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TEN CENTS A WEEK

WEATHER MOST SEVERE SINCE THE YEAR 1875

Weather Prevailing in North and East and Damage to Shipping Will be Great.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 30.—With zero weather scheduled for today the ice at the inception of the Ohio river this point and down the river assumed a serious aspect last night. Since 1875, river men say there never has been such severe weather conditions at this time of the year, and damage to water front property and shipping interests along the Ohio will be close to \$500,000 before a thaw in, according to those in a position to speak authoritatively.

At Liverpool and Steubenville, Va., Wheeling and New Martinsville, Va., all report ice gorges of damaging proportions, the pack at Wheeling and points below being the worst during there in recent years. Navigation along the river anywhere between Pittsburg and Cincinnati has been abandoned for the past few days. Pittsburg and Wheeling barges contain packets and coal valued at over \$2,000,000 and precautions are being taken to guard these craft against dam-

age and went to her assistance in response to the signals for help. The master of the barge requested a tow to Hampton Roads, and as that was only a little out of the path of the Saramacca, Capt. VanDer Est consented to perform this service.

Every one of the crew of six of the Badger was pretty well worn out by their trying experience after the barge had been lost by the steamer Bay State. As their vessel was staunch, they had little to fear from the terrific storm.

Wholesale Loss by Storm.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 30.—Eleven Newfoundland schooners and their crews of sixty men are believed to have been lost in the Christmas blizzard, while great destruction of property throughout this island colony has resulted. The storm, which reached its height on Sunday, raged for six days, but yesterday had abated considerably.

All telegraph lines in the interior of the colony are down.

The village of Blackhead, three miles from this city, was almost swept away.

This December has been the stormiest month the Newfoundland coast has experienced in half a century and it is estimated that its cost to the fisheries and general trade is more than \$750,000.

Zero Weather.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The thermometer dropped to one degree above zero in Chicago yesterday and the weather bureau prediction is that it will be colder today. Throughout the Northwest it was cold yesterday, the thermometer registering the lowest at Charles City, 12 degrees below zero.

Six Men Drowned.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 30.—Carry-

Barge Badger in Port.
Norfolk, Va., Dec. 30.—After having been buffeted about on the high seas by terrific waves and blown helplessly by winds of hurricane force, the barge Badger, of Searsport, Me., broke adrift from her towing steamer, the steamer Bay State, off Cape Fear, N. J., during the storm of Christmas while bound from Lynn, Va., to Newport News, is safely landed in Hampton Roads. The barge was picked up in a helpless condition at sea Tuesday by the steamer Saramacca of the Royal Dutch West India line, which left New York Monday for Trinidad and Paramaribo. Capt. VanDer Est, of the Saramacca, when his vessel was near Atlantic City, discovered the helpless

Holiday Trade Was Good Throughout the Country

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—R. G. Dunn, manager of the weekly review of trade says:

"Holiday trade has been, on the whole, very satisfactory, especially in the West, where some of the cities have had a retail distribution in excess of previous years. The colder weather has contributed to more volume trade conditions in several of the most important industries this is a season when there is usually a slackening of activity, and attention is directed to the stock taking and settlement incident to the close of the

year. A general business situation, however, presents a somewhat mixed picture, though there is no fundamental change in conditions, the outlook, in the main, exceedingly bright. The recent advance of cotton prices is one of the incidents of the week and is in line with the general tendency of higher prices, due both to the increase in output and to the fact that commodities are not in demand in equal ratio to the consumption of a rapidly growing population in a time of wonderful

ness being apparent in the pig iron markets, whereas on the other hand there is quite an active demand for steel products generally. In some lines producers are not disposed to quote for later than first quarter delivery.

