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TAFT ADDRESSES EDITORS OF OHIO

President Tells Republican Newspaper Men He Believes Party Will Win in November.

MUCH DEPENDS ON PAPERS

Critics of Administration Tell Only Part of Truth.

MANY OBSTACLES TO OVERCOME

Fog Will Clear and Real Issues Will Come to View.

INDIANA DISTRICT FOR TAFT

Third District Convention Held at Jeffersonville Endorses President and His Administration.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 31.—President Taft in an address to more than fifty republican editors of Ohio today declared that he believed the party will win in November, but said much of the brunt of the fight will rest on the editors.

The president confessed that he had forgotten much about Ohio politics, but said he depended on the editors to bring a victory in the fall. He said in part:

"The party has had during the last two or three years a hard time, but it is not the first time in its history it has had to go over rough places. It is not the first time in history when it has been unjustly attacked; when it has been misunderstood by the voters and its own members, and it is not the first time in its history when I verily believe this coming campaign is to show that it had the power in itself to overcome obstacles and to win victory again and show that it is the real agency in the United States upon which real progress can be based.

Whole Story Not Told.

"The truth is that we have not had the whole story told and we have not been out in such a way that the issue can be distinctly made and the facts bearing on that issue brought out. There has been a great deal of fog. But I think when we get stripped for the fight and get down to the arena with only two antagonists and the parties drawn up on each side we shall be able to show a warrant for our continuance in power that a common sense and discriminating people cannot ignore.

"Upon your energy and faith in republican principles and in your belief that the party has a large future of usefulness before it rests the question whether we are to be successful in the coming campaign."

Indiana District for Taft.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Jan. 31.—Endorsement of President Taft was the principal feature of the Third district congressional republican convention here today.

PROHIBITION CALL IS ISSUED

Convention Will Meet at Atlantic City July 10.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—Prospects for victory of the cause of national prohibition of the liquor traffic are bright, says Charles R. Jones, chairman of the prohibition national committee, in the official call for his party's national convention, which he issued today.

The convention will meet in the Steel Pier at Atlantic City, N. J., July 10 next. A candidate for president and vice president will be nominated.

The basis of representation as fixed by the committee follows:

Each state and territory is entitled to four delegates-at-large.

Each state is entitled to an additional delegate for each 200 votes or major fraction thereof, cast for Eugene W. Chafin for president in 1908.

OLD PROSPECTOR KILLED BY TRAIN AT DEADWOOD

DEADWOOD, S. D., Jan. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—His deafness prevented Mike Cassidy, an old-time prospector, from hearing the approach of the Spearfish train on the Burlington, just south of here, and before the train could be stopped he was ground to pieces. Cassidy, who has lived in the Hills for many years, is supposed to have relatives in Nebraska, who are being sought. He was about 65 and single.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Generally fair; colder.

For Iowa—Unsettled; colder in west portion.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

5 a. m.	22
6 a. m.	25
7 a. m.	27
8 a. m.	27
9 a. m.	26
10 a. m.	25
11 a. m.	26
12 m.	26
1 p. m.	26
2 p. m.	26
3 p. m.	26
4 p. m.	24
5 p. m.	23
6 p. m.	22
7 p. m.	21
8 p. m.	20

Comparative Local Record.

	1912.	1911.	1910.	1909.
Highest yesterday	27	54	34	26
Lowest yesterday	20	34	16	2
Mean temperature	23	44	25	14
Precipitation	T	.00	.00	.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature	21
Deficiency for the day	7
Total excess since March 1	224
Normal precipitation	.02 inch
Deficiency for the day	.02 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	16.14 inches
Total rainfall since March 1	13.76 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1910	15.18 inches
Excess for cor. period, 1909	5.13 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State of Weather.	Temp. 7 p. m.	High-est.	Rain-fall.
Cheyenne, clear	26	34	.00
Davenport, raining	32	32	.00
Denver, clear	28	38	.02
Des Moines, snowing	26	36	.01
Dodge City, clear	24	40	.00
Lander, clear	30	36	.00
North Platte, clear	34	42	.00
Omaha, cloudy	31	37	.00
Pueblo, clear	32	42	.00
Rapid City, cloudy	34	38	.00
Salt Lake City, clear	42	44	.00
Santa Fe, clear	34	36	.00
Sheridan, cloudy	34	38	.00
Sioux City, cloudy	28	36	.01
Valentine, part cloudy	34	38	.00

T indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

The National Capital

Wednesday, January 31, 1912.

