

RAILROADS HELD UP BY THE STORM

Iowa Lines in Worst Condition in Many Years from the Snow.

BLOCKADE AT MASON CITY

All Roads Entering Are Tied Up Until 4 O'clock Yesterday.

THEATER TRAINS ARE LATE

Afternoon Performances at Several Theaters Are Called Off.

SNOWBLOWS CALLED INTO USE

Lines to the West Are in Better Condition and Are Able to Keep Their Tracks Open During Storm.

Billiards in Iowa and Minnesota have completely disrupted all railroad schedules, for with the exception of the Burlington, trains on all lines into Omaha are from twelve to twenty-four hours late. The Northwestern train due at 7:30 Sunday morning from St. Paul was blocked in Minnesota and in consequence was nearly fifteen hours late. A special train on the Northwestern carrying the theatrical companies having engagements here left St. Paul early Sunday morning and was due yesterday afternoon. It was delayed in the blizzard, but in finally got through, arriving here at 7:45 last night. Because of the delay matinee performances at the Krug and Gayety were called off. The afternoon show at the Orpheum was also called off because of the late arrival of the trains.

At Shelby, Ia., snowdrifts were so large that the Rock Island due Saturday morning at 8 o'clock did not get through until 7:15 Sunday morning. On the Great Western no trains arrived all day Sunday.

According to railroad reports, drifting snow has not caused so much trouble for years. All over Iowa, eastern Nebraska and Minnesota traffic is blocked and trains are snowbound. Late last night the Northwestern and the Rock Island began to send out snow plows to battle with the drifts, which in some places are more than fifteen feet high.

Drifts at Mason City.

MASON CITY, Ia., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—So far as the five lines of railroads in this city are concerned they have today faced the worst condition in years. Not a passenger or freight has moved a wheel, being completely tied up by the blizzard yesterday and last night, lasting until 4 o'clock this afternoon. Tonight the Chicago & Northwestern were starting its trains out of here and the Chicago & Milwaukee will start snow plows out. Snow is piled fifteen feet high in places and the cuts are full. It will take several days to open them. The Rock Island expects to send its rotary plow out tonight.

Brandeis at Kearney Lauds La Follette

KEARNEY, Neb., Feb. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Louis D. Brandeis last night spoke at length on the trust problem as seen by the progressive republicans. He paid tribute to the business ability of Robert M. La Follette, the biggest business man, he said, in the country. He went into the details of reassembly for the combination of industrial forces as advocated by La Follette, stating that unless a business could give a reasonable reply to the proposed object of a combination, the combination should be refused.

The proposed revision along the lines worked out by the Wisconsin senator with the cessation of the statute of limitations during litigation pending an investigation and putting the three times actual damage clause into effect was explained.

Mr. Brandeis took special pains to explain the desirability of the reduction of wages and the employment of foreigners by the steel trust as typical methods of trust methods.

BURROWES NEW PRESIDENT OF ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Alexander J. Burrowes, S. J., president of Loyola university here, resigned today and left for St. Louis, where tomorrow he will be installed as president of St. Louis university. His appointment came from the general superior of the Jesuits in Rome several days ago, but he did not notify even the faculty of Loyola university until today. It being his desire to avoid a demonstration on his departure.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair; warmer.
For Iowa—Fair; warmer.
Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Deg.
5 a. m.	22
6 a. m.	22
7 a. m.	22
8 a. m.	22
9 a. m.	22
10 a. m.	22
11 a. m.	22
12 m.	22
1 p. m.	22
2 p. m.	22
3 p. m.	22
4 p. m.	22
5 p. m.	22
6 p. m.	22
7 p. m.	22

MODERATING

Comparative Local Record.	1912	1911	1910
Highest yesterday	22	20	20
Lowest yesterday	2	19	24
Mean temperature	12	19	24
Precipitation	.00	.00	.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:
Normal temperature for the day..... 32
Deficiency for the day..... 20
Normal precipitation for the day..... .00
Total excess since March 1, 1911..... .00
Normal precipitation for the day..... .00
Deficiency for the day..... 32
Precipitation since March 1, 1911..... .00
Deficiency since March 1, 1911..... 32
Deficiency for our period, 1912..... 32

Lexington Man Meets Death While Making Visit to His Mother

LAPERR, Mich., Feb. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles G. Ryan, of Lexington, Neb., who left his home here about twenty years ago for the west, returned yesterday to visit his aged mother. Her home is about a mile from the station and Ryan walked the railroad track as a short cut to the vicinity. When within forty rods of his mother's house he stepped from one track to another to avoid a freight train. An express train struck him, killing him instantly.