"Actual holiday trade in dry goods is excellent in the metropolitan district with a very considerable purchasing of substantial merchandise, and similar reports reach here from other large retail centers. In the primary markets the usual holiday quiet is apparent, although the cotton goods purchases by converters have been fair and fancy overcoatings for fall are being ordered. Southern yarn mills are planning for curtailment to offset the trying conditions due to high cost cotton. Prices on cotton goods are firm and have shown further advances in some directions to a parity with the advancing raw material market. The best export business in cotton goods is reported with the Philippines and South America.

"Holiday quietness prevails among England footwear manufacturers, most of whom are now taking inventory of stock, while the jobbing trade generally is dull. The hide market continues to be easy and packer hides are especially dull. Stocks in many varieties beginning to accumulate."

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST PHILADELPHIA PHYSICIANS.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—Charges that some physicians in this city deliberately prolong periods of illness of patients in order to increase their income are made by Joseph S. Neff, director of the department of health and charities, who offers this reason for increase in aliphtheria for the present year.

Dr. Neff said he has proofs that anti-toxin is not administered in either curative or preventive doses by certain physicians, because its use reduces the number of visits the physician is required to make.

ARCHER NEWS.

ARCHER, Dec. 30.—Mrs. W. F. Winecoff and two sons of Atlanta came down in their automobile and are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jackson.

Mrs. W. E. Brown and children are spending this week in Hawthorn with relatives.

Mrs. Forney Fleming of Miami is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Fleming. Miss Elsie Heagy of Lake City spent a few days this week with Mr. Bob Heagy.

Dr. and Mrs. McMillen of Montbrook are visiting Mrs. James Hancock.

Mrs. DePass and sister, Miss Tresvant, of Gainesville, spent a few days this week with Mrs. W. H. Powell.

Rev. and Mrs. Newman were called to Alachua yesterday on account of the death of Mr. Weeks, an old friend of theirs.

The two Sunday schools gave a union Christmas tree Saturday night in the Presbyterian church. The exercises were very nice and all seemed to enjoy the evening.

Miss Annie McLain of Meredith spent Christmas here with her mother.

Chas. Pearson of Duquellon is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Pearson.

Mr. Arthur Reid of Newberry spent Christmas here with his family.

Mrs. C. W. Bauknight and daughter, Miss Lella, are visiting Mrs. J. H. Tucker in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Tison and children of Dalton, Ga., are visiting their sister, Mrs. Miller.

A machinist from Ocala is here putting in machinery at the crate factory to make orange crates.

Albert Smith of Brunswick, Ga., spent Christmas here with his mother, Mrs. Marion Smith.

ing down to a watery grave Capt. Jake Wyman and a crew of five men, the coastwise coal barge John A. Briggs which broke away from the whaleback steamer Thurmond off Point Pleasant during the blizzard of last Sunday, sank some time Sunday night off the coast of New York.

SNOW AT MACON.

MACON, Ga., Dec. 30.—For eighteen minutes yesterday morning snow fell in Macon. Following the light snowfall, the temperature fell to 27 degrees, and at sunset registered 21 degrees, the coldest weather of the season. The present cold spell is the longest in duration known to the local weather bureau.

MISSISSIPPI FROZEN OVER.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—The Mississippi river is frozen over at the outskirts of St. Louis for the first time in four years. Two below zero was reported by the Government observatory last night.

Will Build Nice Home.

C. S. Robertson proposes to erect a fine home in East Gainesville at an early date and lumber for this building is already being placed upon the ground. The home will be located on North Prairie avenue, just back of the home of his brother, which faces on East Alachua avenue.

ROBBERY, MURDER, SUICIDE, BY INDIANA MAN

Farewell Letters Tell How He Had Made His Plans Wanted to Kill Wife Also.

PERU, Ind., Dec. 30.—A carefully laid plan of a love-sick and discouraged man, involving robbery, murder and suicide, culminated yesterday in the slaying of Miss Dora Chapell, 21 years old, a waitress in the dining-room of the Bears Hotel, by Roy McKinney, who then committed suicide.

According to advices from Indianapolis, McKinney entered a lunch room there early and rifled the cash register while he covered the man behind the counter with a revolver.

