

# GALES BLOWING OVER GREAT LAKES

Twenty-five Vessels Known to be Braving Their Fury and Seeking Home Ports on Last Trip.

## STORM RAGES IN OHIO VALLEY

Telegraph Service Badly Demoralized—In Western Pennsylvania Several Deaths Reported.

Cleveland, Dec. 13.—With 25 vessels today braving the gales and ice of the Great Lakes, nearly all on their last trip, the shipping season of 1909 is practically at an end. It is believed that within 24 hours the lakes will be cleared of boats and that the end of the wrecks and loss of life is at hand. Only one boat now is known to be in peril. That is the car ferry Astabula, which is on a sand bar at the entrance to the harbor at Port Burwell, Canada.

A heavy sea is raging and there is danger that the boat will go to pieces. There is not much chance of its being rescued for the crew of 31 on board here, as they are near shore and can be rescued if necessary.

Of the 58 sailboats downed on Lake Erie last week, only nine bodies have been found. These were picked up in a yawl off Erie, Pa., yesterday, all being from the car ferry Bessmer and Marguerite No. 1.

Because of the heavy seas, no effort is being made today by Cleveland boats to find the bodies of the missing from the steamer Clarion and the car ferry.

## EXTENSIVE STORM CENTERS IN OHIO VALLEY

Chicago, Dec. 13.—An extensive storm covering all the districts east of the Rocky mountains centered today in the Ohio valley and hampered the transmission of messages by telegraph companies. The greater part of the damage was in the eastern districts, where sleet, freezing as it struck the wires, put many lines out of commission. East of Pittsburgh communication was continued with difficulty and the telegraph service was almost completely prostrated.

In spite of the storm centering over Indiana and Ohio, the Great Lakes are practically little disturbed, the precipitation being snow instead of freezing sleet.

## WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA IN GRIP OF THE STORM

Pittsburg, Dec. 13.—A severe sleet and windstorm crippled wire communication east of this city today. Already several deaths have been reported from western Pennsylvania, and the damage is expected to be heavy.

From 9 o'clock until nearly noon it was almost impossible to get through to the east by wire. After that time, however, a few wires were brought into some kind of working order.

The telegraph companies entertain hopes of getting back to normal conditions by tonight or tomorrow morning at the latest.

In spite of the storm apparently was in the Allegheny mountains. In that vicinity the heavy snow, sleet and wind were of great violence.

Wires, fences and barns were leveled. At Chambersburg, Latrobe and Greensburg, deaths are said to have occurred from the wind and cold.

## HOBBART M. CABLE DEAD.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Hobart M. Cable, president of the Hobart M. Cable Piano company died yesterday after a prolonged illness. He was 62 years of age.

Mr. Cable was born in 1847, the eldest of three brothers, who came to Chicago at different times and became prominent in the manufacture of organs and pianos.

## CITIZENSHIP FOR PORTO RICANS

Washington, Dec. 12.—Extension of American citizenship to Porto Ricans who desire it and without forcing it upon those who do not, is recommended by Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs in his annual report made public today.

## C. B. WITHINGTON DEAD.

Was Inventor of the First Automatic Grain Binder.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Charles B. Withington, inventor of the first automatic grain binder and known as the "Father of the Grain Binding Industry," died last evening at his residence in Janesville, Wis. He was born in Middlebury, N. Y., in 1829, and settled in Janesville 62 years ago. Withington began to experiment in the early sixties along the line of an improved grain binder. In 1870 he obtained a patent for an invention which has revolutionized the agricultural industry. His figures sold the patent to Cyrus H. McCormick of Chicago. From this time until 1884, he was associated in business with McCormick, and he did special experimental work for the McCormick interests in his shop at Janesville in the 19 years following.

He left a widow and three daughters. The daughters are Mrs. Herman E. Dick of Chicago, Mrs. Norman W. Church of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Harry F. Martin of London, England.

## EMMA GOLDMAN.

Sorry for Women Who Think Ballot Will Make Them Free.

New York, Dec. 13.—Emma Goldman is sorry for the poor, deluded women who imagine that the ballot will make them free. She said so in about 10,000

# SENATOR RAYNER ARRAIGNS ZELAYA

Unsparring in His Denunciation, Terming Him One of the Criminals of the Age.

## FREEDOM AFTER FIFTY YEARS OF PRISON LIFE

Winsted, Conn., Dec. 13.—After spending the last 50 years of his life in the Connecticut state prison at Wethersville, John Warren, 71 years old, is expected to gain his freedom, as a Christmas gift, two of Warren's brothers are said to have received assurances that his appeal will be granted this week.