East Gets Cold Wave; West is Comfortable

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Bitterly cold weather will visit the eastern and southern states the first of this week, but there will be little snow or rain. The weekly forecast of the weather bureau tonight can see nothing but pleasant winter conditions generally after the cold wave shall have passed. The forecast says: "Unusually cold weather the first two days of the week in the eastern and southern states will be followed, by a reaction to higher temperatures in this region by the middle of the week. Over the middlewest, the Rocky mountain region, and the Pacific slope temperature during the week will average near or above the normal. There are no indications at the present time that another cold wave will cross the country during the coming week.

J. B. Donovan Dies of Heart Disease

John B. Donovan, well known newspaper man of Madison, Neb., died yesterday morning at the home of his sister, Mrs. McGale, 98 North Tenth street, after a long illness.

Ten Oystermen Thought Drowned

TIGHMANS, Md., Feb. 4.—Ten oystermen are believed to have been drowned in the Choptank river when their boats were carried into the open waters in the ice jam that began to move early this morning with the gale that swept over Tighmans island.

Four Are Drowned; Ice Bridge Breaks

NIAGARA FALLS, Feb. 4.—The ice bridge which formed just below the falls broke at noon today. Mr. and Mrs. Parker, of Syracuse, and William E. Hiscok, of Cleveland were drowned in the whirlpool.

KIMMEL INSURANCE CASE WILL BEGIN ON TUESDAY

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 4.—Federal Judge Amidon of North Dakota, will preside in the United States district court Tuesday when the case of the First National bank of Niles, Mich., against the New York Life Insurance company is called. The case involves the identity of A. J. White, the former New York convict, who claims he is George A. Kimmel.

IOWA BANKERS' ASSOCIATION TO PAY REWARD TO OFFICERS

DES MOINES, Feb. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The Iowa bankers' association will pay rewards of \$1,000 each for conviction of James Burns and John Wilson for complicity in the robbery of a bank at Derby last November. The amount secured at the robbery was \$4,000. One other was acquitted and it is supposed two others were concerned in the robbery and are yet to be tried.

SETTLEMENT WORKERS LOSE QUARTERS THROUGH FIRE

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—More than 200 residents of the Hull house apartment on the west side were called from their sleep early today when fire destroyed a portion of Bowen hall, one of the group of settlement buildings. Two floors of the building, which is a three-story structure, were burned. The hall was a gift to Hull house from Mrs. Joseph T. Bowen, wealthy Chicago society woman.

HUGE ICE BRIDGE MOVES; THREE DIE

Great Frost Bound Structures Across Niagara River Goes Out Without Warning.

THOUGHT TO BE PERFECTLY SAFE

Crowd of Enthusiasts Caught Upon Massive Ice Floe.

HUSBAND DIES WITH WIFE

Woman Falls Exhausted Seeking to Climb to Safety.

YOUNG MAN OFFERS RESCUE

Turns Back to Give Aid and Aid Costs Him Life—Many Endangered and Thrilling Scenes Are Enacted.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 4.—The great ice bridge that has choked the river channel between the cataract and the upper steel arch bridge broke from its mooring at noon today and went down the river, taking with it to their death a man and a woman, said to be Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Stanton of Toronto and Burrell Hiscok, 17 years old, of Cleveland, O. Four other persons were on the ice at the time but managed to get ashore in safety.

The bridge was considered safe. For weeks the great field of ice had been coming down the river, piling up against the barrier until it was from sixty to eighty feet thick, and under the influence of zero weather the great mass had become firmly anchored to the shore. The jam was about 1,000 feet in length, and in some places a quarter of a mile in breadth.

