

A FIERCE BLIZZARD.

Extremely Low Temperatures Afflict Northwest.

LAKE MICHIGAN BOATS FROZEN UP

Street Cars Forced to Suspend Operations—Blizzard at Niles and Three Rivers.

Detroit, Mich., Special.—Lower Michigan has been in the grasp of a snow storm Sunday, that in the western part of the State assumed the proportions of a blizzard, Lake Michigan is lashed by a 40-mile wind into a condition that made it impossible for boats to leave their berths.

Milwaukee Expects 5 Below—Much Sickness and Suffering.

Milwaukee, Special.—The thermometer registered 2 degrees below zero early Sunday evening, and it is predicted 5 below before daylight. A very high north wind is blowing, and the worst of the season and the temperature has fallen 20 degrees since noon.

Chicago Pastors Preach on the Coal Situation.

Chicago, Special.—The temperature in Chicago Sunday dropped 24 degrees in less than two hours and it is hovering around the zero mark. Late in the day a brisk northwest wind sprang up and intensified the low temperature.

Suffering and Death in Chicago.

Chicago, Special.—Two hundred thousand persons in Chicago are suffering from ailments directly due to cold and exposure resulting from the coal famine, according to the weekly bulletin of the health department issued.

Gales and Snow Storms in England.

London, Special.—The recent period of unusually mild weather has given way to a return of cold, and gales and snow storms are prevalent over Great Britain.

Five Degrees Above at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Special.—The lowest temperature of the present cold weather was 4 degrees above zero early this morning. A sharp wind made the most uncomfortable of the winter. There is much suffering among the poor, owing to the high price of coal, but there is no real scarcity of coal.

St. Paul, Special.—Although the thermometer registered 2 degrees below zero Sunday was one of the most disagreeable of the winter.

A Lawyer Frozen to Death.

Omaha, Special.—Wm. D. Beckett, a prominent lawyer of this city, was found on the roadside, five miles west of the city, early Sunday, frozen to death. Beckett had been ill for several days and he is believed to have fallen exhausted somewhere he was found Sunday by a dairyman.

Omaha, Special.—Sunday was one of the coldest of the winter, 1 degree below zero being registered this morning.

Burlington, Iowa, Special.—With the temperature 5 degrees below zero snow is drifting before a heavy wind.

CONGRESS AND COAL.

Both Houses Tackle the Platter in a Businesslike Way.

A lively debate was precipitated in the Senate Monday participated in by Messrs. Aldrich, Vest and Carmack, when the former endeavored to secure a postponement of the Vest resolution requiring the committee on finance to prepare and report a bill removing the duty on coal.

Mr. Vest called attention to the action of the Legislature of Rhode Island, for the removal of the duty. Mr. Vest said he did not want to embarrass the Senator from Rhode Island, who was amply able to defend himself, but his desire was to place before the Senate proof of the sentiment for free coal now existing.

Mr. Vest again reverted to what he called his "unfortunate reference to Mr. Dingley," which had been so vigorously resented and sent to the desk and had read a letter from Congressman Fleming, of Georgia, enclosing one from former Representative King, of Utah, detailing a conversation with Mr. Dingley at the time the Dingley bill was under consideration in Congress, in which he is said to have apprehended changes in the bill, which were necessary to obtain foreign markets for American goods and that the trend of Mr. Dingley's mind was in that direction.

Mr. Carmack, of Tennessee, charged that reciprocity "has been strangled" by protection. "It has been murdered," he said, "by protection."

Mr. Nelson continued his opposition to the omnibus statement bill and had not concluded at 4 o'clock when the Senate took up unobjectioned pension bills on the calendar, a large number of which were passed.

House on Coal.

The House Monday, after adopting a resolution to authorize the merchant marine committee to investigate the coal situation, adjourned out of respect to the memory of the late Representative Tongue, of Oregon, who died in this city Sunday.

The resolution to investigate the coal situation, authorizes the committee to investigate "facts, charges and necessities; to inquire into the elements and conditions involved in said coal trade supplying said North Atlantic States, the cost of the coal, the methods, facilities and cost of transportation and distribution of the same, and the reasons or causes of such scarcity and distress."

Tax May Be Removed.

It is expected that Congress will pass a bill removing the duty of 67 cents a ton on coal imported into this country. This bill may take the form of a rebate or drawback for 90 days, and also will provide for reciprocity, admitting free of duty coal imported into this country from countries granting the same privilege to a limited States. This means that Canada will allow Nova Scotia coal to come to this country free, while coal from the Alleghenies and westward will go into Canada free of duty.