The Senate.

Convened at noon.

Final consideration of children's bureau bill begun.

Fight on disposition of steel tariff revision bill opened.

Detective Burns testified in Lorimer election investigation.

The United Machinery company denounced as illegal conspiracy before senate interstate commerce committee.

Costa Rican naturalization treaty favorably reported.

Passed the Borah bill to create a children's bureau in the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Steel tariff revision bill referred to the finance committee without discussion. Senator Reed withdrawing his demand that the committee report within twenty days.

The effort to fix a date for closing debate on the arbitration treaties was crowded over until tomorrow.

The House.

Met at noon.

Representative Berger introduced a bill for government acquisition of railroads, telegraphs, telephone and express properties.

Revision of chemical and sugar tariff schedules will be taken up next, Democratic Leader Underwood announced.

Woman's Christian Temperance union leaders before judiciary committee.

Margin Test Cost Sheets Go to Stock Buyers Every Day

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—Further light was thrown on the use of the margin system in the dressed beef business in the packers' trial today.

Government Counsel James M. Sheean continued the direct examination of Herman Potthof, a margin clerk for the National Packing company, and brought out that the daily margin summaries played an important part in the purchasing of cattle by the packers.

Copies of these summaries, the witness said, were sent to each cattle buyer daily and were an important factor in determining the price paid for the animals.

By means of these margins summaries the government declares the packers are enabled to keep a close check on the work of the cattle buyers.

Potthof was followed by George D. Roberts, manager of the Hammond company at Bridgeport, Conn., a selling agency of the National Packing company in New York.

"While you were in New York did you ever obtain the daily margins and selling prices from Armour, Swift and Morris and telegraph them to your office in Chicago?" he was asked.

"Yes, when Everett B. Dill, the manager, was away I did it," replied Roberts.

"In your telegrams did you not designate Armour and company by 'A', Morris and company by 'E', and Swift and company by 'H'?"

"Yes."

Roberts' testimony corroborated that of Everett B. Dill to the effect that the New York representatives of Armour & Co., Morris & Co., Swift & Co., and the National Packing company daily exchanged information in regard to the tonnage, margins and selling prices on dressed beef and telegraphed it to the main offices in Chicago.

Dill was manager of the National Packing company in New York.

Woman Classifies Attitude of Men on Liquor Question

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—"Men are divided into three classes: Those who love their liquor, those who sell liquor and politicians who are on both sides of the question."

Mrs. R. F. Irwin of Washington, Ga., made that statement to the house committee on judiciary today at the conclusion of her speech urging a law forbidding interstate traffic in alcoholic liquors. Feathers on the hats of a hundred women nodded approval.

Representative Carlin of Virginia rallied to the defense of the men. The committee looked pleased until Representative Rucker of Missouri spoke up:

"I believe all of us are on one side of the question," he said, "but some of us don't like to talk about it."

Darrow Will Move Today to Dismiss Indictments

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—Technical motions attacking the two bribery indictments on various grounds will be made tomorrow on behalf of Clarence S. Darrow, when the former chief counsel for the McNamara brothers is arraigned before Presiding Judge George H. Hutton of the superior court.

Darrow said today that his attorneys were preparing a demurrer. They will also move to dismiss the two indictments. These two preliminary movements will be made of record merely to preserve Darrow's rights as a defendant, his attorney asserting that they want a verdict of "not guilty," not one of "not proven," which would be the result in effect of a dismissal of the cases before they could go to a trial jury.

Dakota Democrats Favoring Wilson

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 31.—Indications at the democratic conference here today are declared to point to the adoption of a progressive platform as the principal action to be taken. The admirers of Governor Wilson of New Jersey, insist that he is the choice of a majority of the delegates for presidential candidate.

