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uprushing winds while tree at 200 m cerque merely tossed
around. It appeared that after every rain or hail cloud
that passed by, the fog clouds would draw down the mount-
ain side into the area being effected by the rain. Could
not do anything with the trap line because of new layer of
snow upon the ground, beside I just could not muster
up enough courage to enter the frigid see box of ice soaked
conifers. Two eagle frequently observed in cerque at about
the level of the upper cerque. Their mission was mainly to
hunt the hillside. A red-tail fought with an eagle at one
time being the aggressor. It would fly above the soaring
eagle and attack from the back. The eagle would flinch
and kept head turned toward the hawk. Red-tail freq-
uently seen flying in the cerque. The eagle fly serenely
in winds and fog clouds that rocks the red tail severely.
Eagles are apparently not effected by the weather condition.
No life during the period from 9: to 1:30 more was their any
activity of any concern after the storm to 4:30 except hawks
& eagles. Walked over good pika country but no signs.
The pine sickness were the first to appear after the storm
cleared. Heard Solitaire & flicker about 3:30. The most
remarkable phenomena of the whole affair was the realiza-
tion that life of anykind could possibly cope with these
condition. It is an adaptation to nature that is nearly
unparalleled. After the torture I experienced could not give
any possible reason for their ability in withstanding the
perils of the storm. A casual observation of evidence of
activity after storm here, on a reconnaissance trip did not
prove successful for no tracks appeared in the new snow.
None often wondered why one finds more wild life on the
west part of the ridge inspected this morning where one
has to deal with wind as well as elements! The trans-
formation from a monotonous stormy period to one of part-
ial clearness was effected in a rapid succession. As
the storm cleared I took a couple of picture to show
how it was performed. As soon as the conditions were
favorable for a picture shot no. (1-9-14-39) showing the
mist clouds disintegrating and leaving the mountains and
valley of Am. Fork country. Another shot (2-9-14-39) shows
the degree of progress in only a short period. Picture