Excursionists' Come. For two weeks it had offered safe passage to the hardy, and today an immense crowd of excursionists came to view the winter wonder of the river. Had the accident happened an hour later in the day hundreds would have lost their lives, for the crowd was moving into Prospect park in the elevators that run down the cliff for the purpose of venturing out upon the ice.

Somewhat deep in the great whirlpool tonight sleeps the man, partially identified as Mr. Stanton, who twice put aside chances of rescue in order to remain with his terror-stricken wife, and who in the shadow of death, just at the break in the rapid, spurred assistance for himself and attempted to bind about the woman's body a rope dangling from the lower steel arch bridge. The lad, Burrell Hiscok, was cast in the same maelstrom. Had he not turned back on the ice to give assistance to the man, he too, might have made the shore.

Mill Girls Warning. On the bridge, at the time it tore free from the shore, besides the three were Mounts Gilbert and the Italian, both of Cleveland, Hiscok's companion, William Hill, an old river man, William Lablond, river man, and an unidentified Italian. Hill's shack was nearest to the American shore. When he heard the grinding and crashing of the ice, he ran at top speed toward the Canadian shore, calling on the others to follow him. Lablond gave him warning that safety lay in that direction, the terrified outbreak of the Italian followed their lead, but the others became confused, by the time they had reached their composure, the bridge was moving fast down the river.

The man and woman started first towards the American shore, but they were stopped by a lane of open water. They ran towards the Canadian side, turned about and made for the American side. When hardly more than fifty yards from the rocky shore the woman fell on her face, utterly spent.

Woman Gies Up. "I can't go on; I can't go on," she cried. "Let us die here."

All the time the great field of ice, driven onward by a southwest gale and pressed by a jam broken free from its anchorage near the base of the horsehoe fall, went on breaking the terrific outbreak of the Niagara Falls Power company's tunnel outflow, the mightiest current in all the river, without being broken.

As the woman fell the man strove to get her to her feet again, and tried to drag her along the ice, calling for assistance to both and Hiscok, who were present. Hiscok turned back to the couple and helped support the woman. The act cost him his life. Both struggled along over the hummocks of ice, getting close to the open stretch of water at the Canadian end of the jam.

There were men on the shore ready to give him assistance, Lablond, Hill, William Cook and Superintendent Harry King of the Ontario Power company, but they were stationed at the bottom of the cliff just at the foot of Chestnut street.

Both was afraid to trust himself in the icy waters. Lablond jumped out to the field of ice with a rope and half carried, half dragged the boy ashore.

FAMOUS KENTUCKY GUN MAN DIES NATURAL DEATH

CRAB ORCHARD, Ky., Feb. 4.—After figuring in many Kentucky shooting affairs, Grove Kennedy, 58 years old, at one time a noted outlaw, later a convict in the Frankfort penitentiary, and the father of three murderers, died a natural death today at his home near here.

Mutual Compliments



From the Brooklyn Eagle.

TAFT SUSPENDS INDIAN RULE

Favors Permitting Use of Religious Garb at Schools.

COMMISSIONER VALENTINE'S ACT

Declares Prohibitory Regulation Which Would Exclude Catholics from Schools Made Without Consulting Heads.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—President Taft has suspended Commissioner of Indian Affairs Valentine's present order, which prohibited the wearing of distinctive religious insignia and religious garb at school exercises in the Indian schools.

In a letter to Secretary of the Interior Fisher, which was immediately forwarded to the commissioner, the president ordered Mr. Valentine's action held up until a hearing could be given to all interested parties. The president said the question was "one of great importance and delicacy" over which the commissioner had not consulted either with Secretary Fisher or himself.

"I fully believe in the principle of the separation of the church and state and which our government is based, but the questions presented by this order are of great importance and delicacy. They arise out of the fact that the government has for a considerable period certain schools the purpose of which is to be conducted by distinctive religious societies or churches. As a part of the arrangements then made the school employees who were in certain cases members of religious orders, wearing the distinctive garb of these orders, were continued as teachers by the government and by using of the civil service commission or by legislative action have been included in the classified service under the protection of the civil service.