HOMESTEADERS IN MEADE ISSUE APPEAL FOR AID

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 31.—Homesteaders of Meade county have issued an appeal for aid, declaring that many are in danger of starving as the result of crop failures of the last three years. Clothing, fuel and food are asked for.

The appeal is endorsed by George P. Budweiser, United States commissioner, who has charge of the relief work.

STEEL COMPANY FILES ITS REPLY

Answer to Petition for Dissolution Makes General Denial to Government's Allegations.

NO MONOPOLY IS ATTEMPTED

Organization of Subsidiary Companies Not Against Law.

SAYS ROOSEVELT NOT DECEIVED

Purchase of Tennessee Corporation to Avert Panic.

STOCK HELD BY MANY PERSONS

Allege Cost of Steel to Consumer Cheapened, Foreign Trade Increased and Number of Competitors Growing.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 31.—The United States Steel corporation today filed its answer to the petition of the federal government in which the court was prayed to adjudge the steel company illegal and in restraint of trade.

Broadly speaking the answer is a general denial to the allegations of the government. It defends the organization of the subsidiary companies, denies that they were formed in violation of the anti-trust act, claims that they were a normal and necessary development of the times, and insists that instead of restraining trade or commerce, they have developed and increased the same.

The answer is made in the name of the United States Steel corporation and its various subsidiary companies, and it is joined in by the following individuals: J. Pierpont Morgan, Elbert H. Gary, Charles H. Schwab, Charles Steele, Henry C. Frick, James Gayley, William H. Moore, James H. Moore, Percival Roberts, Jr., Daniel G. Reid, Norman B. Ream, George W. Perkins and Peter A. B. Widener. The array of counsel includes Lindabury, Depue & Faulks as solicitors and Joseph H. Choate, John C. Johnson, Francis Lynde Stetson, David A. Reed, Raynal C. Bolling and Richard V. Lindabury as counsel.

Formation of Trust.

The answer begins with reviewing the events that led up to the organization of the present steel corporation and describes how the Federal Steel company acquired the Carnegie Steel company, the American Steel and Wire company, and others through negotiations conducted by J. P. Morgan & Co. Later, when the need for additional ore supplies was felt, the steel corporation acquired the properties of the Lake Superior Consolidated Iron mines. The steel corporation was formed and its properties acuired, the answer declares, for the purpose of effecting economies by integrating the plants and the processes employed in the manufacture of steel, and to reach the principal markets of the United States and of foreign countries and increase the [illegible] products therein.

"If any of the companies acquired by the steel corporation," the answer declares, "had been organized for the purpose or with the effect of restraining trade or commerce, or if they constituted an attempt at monopoly or a monopolization of trade or commerce, neither the organizers of the steel corporation nor the said corporation had any knowledge or information thereof when the said companies were acquired."

Continuing, the answer recites that the Steel corporation made its purposes and the details of its organization public in a variety of ways, and says that the attention of the officers of the United States government was particularly directed to said organization at the time it was effected. Only within a few months has any department or responsible officer of the government criticised the Steel corporation as being a combination in restrain of trade, or a monopoly.

Too Late for Dissolution.

The answer then sets forth that the Steel corporation has cheapened the production of steel to the consumer; that it has increased its foreign trade from $9,000,000 in 1901 to $20,000,000 in 1911; that it has not suppressed competition; that the number of competitors in the United States has largely increased since 1901, and that its stock has been sold several times over and is now held by a multitude of small investors in this and foreign countries. The defendant then submits:

"That after acquiescing in the organization of the Steel corporation for so long a time, and after rights of so sacred a character have grown up hereunder, it is now too late for the government to insist in a court of equity that such organization was in itself and without regard to its after practices an illegal thing."

The answer further declares that the proposition to purchase a majority of the stock of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company came from Grant B. Schley and was taken up on account and only on account of the representations made on behalf of said Schley that nothing but such purchase would save Moore & Schley from failure. Messrs. Gary and Frick of the Steel corporation went to see the president of the United States on November 4, 1907, and laid the situation before him. The answer denies that Messrs. Gary and Frick failed to disclose to the president all the facts bearing upon the proposed purchase, or the occasion for making the same which were pertinent thereto, or that they made any mis-statement or misleading statement of any sort or character to the president regarding the financial situation in New York or regarding the wishes or attitude of themselves or the Steel corporation with respect to the proposed purchase. It admits "that the president stated that he did not feel it to be his duty to prevent the proposed transaction," and says "that in reliance upon said statement Messrs. Gary and Frick returned to New York, whereupon the purchase was completed." The answer denies "that the Tennessee company was a strong present or probable future competitor of the Steel corporation at the time of its acquisition by the latter."