Love Caused the Deed.

Letters found in the dead man's pocket indicate that the hold-up and crimes were planned. It is thought that McKinney committed the robbery to get money to come to Peru.

The letters were addressed to the coroner, the girl's father, Frank Chapell of Peru, and to McKinney's wife at East Germantown, Ind.

In the letter to the coroner, McKinney first directed that his body be sent to a medical college and then added:

"I left my first wife because she was not true to me. I left my second

wife last March. On March 18, 1909, I met Dora Chapell and went with her two months, at the end of which time I found that she was the only girl for me.

"Several days ago, the girl's father went to Indianapolis and caused me much trouble and brought Dora to Peru. It was impossible for me to forget her, so I came to Peru. I asked her to go to the theatre with me, but she had other arrangements. I could not sleep and God only knows life has been a hell. My God, help Dora and take pity on me. Before I close, I hope that everybody will take a punch at me before I pass over the great divide."

In the letter to his wife, McKinney said:

"I only wish you were with me so I could take you with us, too."

McKinney came to the hotel Tuesday and registered as L. I. Lenhart of Chicago. He posed as a United States marshal and displayed a secret service badge. It is not known where he obtained the badge, as he has not been in the Government service.

Melrose Will Be Home of Phi Sigma College

MELROSE, Dec. 30.—Prof. Looney's school from Fairburn, Ga., arrived late Tuesday night at the Huffman House, hereafter to be known as the home of the Phi Sigma College. The hyacinths prevented the lovely voyage through the canals and lakes by moonlight and everybody was much disappointed. They found the ride from Waldo by teams very romantic and enjoyable, but just a trifle too cold for the Land of Flowers. Some twenty-odd scholars came with Prof. and Mrs. Looney, representing Georgia, North Carolina and Ohio; also Capt. S. R. Shi, commandant, and Mrs. Ellis, matron, and a staff of servants. The boys look very neat in their gray cadet uniforms and are busy exploring the town and trying their luck at fishing. School will open January 3rd,

1910. Several scholars will be added from our town and vicinity.

R. P. McLarin of Fairburn came also with the party with an eye to purchasing a winter home for himself and friends who are interested in the matter.

Geo. Whitcomb and Lee Goodson of Palatka are visitors in town.

Chas. Nobles and wife have returned from Archer, where they spent the Christmas holidays with relatives.

At a town meeting held on Monday night the following ticket was nominated for the coming town election on January 4th: For councilmen, Dr. McRae, W. H. Lee, V. L. Mack; for town clerk, A. W. Craig, to fill the term of N. E. Priest, resigned.

Mrs. M. J. Barnett has gone to Hawthorn to spend several weeks with her son.

Death Relieves Man Who Fasted 24 Days

ROME, Ga., Dec. 30.—His stomach weakened and disordered by a fast of twenty-four days, which he endured recently, believing he had been asked to do so by the Almighty, J. Will Tippin, a well-to-do Roman, died at his residence on South Broad street.

For the past year or so Tippin has astonished his friends by his religious views. Not long ago Tippin was convinced that he had entered of the stomach. He decided to fast and not to eat another bite until commanded to do so by the Almighty. For twenty-four days he did not taste a drop of food. His family begged and pleaded with him, and he listened to them with kindness, but was determined that he was pursuing the right course.

Finally, on the twenty-fifth day, Dr. Wicker came to the home and told Tippin that he had been sent there by the Lord to give him food. He was

so weak at that time that he could hardly rise from his bed. Slight nourishment was given him at first. He showed little improvement; his stomach was so weak and disordered that it would not assimilate food. All the linings of his stomach had been eaten away. Every effort was made to restore the man's strength and when death came it closed the career of a most remarkable man.

Tippin was a stockholder in the Southern Co-operative Foundry, the American Bank and Trust Company and the Home Heals Works. He leaves a wife and five children.

If it is worth more to someone else than to you—no matter what it is—a want ad. will be a good investment.

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