"The commissioner's order also necessarily amounts to a discharge from the federal service of those who have been retained. This should not be done without a careful consideration of all phases of the matter or without giving the persons directly affected an opportunity to be heard."

Wireless Call Saves Crew from Drowning, But Vessel Goes Down

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 4.—The British steamer Conso, cotton-laden, from Galveston for Hamburg, flame-swept in a long, futile race for port, sank early today, forty miles south of Cape Henry. Its crew of thirty-four men, refugees on the British steamer Castle Eden were landed at Newport News.

It was another triumph for inter-communication among ocean craft, for the Castle Eden, headed from Savannah for Norfolk, picked up the wireless call for help from the imperiled crew on the Conso and rushed to give assistance. The battleship New Jersey, on its way north from the Guantanamo drill grounds, also heard the call. The New Jersey sent the first word to shore of the rescue of the men by the Castle Eden after the fire which had started early yesterday morning off the North Carolina coast had gained, sped headway as to imperil the lives of the crew. The revenue cutter Onondaga stood by the burning vessel as it sank. The Onondaga returned to Hampton today.

Million Dollar Fire in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 4.—Fire, which did damage amounting to \$1,000,000 swept the block bounded by Vine, Wood, Franklin and Eighth streets tonight.

TOPEKA ORDERED TO PAY REGULAR RATES FOR LABOR

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 4.—The state labor commissioner has ordered the city of Topeka to pay the current rate of wages to the men to whom it gives work for charity. During the recent cold spell the city officials organized gangs of unemployed, sent them out to trim the trees and paid them \$1.50 for eight hours' work. The current wage is for \$1.75 a day.

WARRANTS OUT FOR OFFICERS OF WASHINGTON-ALASKA BANK

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Feb. 4.—Warrants were sent yesterday from the United States marshal's office here to Seattle for the arrest of Falcon Joslin, John Schram, W. H. Parsons, F. E. Barbour and E. L. Webster, former officials of the Washington-Alaska bank of Washington, which on October 1, 1910, was merged with the Fairbanks Banking company to form the Washington-Alaska bank of Nevada. These men were indicted by the federal grand jury that adjourned recently. The text of the indictments has not yet been made public.

ELOPERS IN DOUBLE SUICIDE

Ex-Wife of New York Millionaire and Plumber Husband Dead.

LIE DOWN BEFORE GAS RANGE

Mother of Young Woman First to Suspect and Forces Entrance into Apartments Where Tragedy is Disclosed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Double suicide today ended a sensational romance of the former wife of Walter L. Suidam and Frederick Noble, the young plumber, for the love of whom Mrs. Suidam ran away from her millionaire husband and married. The bodies of Noble and his bride of a month were found in their New York apartment today. The couple had been asphyxiated by gas.

The suicide pact, the discovery of its results by Mrs. John J. White of Washington, the mother of Mrs. Noble, and other features of the case were sensational.

TRAIN BURIED IN THE SNOW

Passengers Without Food for a Day Until Relieved.

PASSENGERS GO FOR RELIEF

Two Break Way to Farm House Mile Away and Secure Food for Fellow Passengers—Testimonial Signed.

In the shape of a made-up train, with a mixture of perishable freight, express and mail cars, Chicago & Northwestern local train No. 20 reached Council Bluffs yesterday morning in charge of Conductor Loom after its passengers and crew had undergone an experience that all will remember the remainder of their lives. The train was stuck in the snow half way between Scribner and Cornish, Neb., from 5 o'clock Saturday morning until after midnight yesterday morning. The engine battled with the furious billows of snow until the opposing forces gained the mastery and the steam giant came to a standstill. Then the spiteful winds seemed to attempt to cover it up entirely and hide the string of coaches under a mountain of snow. The snow heaped up around the engine until the surface was on a level with the headlight.

There were twenty-eight passengers on the train and none of them had anything to eat all day except what the newby had had and he was soon sold out. The storm raged with such fury that every person realized that it meant death to attempt to leave the train and seek help. The train blew at a speed of half way between thirty and sixty miles an hour, and a thermometer hung on the platform of one of the coaches indicated a temperature of 25 degrees below zero.