Warren was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1858 for killing his 18-year-old wife by holding her head under water of a brook.

## RUSSIAN POLICE RENEW RAIDING

London, Dec. 13.—A St. Petersburg correspondent says wholesale arrests of stenographers and typewriters, and of Moscow. The police raided numerous dwellings and says they found many compromising documents and much seditious correspondence.

The persons arrested include Prof. Sakawloff of St. Petersburg university, M. Schuchinsky and 12 clerks found in his house, Mmes. Kusova and Rejva, the well known novelist and editors of the magazine Bolye.

## HALF A MILLION STENOGRAPHERS IN COUNTRY

New York, Dec. 13.—Organizers have begun work in this city to recruit members for an international union of stenographers and typewriters. The organizers say that there are 500,000 stenographers and typewriters in the United States and Canada eligible for their union, the principal object of which will be to bring about uniformity in wages.

## JUDGE LURTON NOMINATED FOR U. S. SUPREME BENCH

Washington, Dec. 13.—The president today nominated Horace H. Lurton of Tennessee to be an associate justice of the supreme court of the United States.

Judge Lurton is a Tennessee man and was appointed judge of the Sixth circuit by President Cleveland, March 27, 1893. He was a Democrat in politics at that time.

President Taft was himself a judge of the Sixth circuit at the time he was appointed governor of the Philippines in 1898, and it was his association with Judge Lurton that gave him such a high opinion of the legal qualifications of the Tennessee jurist.

## WAR ON WILD ANIMALS.

Trained Hunters Employed in Oregon Forest Reserves to Destroy Them.

(Special to The News.)

Portland, Ore., Dec. 13.—Bitter warfare is to be waged against predatory wild animals in the Pacific northwest by the National forest service, which has just made an appropriation of \$1350 for training professional hunters for this section of the country. This amount has been allotted to the Wallawa, Whitman, Malheur, Fremont, Umatilla and Deschutes national forests, and the young of Wensha and Wenatchee national forests in Washington.

The object of securing hunters is not only to protect stock grazing on the forest reserves under permit but to safeguard game animals, such as deer, elk and mountain sheep, as well as game birds. Cougar, lynx and other predatory animals are the greatest menace to the growth of game herds. Cougar and lynx are regarded as a greater menace to game than are hunters, and it is the duty of the young of other animals are the prey of the savage wildcats.

Eight professional hunters have been employed on the national forests of the state at intervals during the past year and they have killed a total of 591 coyotes, 21 bears, 8 wolves, 21 wildcats and 3 lynx. Not only has the destruction of these animals been a great saving to the stockmen but to farmers living near the national forests, whose poultry and domestic stock suffer from the raids of wild animals.

## AMBASSADOR BACON'S COLLAR BONE FRACTURED

Westbury, N. Y., Dec. 13.—Robert Bacon, ambassador-designate to France, has postponed his departure for Paris until late in December on account of the fracture of his collar bone sustained in a fall from his horse last Thanksgiving day.

Mr. Bacon was obliged to submit to a slight operation last week after an X-ray had disclosed the existence of a splinter on his collarbone.

The picture also showed that four ribs were broken in the fall. Mr. Bacon is improving rapidly and expects to be entirely recovered in about a fortnight.

## INCREASED COST OF LIVING.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 13.—The cost of living in New Jersey has gone up 37 per cent in the past 10 years, according to Chief W. C. Garrison, of the state bureau of statistics. He figures, moreover, do not take any luxuries into account, but are based merely on the prices of actual necessities. Mr. Garrison purchased goods in all parts of the state and has stated the morning cost of a test bill of household necessities.

## MUST HAVE LICENSES.

Willard Hansen, state food and dairy commissioner, has discovered that a majority of local retail merchants have been selling oleomargarine in place of butter without taking out a license for the same. Mr. Hansen secured the names of retail dealers from a wholesale house in the city and stated the morning that he proposed to take action against them and compel them to comply with the law.

## COMMITTEE MEETING TODAY.

The buildings and grounds committee of the city board of education is meeting at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon to prepare reports to be submitted at the regular meeting on Tuesday night. The members of the committee on teachers and school work will meet at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon for the same purpose.

# WINNER OF THE PRIZE POEM.

To the author of "The Paradise Quest," Mrs. Amelia Beckwith Gattrell, 423 Third East street, has been awarded the prize of \$25 for the best poem submitted in the Christmas News poem contest. This makes the third time Mrs. Gattrell has secured the prize.

