

THE BELLERS BUZZARD PROVES BUT FALSE RILARRN

In Flight from Colorado Mine, Start Snowslide on Trail.

H'LL ENGULFED THEM SPRING DUE TO-MORROW

Nine of Starved Out Party Escape Destruction and Reach Silverton for Help.

STORMS RAVAGE THE WEST COLD WEATHER FOR TO-DAY

Trains Are Delayed or Lost and Street Cars Are Stopped in Many Places.

STEVENS, Col., Monday.—Twelve miners, employed at the Shenandoah mine, were caught by a great snowslide to-day and swept to their death. Their bodies have not been recovered. Assistance has been summoned from Silverton to help dig the victims from beneath the snow.

The mine was on the way to Silverton to escape starvation at the mine, the supply of provisions having run out. They left the mine this morning, breaking a trail in the deep snow, and went along. At a particularly dangerous point on the trail, in the side of a steep mountain, one of the trail breakers stumbled. This started the snow sliding, and the entire side of the mountain seemed to be moving.

Twelve men were engulfed in the avalanche. One of nine men who escaped hurried on to Howardville, three miles down the creek, and telegraphed to Silverton for help.

Six Hundred Miners Are Cut Off from Communication and May Starve.

OURAY, Col., Monday.—It is feared that at least twenty miners have lost their lives in the snowslides which have cut off from all outside communication six hundred miners employed in the various mines within a radius of five miles down the Ouray. The exact number of deaths will not be known for days. As many as twenty-five miners are completely isolated. The damage may reach \$1,000,000.

At the Camp Bird mine, which is four miles from the Bird mill, a snowslide also has completely isolated fifty or more miners employed there, and as the provision house was carried away it is certain they are in danger of starvation. A party of two hundred miners started to their rescue to-day.

The body of William J. Cressey, an Englishman, who lost his life in the slide at the Camp Bird mill, has been recovered. It is said there is sixty feet of snow at the foot of the slide. The snow is very deep all along the route of the tramway. In the Inogenue basin the snow is from 10 to 20 feet deep. This will prevent work on the reconstruction of the tramway for several weeks.

Men at the Liberty Bell, Fearing Repetition of Disaster, Leave Mine.

TELLURIDE, Col., Monday.—A snowslide yesterday at the Liberty Bell mine, damaged the tramway and trestlework. It ran in the path of the slide of February 20, 1902, which killed nineteen men. Many miners, remembering the disaster of the Liberty Bell, and the fact that the Liberty Bell mill will be compelled to close in a day or two.

Other huge slides came down yesterday near the bullion tunnel of the Smuggler Union mines, damaging the blacksmith shop and other buildings. The activity of the snow continues unabated near Bear Creek. The telephone line to Ophir Station is down, and the line to the mine is also down. The snow is so deep that it is impossible to get through. The Revenue train, mine, mill and all the buildings, and the Adams Express Consolidated and San Pedro are all in danger.

WESTERN STATES RAVAGED BY STORM

Unprecedented Wave Snow and Wind Causes Death and Damage from Indiana to the Rockies.

INDIANA TO THE ROCKIES

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
CHICAGO, Ill., Monday.—Winter's fury, atoned up for months, burst upon the West to-day in many forms. A storm wave of magnitude unprecedented in recent years in March, swept over almost half the United States. There was sleet in Cincinnati, rain over the Gulf States and Tennessee, a drizzle in Louisville and snow in Indianapolis, as well as in Chicago, while in Colorado the snowslides are spreading destruction.

The storm which swept this city almost without intermission, in Chicago, originated in the Southwest about a week ago. It swept about Texas and other Southern States, gradually extending its area to the Gulf States. The activity of the Gulf of Mexico to Northern Wisconsin and Michigan and from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic coast. The storm in Ohio River there has been a terrific down-pour of rain, and a flood is feared.

Everywhere north of the river it is snowing hard. The snowfall at Kansas City was reported early in the day as seven inches, with snow still falling. At St. Louis, the snowfall is reported as one inch of snow. This afternoon the temperature began to drop, and it is expected to fall to 10 degrees above zero by to-morrow.

Search is being made by officials of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Company for the Los Angeles limited train, which is lost somewhere in the Rocky Mountains. It was due in Chicago at ten minutes past twelve o'clock last Saturday morning, but has not been heard from since it left San Francisco, and fear is expressed that it may have been wrecked by an avalanche.

Snow ploughs taken from the local yards began working westward before dawn. The snow which is improved somewhat by the fact that the wind is light and there is little drifting, but in Minnesota, where the snowfall is heavier, the wind is blowing a gale, and the trainmen are having great difficulty in keeping the rails clear.