Late in the evening the storm abated enough for two of the passengers, A. J. Kramer of Council Bluffs and W. H. Kramer of Chicago, both widely known traveling men, to brave the danger and go to the farm house of Henry Priester, around five miles away. They were accompanied by a delivery man, I. Lindsay, Neb., about a mile away, and secure enough food to appease the hunger of the passengers. Mr. Priester and his brother helped to carry it back to the buried train.

It was a representative class of American men and women aboard the train, and it was all that Messrs. Kramer and Priester could do to prevent themselves being made heroes of. To a testimonial of their bravery these names were attached:

A. A. Foreman and granddaughter, Alton, Neb.; Mrs. G. Robinson, Perry, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Broger, Lindsay, Neb.; T. H. Davey, Fremont, Neb.; Earl McCarty, Leota, Neb.; Charles E. Doolay, Chicago; Mary Crasie, Platte Center, Neb.; Lillian Dress, Platte Center; Fred Zag, York, Neb.; Mrs. D. H. Westfall, Polk, Neb.; Gus Anderson, Newman Grove, Neb.; H. F. Reed, Omaha; Vincent Bergen, Spaulding, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Emma Callers, Newman Grove, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pringle, Leola, Neb.; John Wenzel, Newman Grove, Neb.; Leon Walslow, Leola, Neb.; F. A. Fritton, Clarkson, Neb.; George Engel, Clarkson.

ROOSEVELT DELEGATES WILL BE ON OHIO BALLOT

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 4.—The names of two candidates for presidential delegate pledged to the support of Theodore Roosevelt in every congressional district of Ohio in the May primaries, according to a prediction made today by Walter H. Brown, chairman of the republican state central committee and head of the progressive republican movement in Ohio.

In a statement made public here Mr. Brown said: "It can be accepted beyond any question whatever that Colonel Roosevelt, though in no sense seeking the nomination, will yield to the genuine popular demand for his leadership."

REPLACE BURNED DEPOT IN A DAY

Northwestern at Council Bluffs Brings Every Workman Available to Big Task.

BUILDING READY THIS MORNING

Work Started Before Fire Had Burned Out.

AGENT MONTGOMERY GETS BUSY

Division Heads Rush Material to Spot by Daylight.

CARPENTERS FROM MANY TOWNS

Old Freight House Destroyed by Fire Saturday Night and New One 320 Feet Long Now Under Roof.

To sustain on Saturday night the complete loss of its big freight depot with every scrap of its office furniture and all other working paraphernalia and be ready for business at 7 o'clock Monday morning, nearly completing in the meantime a new building 320 feet long has been achieved by the Northwestern at Council Bluffs. Division Superintendent F. H. Hammill and Division Engineer H. R. Hightington of the Council Bluffs-Boone division of the Northwestern have been in charge of the successful bit of work.

CHANGES MADE IN OPERATION OF THE MILWAUKEE RAILROAD

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Changes in the operating department of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway were announced today. They include abolishment of the office of general superintendent of the system and district general superintendents. H. B. Earling, a brother of the president of the road, will be assistant general manager. However, each of the three divisions of the road will be made complete in itself, so far as possible, each with its own general superintendent. The basis of this, it is announced, is to eliminate detail in the field office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARIES FAVOR UNIFORM STANDARD

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 4.—When the second day's session of the conference of general secretaries and field workers of the International Sunday School association was called to order today, there were in attendance 20 delegates, representing 150,000 Sunday school pupils in North America. A resolution favoring a uniform standard for the Sunday schools throughout North America, regardless of denomination, was adopted.

A vacant house today is a rented house tomorrow if advertised in the Bee.

Hundreds of houses are rented every week through the Bee Want Ads. Rates one cent a word when the ad runs two or more times.

Telephone Tyler 1000.

French Aviator Gets Fall. Army Captain Seriously Injured in Falling Two Hundred Feet.

VERMILION, Feb. 4.—Captain Le Maguet, a military aviator, while making a flight today, fell from a height of 200 feet. He was taken from the wreckage in a critical condition.