The poem without the envelope containing the true name of the author reached the committee of Judges two weeks ago. Following the announcement in Saturday's News, Mrs. Gattrell this morning called at The News office with a duplicate copy of the poem and established identity of authorship.

## KING LEOPOLD'S DAYS NUMBERED

Official Bulletin Says Unless Immediate Change Occurs an Operation Necessary.

Brussels, Dec. 13.—King Leopold was reported as dying today, but the report lacked confirmation.

It is known that his majesty has reached a critical stage, but death may not be at hand.

A consultation of physicians was held this morning when it was decided that if there was no change for the better by tomorrow, an operation would be performed. Another consultation will be held tonight.

Following the consultation this bulletin was issued:

"Although the night was passed calmly the king's condition is not improved. Unless an immediate change occurs an operation will be necessary. Royal Chaplain Laeken remains at the palace prepared to administer the last sacraments."

The king slept intermittently last night. During one period of wakefulness he sent for his private secretary, Baron Goffinet, who remained several moments in the chamber. Immediately following this the king's condition the king summoned his lawyer and a notary with whom he had a prolonged interview, presumably relative to his will. Subsequently he received the papal nuncio, who brought the benediction of the holy father; and the Spanish minister. The mayor of Brussels came to the castle to deliver the good wishes of the people of Brussels and to express the popular hope that his majesty would recover, but the king was too tired to receive him.

King Leopold's mind remains clear and he insists on talking about affairs of state.

This afternoon he summoned his youngest daughter, the Princess Clement.

## JOCKEYS RETURN FROM RUSSIA

New York, Dec. 13.—J. Richards of Detroit, and James Wingfield of Lexington, Ky., two American jockeys who have been riding in Russia, are back in New York for the winter. Wingfield, who is said to have made nearly \$100,000 in his work in the saddle, will ride next year at Warsaw for Prince Lohmimir.

Richard last season wore the colors of Lazaroff, the Russia oil magnate. Next year he will ride for Count Palin of Germany.

## OFFICIALS FILE BONDS.

John S. Bransford is to be the head of the city administration for two years at least, according to the bond which was filed at the City and County building this morning. It was for \$5,000 and was signed by Ezra Thompson and J. C. Lynch, the same names which appeared on a similar instrument two years ago. Both bonds will run up one year by his election to the position of city recorder. It was given by the American Surety company.

## ZELAYA IS RULING WITH A HAND OF IRON.

Political offenders, real and suspected, crowd the jails. The government's allowance for the food of these prisoners is absurdly small, and as a result many are half starved.

The routine of their prison existence is broken by beatings which the authorities order from time to time for the prisoners as have gained the displeasure of the ruling power. The men in chains number several hundred.

Among the first to appear at the fire was W. H. Miller. He was in a saloon a few doors away when someone called to him that his place was on fire. He ran to the place and with the assistance of several other men attempted to remove his piano. The instrument had just been started toward the door when the partition between the boiler room and the basement burst into the dance hall. The flood of flames shot up between the partitions and were roaring to the top floor.

## NICARAGUA HAS DECLARED FOR ZELAYA

Berlin, Dec. 13.—J. W. Pein, Nicaraguan consul general at Berlin, today issued a statement to the public, saying:

"The whole of Nicaragua has judged the treason of Estrada and has declared for President Zelaya. Some of the revolutionary leaders have already left Estrada's flag and sought safety abroad. The government troops will quickly restore order."

"That the United States should recognize the rebels as belligerents is unthinkable because the United States has engaged by treaty with the Central American states to refuse to time for such of the revolutionary leaders as have movement to attain power through revolution."

"Dr. Salvador Castillio, the Washington agent of Estrada, has indeed expressed the desire for such recognition, but the idea is laughable. The revolt is now localized, being limited to a few places on the east coast."

## WEATHER REPORT.

Generally Fair Tonight and Tuesday.

## TODAY'S TEMPERATURES.

6 a.m.	25
7 a.m.	27
8 a.m.	28
9 a.m.	30
10 a.m.	32
11 a.m.	33
12 noon	34
1 p.m.	35

## YESTERDAY'S RECORD.

Highest	33
Lowest	22

# PARK CITY FIRE THREATENED TOWN

Maple Hall Burned to the Ground Yesterday, Entailing Big Losses.

## FIVE PERSONS WERE INJURED

None of Them Seriously Hurt—Many Had to be Awakened From Their Slumber in Doomed Building.