Colorado railroads are blocked, and in some cases there have been no trains for seven days. In the mountain west of Kansas the twigs of the famous orchards of trees are all that appear at many points. By way of contrast, the rain has fallen so steadily in Atlanta, Birmingham and other Southern cities that the people are talking of getting rowboats ready for possible use in the near future.

Decatur, Ill., reports a passenger train with twenty-six passengers struck in a snow drift some four o'clock this morning. The train was in a tunnel of woods and a snowdrift. It is expected that the worst blizzard in years. Snow piled in the roof and on the barn at Indianapolis and killed two men.

WILL SIGN GAS BILL TO-DAY

Mayor Then Will Send the Measure, with Reply to Opposition Argument, to Albany.

Mayor McClellan will sign the eighty-cent gas bill to-day and forward it to Albany, when it will be placed before Governor Higgins. It is expected the Mayor will submit a memorandum with his approval, replying to the briefs and arguments of counsel for the Consolidated Gas Company, submitted to him at the hearing on Friday, urging him to veto the bill.

Many telegrams were received in the various City Hall offices during the day asking whether the Mayor had approved the bill.

UMBRELLA SAVES A LIFE

Acts as Parachute When Man Falls from Crest of Falls.

Struggling through yesterday's blinding snow storm, an umbrella held closely over his head, Salvatore Bianco walked over the crest of the Fallsades near Union Hill, N. J., and fell one hundred feet to the foot of the precipice.

Had it not been for the umbrella, which acted as a parachute, Bianco would undoubtedly have been killed. As it was he was rendered unconscious, though at St. Mary's Hospital, where he was taken by witnesses of his fall, it was said that his bones were broken and that he will soon recover from his bruises.

DAMAGE WROUGHT WHEN FERRYBOATS CRASHED IN SNOWSTORM.



Interior of the Women's Cabin of the Passaic After the Collision.

DR. RAINSFORD TO \$3,000 FOR RATING HUNT IN AFRICA BY CIVIL SERVICE

Former Pastor of St. George's Church Going on a Four Months' Shooting Trip.

Police Sergeants Deposited Money in Bank.

ONE EXAMINER RESIGNS PLACE

Ordered to Defend Himself Against Dismissal in Connection with Substitution of Papers, He Refuses.

As a result of an investigation made by the Civil Service Commission into alleged frauds in the examination of police sergeants for promotion, Ernest L. Crandall, a civil service examiner, has sent his resignation to the Commission. It has been accepted. He had been ordered to appear before the Commission yesterday and show cause why he should not be dismissed, but did not respond.

While the investigation is not complete, developments show a clever scheme of defrauding the civil service. It was a substitution of a set of examination papers that could have been written a week after the examination for the papers written in the examination. All these papers are kept in "banks," large fireproof boxes, in the examiners' room, from four to six weeks after the examination before they go to the examiners.

William E. Baker, president of the Civil Service Commission, last night said: "One examiner called my attention to a paper evidently written by an illiterate man, who would have had a rating of near zero. He said that in all his papers his answers were almost entirely correct. We were on the watch for evidence of fraud, for I was told six weeks before the examination that the papers had been placed \$3,000 apiece in an up-town trust company to be paid out when their names were drawn. The illiterate man, who was one of them, but only one responded, and he denied the story. We had received other reports that places on the list were being sold."

"It is certain that the papers of this illiterate man were in his own hand. Writing, and we sincerely convicted that the original papers had been substituted for the ones that went into the hands of the examiners. It would have been a simple matter for any one of the two examiners to have made the substitution. We have not positive evidence of how the transfers were made, but that they were made, and in more than this one case, we are convinced."

OFFERS \$500 FOR ARREST

'Speculators' and Employes of Contractor Said to Be in Collusion to Profit by Frauds.

William Bradley, who holds the contracts for the removal of the snow from the streets, has discovered that he is being systematically robbed by a band of swindlers who have been cashing tickets for loads of snow which had not been dumped. It is said that the amount of the stealings will amount to several thousand dollars, and Mr. Bradley says that several of his inspectors and foremen are parties to the swindle. He has placed an advertisement in to-day's Herald offering a reward of \$500 for the arrest of any of the persons implicated.

Mr. Bradley says that the scheme which has netted the swindlers a large amount during the last two snowstorms is worked by "speculators," as he terms them, purchasing tickets from the contractor on streets from which the snow is being removed and then going to the river front where the snow is dumped and having the tickets cashed. The man who sells the tickets receives \$10 for one hundred.

The Ocean is a seven-ton vessel of the daylight, which is 60 feet long and 8,000 tons, with two promenade decks. She has accommodations only for 225 first class passengers. She will sail from New York on June 23, calling at Plymouth and Cherbourg on her way to Hamburg. Three days after her arrival she will cruise to Scotland, the Orkney and Faroe Islands, Iceland, Spitzbergen and Norway. She will continue in the cruising service during the summer and will make a trip to New York in September.