Death of Dr. Ramsay.

Salisbury, N. C., Special.—Dr. James Graham Ramsay, of this city, one of the last surviving members of the Confederate Congress, died in the 80th year of his age at the home of his son, Postmaster James H. Ramsay, at 2:45 o'clock Sunday morning.

Contest Over Gibson's Will.

Cincinnati, Special.—A peculiar contest began in the Probate Court Monday, when the widow of the late millionaire, John McCormick Gibson, of this city, who died at Asheville, N. C., a few months ago, presented for probate a copy of his will made from stenographic notes, alleged to have been preserved by Attorney Wells, of Asheville. The original will, it is asserted, has never been found since the death of Mr. Gibson. It bequeathed his entire estate to his widow to whom was married a few hours before his death.

SHOT HER TRADUCER

Georgia Woman Defends Her Honor With Revolver

BUSINESS COLLEGE STUDENT SLAIN

A Woman Shoots Down the Man Accused of Slandering Her—Then She Surrendered and Was Released.

Macon, Ga., Special.—Mrs. Effie L. Carson, wife of a railroad machinist, formerly the wife of Ernest Thompson, a printer, shot and instantly killed Robert A. Rigby, a student in a business college here. The tragedy took place in the law office of Marduke G. Rayne, an attorney to whom she had gone for advice. She shot the man twice in the head and once through the heart. She emptied her revolver, the other shots going wild. She at once delivered herself to the sheriff, going across the street with the smoking weapon in her hand. She was promptly placed in jail and subsequently released on a bond of \$1,000, a coroner's jury found a verdict of voluntary manslaughter.

Mrs. Carson was a teacher of telegraphy in another business college. She charged that Rigby had circulated stories damaging to her character. She had gone to the lawyer with a paper for Rigby to sign, exonerating her. The lawyer took the paper to the college and submitted it to Rigby, who declined to sign, but asked a personal interview. He went to the lawyer's office and immediately asked the lawyer and his stenographer to step into the hall. The door was at once closed and locked. In a few moments the shots rang out and Mrs. Carson appeared, announcing that she had killed the man. Rigby was found on the floor with his own revolver near his right hand. What occurred between them is not known, except that an admission by Mrs. Carson that he applied an opprobrious epithet to her.

Rigby was originally from Bowling Green, Ky., or a village near by, and is said to have been a member of a family prominent there. He had conducted a business college in Tampa, Fla., but had come to Macon to complete his education and intended opening another college in June. He was about 25 years old. He had previous to the killing been threatened by members of Mrs. Carson's family. Her maiden name was Fletcher, and she was born near Macon.

Chief Justice McIver Dead.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—Hou. Henry McIver, Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court, died at his home at Cheraw Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. He had been a sufferer from cancer of the tongue and had been an invalid several months. His resignation would have gone to the legislature to-morrow but death decreed that he should die an incumbent in the office which he has honored for more than a decade.

He was perhaps the most remarkable jurist ever produced by this State. A man of the most gentle nature, he was a judge of fine discernment and his writings were masterful. He had been on the Supreme Court bench since 1877, and at that time declined the office of Chief Justice, sacrificing personal ambitions for the good of the State, as the Republic was in the hands of a tyrant in the recognition of Wade Hampton as the rightful Governor. Judge McIver was a gallant but not conspicuous soldier. He survived the several political revolutions in this State the only man in public life who was untouched in the "terrace" political slaughter. The General Assembly meets tomorrow morning, but will not be convened in time to send a delegation to the funeral. The State Supreme Court will attend in a body. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon. The Governor has sent a message of condolence to the Chief Justice's family.

Of Interest in the Kitchen.

Those who exercise supervision over the family board will be interested in the suggestions for the menu appearing in The Delineator for February. Some dainty ways of serving mid-winter fruits are described and illustrated, and the suggestions in regard to winter vegetables should be appreciated by those who find it difficult to present stored products attractively. Dishes renowned in Scotch history is a feature and offers some choice recipes. An apparently excellent assortment of recipes for cakes and fillings is also included.

Whipped and Oredred to Leave.

Augusta, Ga., Special.—Tom Jefferson, a negro who assaulted a crippled white boy in Aiken, S. C., last Saturday night, was whipped by a crowd of white people at Graniteville Monday night. The negro was arrested at Aiken, S. C., Saturday afternoon, but was released upon his promise to leave town. Upon learning that the negro would board a train at Graniteville, white citizens of that place met the negro and gave him over 50 lashes, accompanied by the order to leave the community at once.