(Special to The News.)

Park City, Dec. 13.—Fire, which threatened to again wipe out the heart of the city here yesterday afternoon, resulted in five men being injured slightly, the thrilling escape of one man from the burning building, the complete destruction of Maple hall, used as a hotel and business block and the destruction of other buildings, furniture and clothing to the extent of \$25,700.

THE INJURED.

John C. Hayes, lessee of rooming house, severely shaken by dropping from sign on second floor. Taken to hospital.

Robert Hanley, miner, burned about face and hands while endeavoring to save his effects. Taken to hospital.

N. K. Watkins, miner, burned about face and hands in trying to save his trunk.

William Collins, delivery man, artery cut in right hand by coming in contact with broken glass. Taken to hospital, operated on this morning.

James Lowney, miner, face and hands burned. Taken to hospital. Returned home later.

## FIRE LOSSES.

The buildings which were damaged, other losses and the amount of insurance were as follows:

Maple Hall, owned by the Salt Lake Security & Trust company, of Salt Lake, loss, \$7,500; insurance, \$2,000.

John and Charles Shields, two buildings, loss, \$3,000; insurance, \$1,000.

Fisher Brewing company, saloon fixtures, loss, \$3,000; insurance, \$1,000.

John C. Hayes, lessee of rooming house, (furniture) loss, \$3,000; no insurance.

W. R. Jaffords, (confectionery store), loss, \$1,000; no insurance.

Joseph Jaffords, saloon, loss, \$1,000; no insurance.

Campbell & Hanson, saloon, loss, \$1,000; no insurance.

Idemian & Co., (furniture), loss, \$2,800; no insurance.

Senate Cafe, north of Maple Hall, loss, \$1,000; no insurance.

W. H. Miller, dance hall in Maple Hall, loss, \$800; no insurance.

Personal effects of guests at Maple Hall, loss, \$2,000; no insurance.

## DISASTER THREATENED.

For a time after the fire started at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon it seemed certain that there would be a repetition of the disaster of 1898, when the heart of the city was wiped out by a fire which began but a few doors from the present one. Soon after the fire department arrived the fire was fully 2,000 persons standing in the street, although the temperature was below zero.

The fire started in the boiler room of the Maple hall building, Main street, between Third and Fourth streets. It did not take long after the fire started for the building to be totally destroyed. At the time the fire started there were a number of guests on the top floor of the building which was used as a hotel. Many of these were employed at night and had to be awakened. As a result some of them made their escape to the street clad in only night apparel. Although a number of people were hurt no one was seriously injured.

## FRAME CONSTRUCTION.

Maple Hall was a three-story frame building used as an office, store building and hotel. On account of the slope of the hill at the back, the building was practically level with the street. The top floor was leased to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Hayes, who conducted a hotel. The second floor of the building was occupied by Frank Fountain as a jewelry store. On the first floor was a saloon run by Campbell and Hanson and in the basement W. H. Miller had a dance hall.

There are a number of theories heard in Park City today as to the cause of the fire. Some believe that the furnace in the boiler room was filled with coal and that filling with gas it exploded and started the fire. Another theory is that hot ashes or coals fell upon waste and from that ran up one of the wooden partitions. It is asserted that the boiler room was poorly constructed and the chimneys might have been the cause of the fire.

## SOME GUESTS SLEEPING.

The men dropped the piano and ran to the top floor to get the people out. It was while engaged at this that several were injured. Some of those who had been engaged in night work and were asleep were awakened with considerable difficulty. Everyone got out of the building safely, although no clothing or valuables belonging to the guests were saved.

J. P. Langford, manager of the Miners' hospital and secretary of the Miners' union, wasted no time in having all persons injured taken to the hospital at once.

About the only person to save anything in Maple hall was Frank Fountain. As soon as the jeweler heard the fire he rushed to his room and took his most valuable jewelry into a case and shoved it out of the window. The case being unusually heavy did not break and the valuables were easily carried out.

The most thrilling experience was

# CONFERENCE ON STRIKE SITUATION

Gompers Says Federation Wants To Help Amalgamated Association of Tinsmith Workers.

## ARE MANY VITAL QUESTIONS.

Gathering at Pittsburg Will Discuss Them and Grievances of Many Laboring Bodies.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 13.—"We are desirous of helping the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tinplate Workers in this contest with the United States Steel corporation and will do all within our power to that end."

