

MORE COLD WEATHER ON WAY

End is Not Yet in Sight—Suffering and Inconvenience Caused by Conditions and Traffic of All Kinds Delayed

And the end is not yet! Following two days of the coldest and most inclement weather experienced in Wilmington and vicinity in many years, and with more snow on the ground than has been recorded since 1901, the weather forecast issued at the local bureau yesterday, promises colder weather for tonight, tomorrow and tomorrow night.

Mr. George W. Felger, the observer in charge of the local bureau, stated yesterday that another cold wave had developed in the Northwest and was now moving this way. He said that Wilmington and vicinity would experience a drop in the temperature last night and that the mercury would go still lower tomorrow night, possibly lower than Saturday's record, 13 degrees, the lowest temperature recorded here since February 14, 1899. The cold weather, Mr. Felger declared, would be accompanied by high northwest winds on this coast. The observer added that this section would likely experience no more snow, although a slight fall might occur in the night.

The public soon learned of the bureau's forecast and the announcement was not exactly hailed with delight. Real Winter weather is so seldom experienced in Wilmington that it is decidedly a novelty at first, but the people are by no means prepared for it and consequently no little inconvenience is experienced, as well as suffering among the poorer classes. The novelty of the present "spell of weather" has undoubtedly worn off by this time and the announcement of another expected drop in the temperature became a matter of some concern; in fact, was heard with dismay.

Probably the greatest inconvenience is centered around the hundreds of frozen and bursted waterpipes in the city and the hardships incurred by the shortage of fuel for heating and cooking purposes among the homes. All the wood and coal dealers are plentifully supplied with fuel, but with the available labor it is altogether impossible to fill the hundreds of orders that have been pouring in since the cold weather began. Then, too, there is trouble in getting supplies from the grocers and markets, for the merchants, too, are not able to fill their orders with present forces of delivery labor. The streets are still slippery and hard and delivery by wagons is slow and uncertain. The cold weather has made it almost impossible to secure additional labor for delivery purposes, which calls for outdoor work, and the groccerymen and marketmen, along with the coal and wood dealers, are struggling along as best they can, swamped with orders.

Street cars are again running with some degree of regularity after a partial suspension of schedules Sunday and yesterday. The Carolina Place car was operated Sunday morning and five suburban cars were run to Wrightsville Sound during the day, a pilot car going out over the line at 5:45 Sunday morning, breaking the ice which hung to the wires. It required some time to make the first trip, the car reaching the Sound at 8 o'clock, but the other trips were made in good time. Gangs of men and snow plows were put in use early in the day and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon the belt cars began to run, continuing until the usual hours in the night, although the regular schedule was not maintained.

There was some delay on all the lines yesterday, as the cars were forced to proceed slowly for the safety of the public on account of the slippery condition of the streets. Since noon yesterday, though, all schedules have been maintained, with some degree of regularity, and unless there is another freezing rain or farther heavy snowfall the officials of the company do not anticipate any further large degree of trouble. Mr. R. D. Voshall, foreman of the car barns, has been made acting superintendent of transportation, which office was made vacant Saturday by the sudden death of Mr. John J. Sheehan.

No snow fell Sunday, but a rain set in shortly after noon and continued to fall until about 10 P. M. The mercury was down to 24 at the coldest point Sunday night and the rain froze on the sidewalks, trees, telephone, telegraph, and trolley wires. The streets were almost deserted, few caring to venture out in such weather.

Yesterday about noon snow began falling again and continued for over an hour, though most of it melted on the sidewalks as fast as it fell. The walks have been cleared of snow for the most part, but it still remains in spots and rendered walking a little uncertain yesterday.

Several of the wood and coal dealers of the city stated last night that they were having a great deal of trouble with deliveries and that they found it practically impossible to fill the orders on hand. Mr. W. B. Thorpe, of W. B. Thorpe & Co., said that he had a plentiful supply of all kinds of fuel on hand and that he had sacked coal in 50 and 100-pound bags, that those who are out can get fuel by sending for it, or coming after it themselves. Mr. J. A. Springer, of J. A. Springer & Co., made a similar statement. Mr. Springer said that five of his delivery horses were out of commission, suffering from bruises sustained by falls on the slippery streets, or from overwork in the cold and wet weather. Many people yesterday resorted to sending drays for coal, but even then the few drays that could be hired could not nearly meet the demand. Others pressed push carts and wheelbarrows into service and still others carried fuel home on their backs.

The plumbers are probably the hardest worked men in the city just at present. Hundreds of waterpipes are bursted and many others are frozen up so that they cannot be used. One plumber declared yesterday that he had received over 800 calls during Sunday. It is probable that if the mercury drops again there will be even more work for them.

There was some improvement in the train service yesterday, but most of the trains, both passenger and freight, were delayed to some extent. Taken as a whole the present inclemency of the weather is probably the

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worst that has been experienced in this city in 14 or 15 years, and if it continues unimproved for several days more it may reach a record farther back than that. A forecast for warm, clear weather would be hailed with considerable relief just now.

No great change was noted in conditions up to a late hour last night, though snow fell in a desultory way during the evening. It was light, however, and had ceased before midnight. The promised drop in the temperature had not occurred up to that time. For the 24 hours ended at 8 P. M. yesterday the minimum temperature was 24, the maximum 31, and the mean 28.

Caring for the Poor.

The efforts of the officers of the Associated Charities and of the officers of several other charitable organizations as well as several individuals working independent of any organization were directed Sunday and yesterday toward the relief of the poor of the city in the way of providing them with wood and food. There was a generous response from the public and ample funds were forthcoming, but the difficulty was found in getting deliveries of wood and groceries. The coal and wood dealers were swamped with orders and owing to the slippery condition of the streets deliveries were slow indeed. Orders were taken only subject to delay of not only hours but a day or two, or until the weather moderates considerably. However, the need of the poor was pressing and they had to have immediate relief. The city carts and wagons and vehicles belonging to Furlong & Co., generously tendered by Recorder Furlong, which were used Saturday, were pressed into service Sunday and yesterday to deliver wood and provisions to the poor of the city. This is one time when the poor man, who probably did not have enough money to buy a single load of wood, fared better than the man who could have bought car load after car load without making any impression upon his wealth. The reason was that the teams which had undertaken to deliver wood to the poor were used exclusively for this purpose; they were not out for hire. The man who had the money to buy his wood or coal and pay handsomely to have it delivered found that there were too many orders in ahead of his and that he stood small chance of getting wood hauled by the dealers for a day or two. However, there was no danger of any suffering among people able to buy their wood, though they might be put to some inconvenience. This fact was realized by those in charge of the relief work and therefore the carts were not allowed to stop in their work to haul wood or coal for persons plenty able to make some other arrangements for keeping warm during the cold spell.

Councilman P. Q. Moore and Capt. R. O. Grant, superintendent of streets, were in close touch with the work throughout Sunday and yesterday. Rev. Thos. P. Noe, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and closely affiliated with the Associated Charities, was at the office much of the time yesterday and rendered valuable assistance to the secretary, Miss Carrie Price. Mr. Noe said yesterday

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