Paying Off Bonds.

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Man Attacked, and Used His Pistol With Effect.

DEATH IN A WRECK.

Terrible Calamity Results in Death of Seven Persons

SERIOUS CRASH NEAR PITTSBURG

The Collision Was Caused By Carelessness on the Part of a Flagman, Who Has Disappeared.

Pittsburg, Special.—As a result of a collision between a passenger train and the rear end of a freight train on the Monongahela division of the Pennsylvania Wednesday night at Cochrane Station, just above Duquesne, seven men are dead, one is dying and five others are injured.

The dead are: C. E. Stroud, baggage-master; Elizabeth accommodation, of Homewood; C. M. Buchner, brakeman of accommodation, Pittsburg; John Stewart, passenger, residence unknown; two unknown foreigners, died on way to hospital. The injured are: T. D. Cook, who probably died before morning; Sam Sullivan, shoulder blade fractured; Peter Kimosky, burned; John Smith, seriously injured; Mike Chonick, slightly injured; Mike Gendill, slightly injured.

The passenger train in the wreck, was the West Elizabeth accommodation, which left Pittsburg at 3:20 p. m. It was on time and had a clear track, according to the displayed signals. At the siding at Cochrane it ran into the rear car of an extra freight which had taken the switch, but failed to clear the main line. The officials of the road attribute the disaster to the failure of Patrick Quinn, the rear brakeman of the freight, to see that his train had fully cleared. Up to 11 p. m. Quinn has not been located.

When the passenger train came along the caboose of the freight overlapped the main track enough to catch the tender of the passenger engine, which was forced back upon the combination baggage and smoking car with terrible force. The thirteen passengers were jammed against the rear end of the car into almost a solid mass. Three of the victims were apparently killed outright, two of the other four were literally roasted to death, and the two who died on the way to the hospital were so badly burned that recognition was almost impossible. Immediately after the impact fire in the stove in the smoker communicated to the woodwork. Conductor Cook was found unconscious under the charred body of Baggage-Master Stroud. He is so badly hurt that he can hardly live through the night.

Opening New Coal Fields.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.—Leases have just been closed by the Popular Coal Creek Company, owner of valuable coal lands in the Oliver Springs district, whereby four large operating companies will develop the lands along Coal Creek. It is expected the operations will mean an output of not less than 5,000 tons of coal daily, chiefly steam coal. The Knoxville, LaFollette & Jelfico Railroad (the Louisville & Nashville) will in a few days begin construction of branch lines of railroad from Dosssets and Oliver Springs into the Coal Creek section. Men and materials are now being sent out for that purpose. By an arrangement with the Louisville & Nashville the mines are to have a car supply equal to the coal output. An exclusive right of way into the coal property was given with that understanding.

Judge Speer May Succeed.

Macon, Ga., Special.—It is stated here that the name of Judge Emory Speer will be presented to the President for the succession to the associate Justiceship of the Circuit Court of Appeals of the fifth circuit soon to be vacated by the retirement of Judge Andrew P. McCormick. Judge Speer has been 18 years on the District Court bench and is well known as an orator on legal and national topics.

Had to Be Supported.

Augusta, Ga., Special.—Solomon Dunn, colored, was hanged here Friday for the murder of a young white man named William Springs. Dunn was so nervous and frightened upon the scaffold that he had to be held up until the trap was sprung. The assassin of the colored man was a bartender and the negro shot him because he refused to sell him a drink, about a year ago.

News Notes.

The splendid pageant of the Durbair was witnessed by a vast throng at Delhi, India, and the supreme announcement was made of King Edward's sovereignty.

Safe Flowers Arrested.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—Chas. Howard, Edward Dugan, Thomas Nolan and William McClinty are under arrest here on the charge of having robbed numerous banks and postoffices in South Carolina. They have been spending money lavishly here for some time and the police spotted them. The Secret Service officers were called into consultation and the arrests soon followed.

Off For Liberia.

New York, Special.—In the steerage of the White Star steamer Teutonic, which sailed Wednesday for Liverpool, were 32 colored men, 12 women and 10 children, who are going to Liberia to settle. They come from Irwin county, Georgia. One of the men said: "We are just poor farmers. Business was not very good with us, so we got together, sold out our farms and are going out to Liberia to begin life again." The party have about \$2,000.

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