Freedom of Trade Encouraged.

The answer says that "continuously since the organization of the Steel corporation it has been the declared and consistently followed policy of said corporation to encourage rather than restrain the utmost freedom of trade and commerce; to refrain from acts of op-

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While He Waits

Bryan Had His Trousers Pressed While Waiting for a Train.

From the Washington Star.

CHAMP CLARK'S NAME FILED

Falls City Democrats Petition to Have Him Run for President.

SAME ONES AS FOR HARMON

Prospect is for One of the Longest and Most Complicated Primary Ballots Ever Voted on in Nebraska.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Champ Clark of Missouri was the only entry made today in the presidential race, and his sponsors say he desires the democratic nomination. As practically the same persons signed his petition as vouched for Harmon the day before there is some question whether they intend to withdraw one of the entries later or in the parlance of the race track run them coupled. The filing was sent in by mail by John H. Hutchings of Falls City and is signed by the following, all residents of Richardson county:

John H. Hutchings, W. T. Fenton, G. W. Morris, Charles Loree, John Gagnor, L. C. Edwards, R. A. Weltzel, George G. Greenwald, W. K. Greenwald, J. F. Coupe, Jacob Bloom, G. Burgner, R. F. Morgan, J. F. Frederick, J. S. Lord, W. Boose, W. H. Crook, I. B. Whittaker, A. E. Jaquet, L. L. Aldrich, J. R. Jaquet, G. Hullor, W. J. McCrary, M. L. Wilson, F. W. Parchin, T. L. Hiemmelfech, A. F. Harlow, George Prator, H. M. Jenney, R. R. Simpson, T. J. Oliver, J. E. McFarland, Henry Gerdes, J. F. Higgins, Henry Shaw, H. C. Davis, C. C. Davis, Clyde Davis, Frank Smith.

Martin Perfects Filing.

Attorney General Grant Martin this afternoon made his personal filing as a candidate for re-election. With the single exception of Dr. Winnett, railroad commissioner, all the present state officers who have not declared themselves out of the running have filed their primary petitions.

Auditor Barton is a candidate for the republican congressional nomination in the Fifth district and Land Commissioner Cowles is not a candidate for re-election.

Some time ago a statement was published that Dr. Winnett would not seek the office again, but when asked concerning it he replied that the statement was made without authority and that in due time he would make his intentions known.

I. D. Evans of Kenesaw obtained filing blanks today and probably will formally enter the race for the republican nomination for state auditor within a few days.

Bartling Makes Filing.

H. H. Bartling, republican, sent in his filing today as candidate for senator from the Cass-Otoe district, but failed to accompany it with a receipt from the county treasurer. The secretary of state notified him of the omission and is holding the papers.

With Wilson, Harmon, Clark, Folk and possibly some others asking for the preferential vote of Nebraska democrats in the primary and two, and possibly three, sets of candidates for delegates on the republican ballot, the judges at the primary election can contemplate one of the liveliest times of their lives counting up the vote, and when they have finished up this task they can start in on the state and county tickets, which promise to be as long and disturbed as a mince-pie dream.

Corrick Rejects Plan.

Secretary Corrick of the La Follette league has rejected the plan proposed by John O. Yeiser to divide the delegation to the national convention and says the supporters of the Wisconsin man will go it alone. He says that the name of La Follette will be placed on the primary ballot and the delegates who represent him will be pledged, if elected, to vote

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Thorne Charges Bad Faith on the Part of Western Railroads

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—Charges of bad faith and attempts to deceive were made against railroads by Clifford Thorne, state railroad commissioner of Iowa, during the hearing on the new rate schedules proposed to be put in effect in certain western states February 15, before George N. Brown, chief examiner for the Interstate Commerce commission, here today.