BOTH SHOT AT SAME TIME.

Policeman Is Wounded in Wrist and Dealer in Firearms Loses Finger Testing Revolver.

Two men were taken to Bellevue Hospital late yesterday afternoon, both wounded by the accidental discharge of a revolver. They were Policeman William Heaney, of the East Twenty-second street police station and Max Wirthman, a dealer in firearms, in No. 34 East Twenty-fifth street. Heaney was seriously wounded in his right wrist, and Wirthman was wounded in his right hand. The revolver was out of order and he had Wirthman meet him at Twenty-fourth street and they went to look for a repairman. Heaney was toward the revolver, and he snapped the trigger, and the revolver discharged, and he was shot in the wrist.

"Great Scott!" Heaney ejaculated, "you're shot!"

"Great Scott yourself," retorted Wirthman. "I haven't anything on you. Look at your wrist!"

PRESIDENT WARNS MR. STEELE

He Thinks Governor of Indiana Soldiers' Home Should Not Have Furlough to Campaign.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Monday.—Secretary of War Taft, under instructions from President Roosevelt, recently wrote General McMahon, of the Soldiers' Home Board, that it was not considered compatible with public interests for George W. Steele, governor of the Soldiers' Home in Indiana, to have a furlough while he made a campaign for Congress.

Mr. Steele was formerly a member of the House and was defeated by Frederick Landis. The latter is a candidate for re-election, and Mr. Steele is seeking his old place. Complaint has been made that Governor Steele is using his position to aid him, and that his influence over three thousand inmates of the home will be to the disadvantage of Mr. Landis.

General McMahon advised the Secretary of War that he saw no reason why Mr. Steele should not be a candidate for Congress if he desired. He had, however, sent the Secretary's letter to Mr. Steele.

GIRL FOUND IN SNOWDRIFT

Took Headache Powder and Lost Consciousness in Street.

In a snow heap at 188th street and Amsterdam avenue, with only one hand and a foot protruding, Charlotte Thompson, seventeen years old, of No. 162 West 116th street, was found unconscious yesterday afternoon by Policeman Barry. She was hastily removed to the Washington Heights Hospital, where she was soon restored to consciousness.

It happened to fall into the drift of snow the girl does not recall. All she remembers is that while on her way home from her aunt's house, in West 113th street, yesterday morning she was seized with a violent headache. She retired and had entered a drug store and having purchased and swallowed a powder wherever she sought to relieve her pain.

TWO-YEAR-OLD BOY DROWNS IN WASHTUB OF BLUING

Mother, Thinking Little One Is Playfully Hiding from Her, Searches House, Then, After Notifying Police, Accidentally Finds the Body.

Returning to the kitchen in a few minutes, Mrs. Nagel could not find the child. Thinking he was hiding from her Mrs. Nagel, in a playful way, started to search for him about the house. At last she became alarmed, for she could not find Maurice anywhere, and, almost distracted, she ran to the Morrisania police station, where she told Sergeant Ryan she thought her son had been kidnapped.

On her return home Mrs. Nagel happened to remove the cover of the tub of bluing and there saw the body of the boy. Dr. Edward Higgins, who was called, said the child had been dead an hour.

OIL SHIP SAFE IN PORT.

After months of uncertainty as to her whereabouts, and, indeed, after she had been almost given up as lost, the British bark Daylight has arrived at Sokkitchi.

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CITY JOTTINGS.

"Sam" Poy, forty-six years old; James Hayes, forty-two years old; and John J. Kelly, thirty-two years old, all blind, were arrested yesterday by the police for the first time for criminal assault, and were held for trial in the Tombs. Kelly, Hayes and Poy were arrested by the police for the first time for criminal assault, and were held for trial in the Tombs.

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SENATOR BAILEY'S PARTY COLLEAGUES IMPRESSED BY HIS RATE MEASURE ARGUMENTS.

General Now Declares Cables Did Not Refer to Killing of Women and Children.

MAY YET AID HIS PLAN MAKES BATTLE MYSTERY

Texan Upholds Power of Congress to Direct Circuit Courts Not to Intervene.

WORKING ON OTHER LINES CARRIED SIGNATURE "WOOD"

Democrats Who Differ from Mr. Bailey Trying to Reach Same End in Another Way.

HERALD BUREAU, No. 734 FIFTH AVENUE, N. Y., WASHINGTON, D. C., Monday.

In the present phase of railroad rate discussion all interest centres in the differences among democratic Senators. Messrs. Bailey and McCreary held the attention of the Senate to-day, the latter with a carefully prepared general discussion of rate legislation, the former with a strong argument in support of the power of Congress to provide that circuit courts shall not under any circumstances suspend the Interstate Commerce Commission's rates or orders by interlocutory decrees.