That was about as far as Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who is here for the conference today on the strike situation would go when asked for a statement relative to what it was proposed to do.

He said that the question had been considered carefully by the American Federation of Labor and that the executive officers of all the international unions affiliated with the federation had been requested by resolutions adopted at the Toronto conference last month, to meet in Pittsburg to see what could be done to help the Amalgamated.

There are about 150 delegates here and Mr. Gompers said that it would not be right for him to discuss the plans until after they had been presented to the conference.

The eyes of organized labor are turned towards this city, where an important conference of national labor leaders began today under the auspices of the American Federation of Labor.

Samuel Gompers, president of the federation, presided, while the 150 delegates represented the various organizations affiliated with that body.

Primarily called for the purpose of considering the attitude of the United States Steel corporation towards organized labor, the "open shop" order issued five months ago, which has resulted in a strike of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, the opportunity will be taken to discuss other vital questions.

The switchmen's strike in the northwest, the impending strike of Big Four railroad telegraphers, the lockout of glass bottle blowers and a number of other matters will be considered.

## HE STARTED SOMETHING.

The Finish Is Not Yet, but Soon, He Is in Jail.

Fred Llewellyn, a miner, who spent all his money in Alta to keep warm, was affected so by the cold after his spree that he decided to start something which would get him about 90 days in the prison and a year in comfortable, where he could spend the remainder of the winter. He succeeded in getting out of Alta, which is almost snowbound, and the rest is now up to Justice F. M. Bishop.

When Llewellyn found his pockets empty, out of employment, no meal ticket, and the cold clutching at his heart, he walked into the Columbus Consolidated boarding house and asked for food. It was denied him and then he declared, "I will start something that will get me in jail for the winter then."

He did. In the first place he attacked Latho Penrod, chasing him out of the house. The police arrested him, but he was driven to interfere and he was arrested out of the house. A. O. Jacobson was awakened by the fight and with the assistance of others almost started a snow slide by heaving Llewellyn out of the boarding house down the mountain side. Llewellyn lay in a snow drift until Deputy Sheriff A. Pausch took him into custody and brought him to Salt Lake this morning. Llewellyn is willing to plead guilty to disturbing the peace and take the limit.

## TALKS ON PHILIPPINES.

Chaplain John T. Axton of the Eighteenth Infantry is in much demand as a speaker this winter. He gave a very interesting lecture Sunday afternoon, at the Y. M. C. A. on "The Present Day Problems of the Filipino and the Moro," illustrated with a stereoscope. The chaplain said the history of this people extends back to the time when Magellan traveled around the globe, and was finally killed in the Philippines, 199 years before the settlement of Plymouth colony. The Manila city wall is being rapidly torn down under the march of civilization, the city having now a population of 400,000 while 12,000 Americans have taken up homesteads out in the country. The wealth of the islands in forests will more than pay their purchase price, and many Americans are engaged in local lumbering. Talk about Philippine independence has no basis in fact, as the United States is better able to care for the islands than any once else, he said.

## KENDALL'S HEAD COMING OFF.

City Humane Officer to be Numbered Among the Politically Dead.

Dr. A. S. Kendall, the city humane officer, will lose his official position in the near future and H. A. Mercer, who is now connected with the city treatment office, will probably be appointed in his place. Since Dr. Kendall was appointed he has shown up at his office in the city and county building about once. Kendall's private practice has taken too much of his time and the horse and buggy which he is allowed to use in the city has been used to attend to his own business, it is charged. Kendall has an office at 109 West Third street, but it can seldom be found there. The humane ordinances have not been enforced and he has not reported to the council in two years what he has accomplished. From all appearances he has nothing to report.

Mr. Mercer has a motorcycle and it is proposed by Mayor Bransford to have the humane ordinance enforced. Mercer will use his machine in investigating cases which are reported daily, but rarely enforced. He cannot be found. Kendall has had several side jobs since he became a city official, one of them being veterinary at the racetrack meet.

## YOUNG FUGITIVES CAUGHT.

Thomas Borden, 11 years old, and James Brooks, 12 years old, who escaped from the detention home Saturday night were captured this morning by Probation Officer Charles S. Sperry, while they were attempting to board a freight train for Los Angeles. The boys slept Sunday night in the rear of the Haglund-Republian. They were arraigned before Judge Alexander McMaster of the juvenile court and committed to the state reformatory.

# SHOP EARLY

Have you an absent friend interested in Utah or Idaho? If so send him or her

## THE CHRISTMAS NEWS

Saturday, Dec. 18.