"The railroads are all attempting to inaugurate a system of higher rates which were prohibited by the Interstate Commerce commission in a decision in February, 1911," said Mr. Thorne. "They are now trying a subterfuge in attempting to force this classification into effect."

Replying to Mr. Thorne's statement, Chief Examiner Brown said:

"The railroads have expended $250,000 and three years' time apparently to unify their western rates, but I assure you if the commission finds that they are attempting to create a general material increase in rates and evade the previous ruling of the commission, that the schedule will be suspended 120 days."

Mr. Thorne urged repeatedly that none of the commissioners had been given ample time to investigate the new rates thoroughly.

New York to Begin Inquiry Into High Prices of Food

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—District Attorney Whitman announced this afternoon that he has decided to institute "John Doe" proceedings before a city magistrate in order thus to investigate the high cost of food products. He has decided to take this course because of the many complaints he has received since the grand jury took up the investigation of the advanced price of butter. The "John Doe" proceedings will begin as soon as the grand jury investigation is finished, probably within a week.

WOMAN TIED TO HARROW IS SUING FOR DIVORCE

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 31.—Hearing of the divorce suit brought by May Choat against Lafayette Choat, who was sent to jail on a charge of felonious assault because he drove his wife about the fields hitched to a harrow, began in the Jackson county court at Independence today. Choat is contesting the suit in which his wife alleged extreme cruelty.

The case of Choat, a middle-aged farmer, first came to the attention of the county when Mrs. Choat with her two small children appeared in the juvenile court here. She told of being tied to the harrow because her husband was jealous of her, and of being beaten because she could not keep pace with the horses. Choat was sentenced to thirty days in jail.

BUTTON LEADERS ASK CHANGE OF VENUE

MUSCATINE, Ia., Jan. 31.—Attorneys for Emmet Flood, the Chicago labor leader, and O. C. Wilson, local button workers' business agent, recently indicted for conspiracy in connection with the button workers' strike here, today filed motions for change of venue from the Muscatine district court. They charge that it would be impossible to obtain a fair trial because of widespread prejudice in this section.

MINE CAGE DROPS 200 FEET

Eight Men Injured in Accident at Danville, Ill.

ENGINEER LOSES CONTROL

Cage Coming Up Empty is Thrown from Mouth of the Mine—One of the Injured Will Probably Die.

DANVILLE, Ill., Jan. 31.—Eight men were injured, four seriously, by the falling of a mine cage crowded with men going to work in the Electric Coal mine, six miles west of Danville, today. The cage dropped about 200 feet.

It was stated by the mine owners that the engineer in charge of the cages lost control of the machinery, causing one cage with its human freight to drop to the bottom of the shaft, and the other, going up empty, to be thrown from the mouth of the mine.

The most seriously injured are:

D. Schonlans, who is hurt internally and has both legs broken; will probably die.

Joe Botnovish of Streator, Ill., legs crushed and injured internally; condition serious.

Frank Deutrohx, both legs broken and internally injured; may die.

Camille Forrier of Hillery, injured internally; condition serious.

The other men suffered broken legs and were otherwise bruised.

Watches Bought by Cheyenne Defaulter Sold by Bondsmen

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Sam Bergman, a local pawn broker, today purchased from George W. Hoyt, postmaster, a miscellaneous collection of watches, numbering 224, for $1,000 cash. These watches are a part of the collection of bicycles, motorcycles, jewelry, vacuum cleaners, typewriters, lawn mowers, baby carriages, etc., found at the home of Joseph Kingham, assistant postmaster, who, while in charge of the money order department of the Cheyenne postoffice, embezzled $25,000, and who was last fall sent to the Fort Leavenworth military prison for a term of five years. Postmaster Hoyt and Kingham's bondsmen took possession of the above mentioned collection, which Kingham had been years gathering.

A singular feature of today's purchase of 224 watches is Bergman's statement that, with few exceptions, these watches were purchased from him by Kingham from time to time, Kingham paying in the aggregate therefor the sum of $6,000.

Postmaster Hoyt recently shipped to Denver eighteen motorcycles, the majority of them brand new. These motorcycles were purchased by Kingham from time to time and will, it is understood, be marketed by a Denver concern.