Senator McCreary indicated his dissent from the proposition advanced by the Texas Senator. Other democrats are inclined to oppose Mr. Bailey's view of the power of Congress, but after his speech to-day there were strong indications that he had made converts, and the minority Senators may yet unite in giving their support to the Bailey plan.

Mr. Bailey's colleague, Mr. Culberson, is preparing a speech to meet the arguments advanced by Mr. Bailey, and until he is heard some of the democrats will probably not reach a final conclusion as to where they stand.

Another Message Referring War Department to Major Scott Also Puzzling

HERALD BUREAU, No. 734 FIFTH AVENUE, N. Y., WASHINGTON, D. C., Monday.

Only amazement was elicited to-day by the receipt at the War Department of a despatch from Major General Wood in which, after saying sensational news regarding the Mount Dajo fight was "made up" in Manila, he added:—"No reference is made in any cable from Manila as to killing of women and children."

In view of the despatch General Wood sent to the Department on Wednesday last, which was given out from the White House with the text of an approving letter from the President to Secretary Taft, the message of to-day is regarded here as incomprehensible. In Wednesday's message General Wood said, in part:—"It was presumed that a thorough practical action after action was finished. An convicted woman or child was wantonly thrown any light on the slaughter in Manila. A disheveled number of women and children were killed in the light-house. It was not known for the reason that they were buried in the works which took place in the light-house. The men were dressed and armed much like the men. The children were many of the men as shields while charging the troops."

The message, as it was given out from the President's office, was signed "Wood."

Another Puzzling Message.

Not is another message from General Wood. This one is also signed "Wood." It is a despatch to the War Department to Major Hugh L. Scott for details as to the situation at Mount Dajo. Major Scott has been in the country for some time on leave of absence, and it is not clear to persons interested how he could throw any light on the slaughter in Manila. He is, however, a very warm friend of General Wood, having been aide-de-camp in Cuba, and was with him in the Philippines. He was formerly Governor of Moro Province.

So far as the Manila despatches are concerned, practically identical reports of the fight came from several sources. The latest report of the fight was that of a despatch from Manila, all of which told of the slaughter of women and children. The despatch from Manila, which was the one that was published in the Herald, was a paraphrase of the Wood despatch. In that announcement, all of the details of the fight were given, and it is believed that the report of the fight, which may not be cleared up until after the arrival of the next despatch from Manila, may be mistaken for a paraphrase of the Wood despatch.

SETBACK FOR MR. BLACKBURN

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Representative Spencer Blackburn, of North Carolina, the latest addition to the list of republican members of Congress under indictment on the charge of practicing for fees before the executive departments, has lost the first round of the battle with his enemies.

Mr. Blackburn holds that the charges against him are "trifling" and that the House of Representatives should not impeach him. He has written a letter to the House of Representatives, in which he has asked that the House should not impeach him.

The Judiciary Committee, which has been investigating the case, has reported to the House that Blackburn is guilty of the charges against him. Blackburn has written an open letter to the Iowa Governor that is likely to play an important part in the latter's campaign for a third term.

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MR. ELKINS HITS AT IOWA GOVERNOR

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WOULD MAKE BOND MARKET.

Bids To Be Asked For on Both Kinds of Construction for Manhattan Structure.

Controller Metz will hold a public hearing in his office on Friday afternoon, at two o'clock, on the question of rebates for the Manhattan Bridge, and if present plans are carried out Bridge Commissioner Stevenson will advertise for proposals to build the bridge under the eyerbar plan adopted by Gustav Lindbergh, and with wire cables as planned by Mr. Nichols.

The Controller said yesterday he had been assured that at least one large firm of bridge builders would bid on the eyerbar plan, and that in his opinion, both plans should be advertised to see which cost the least. He said that the eyerbar plan, which has been in controversy as to the construction of this bridge.

CONTROLLER HOPES TO AMEND BILL FOR TRUST COMPANY RESERVES.

Controller Metz is endeavoring to have the bill introduced in Albany requiring trust companies to establish a reserve fund similar to that maintained by banks amended so that bonds of the city as well as government and State bonds, may be used in establishing and maintaining this fund.

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ASKS REPEAL OF BURR LAW.

The United States Senate is expected to be a deliberative body, and when the Governor said he had resolved the matter, it was interpreted in loving association and embrace. Senator Cullum sat at my right, as he said, and several other members of the committee were present. No railroad representative sat where I could see him.

You say this railroad attorney passed a score of questions to me to be put now. No railroad attorney suggested the questions I put to you.

I do not have any interest in your campaign for a third term, but I am free to express the opinion that there are few States where a man could perpetrate himself in office by maintaining one branch of the general government.

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