the verdict will relieve Senator Dietrich of responsibility, although occasion may be taken to indicate the committee's views regarding the making of leases and making of postmaster as well. It is thought that the committee will have a meeting early next week to hear Senator Platt's report. The procedure after the report has been presented to the senate is the same as any other report, differing only in that it is not attached to a bill, but reports to the senate findings of fact, which the senate will adopt and the Dietrich case will be a closed incident.

**Baxter's Commission Mailed.**  
Judge Baxter's commission as United States district attorney for the district of Nebraska was mailed by the attorney general's office to the new appointee last night.

**Conference on Rosebud Bill.**  
It is expected that the South Dakota delegation will have another conference with the president tomorrow on the Rosebud bill. Captain Seth Bullock, scout, ranchman, hunter, first sheriff of Deadwood, S. D., and superintendent of the Black Hills forest reserve, an old-time friend of the president from his ranching days, will in all probability accompany the delegation and join in urging the president to sign the bill should it pass. Captain Bullock believes the president is misled regarding the value of the lands to be opened to settlement in the Rosebud reservation. Should the president, however, still insist on holding out for a higher price, then the delegation will pass the bill, leaving it with the executive to decide whether the bill shall or shall not become a law.