FOLK KEEPS OUT OF ST. LOUIS PRIMARY

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 31.—Former Governor Joseph Folk refused today to participate in the democratic presidential primary in St. Louis because he held that every member of the democratic city committee under whose auspices the contest is to be held either filed or was a member of the Champ Clark delegation from his ward.

In a letter to Herman W. Fay, chairman of the committee, Leon Sanders, campaign manager for Folk, declared a primary held under such conditions would be a political farce.

The primary will be held February 12 to select 236 delegates to the democratic state convention to be held in Joplin February 20.

COURT WILL QUIT PEKING IN MONTH

Edict of Abdication is Signed, but Emperor Will Not Leave Capital at Once.

WILL RETAIN EMPTY TITLES

Emperor and Princes to Be Given Liberal Pensions.

TERMS MADE WITH REPUBLICANS

Yuan Shi Kai is Endeavoring to Prevent Outbreaks.

MARTIAL LAW IN TIEN TSIN

Many Officials Seek Shelter in Official Concessions—Armistice Renewed Monday is Being Disregarded.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The edict of abdication of the Chinese throne has been signed, according to a message from Tien Tsin. The court will not quit Peking for a month, as the Manchu troops of the garrison threaten to shoot the royal family and the princes if they attempt to leave the capital.

A terrible panic among the officials in Tien Tsin has caused many of them to seek shelter today in the foreign concessions. Martial law has been proclaimed in the native city. The mayor has resigned and, fearing that the lives of the members of his family are endangered, has sent his family to the French concession.

The armistice between the imperialists and republican forces which was officially renewed yesterday is being disregarded by the republican troops according to a news agency dispatch received here today from Tien Tsin.

PEKING, Jan. 31.—The imperial foreign board announces that the empress dowager informed the members of the cabinet at their meting in the palace today that the throne has decided on a solution of the situation which would insure peace. She instructed the ministers to arrange accordingly.

It is believed that Premier Yuan Shi Kai and the republicans are now in complete agreement. While he is endeavoring to pursuade the recalcitrant Manchu elements to accept abdication peaceably Yuan Shi Kai is taking measures to prevent any outbreak on their part from becoming serious.

An imperial edict issued tonight foretokens abdication and indicates that Yuan Shi Kai has discovered a way to escape acceptance of the marquisate offered to him by the throne. The edict consents to a request from Yuan Shi Kai, in which he states that he does not dare to persist in his refusal of the title, but begs the throne to delay honoring him until peace has been restored.

It is understood the imperial family has accepted the conditions laid down by the republicans and that abdication will be announced immediately. At a conference yesterday between the empress dowager, Prince Chun, the ex-regent, and Prince Ching, the former premier, it is believed to have been decided that the imperial family and princes would abdicate if they were allowed to retain their empty titles, reside in Peking or elsewhere at their pleasure, and receive annual pensions aggregating 2,000,000 taels (approximately $2,000,000), and that the transference of power would be carried out with as little loss of dignity to the throne as possible.

SEVERE EARTH SHOCKS ARE RECORDED BY INSTRUMENTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—An earthquake shock of some severity was registered on the seismograph at Brooklyn college this afternoon. The record began at 3:30 o'clock and continued until 4:09 with a shock occurring at 3:41.

Professor Glover, in charge of the seismograph, estimated the distance of the disturbance at about 1,000 miles. He said the shock was not of pronounced severity.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—All five instruments at Georgetown university today recorded a heavy seismic disturbance, estimated at not less than 2,000 miles distant from Washington.

The disturbance lasted from 3:28 to 4:02 and appeared to be following an east and west direction. Observers say the record was of a very pronounced character.

HEAVY SNOW IS LIKELY IN NORTHEASTERN IOWA

MASON CITY, Ia., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Heavy snow has been falling here. Nearly six inches is on the ground.

National Guard Officer Shot.

WEBSTER CITY Ia., Jan. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Corporal Carl Horn last night accidentally shot Lieutenant Isaac Beckner through the thigh and hand while at indoor rifle practice at the armory. Beckner was standing near the target when Horn's gun went off accidentally.

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