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STORM AREA IS WIDE

Entire Upper Mississippi Valley Suffers from its Effects.

CHICAGO ALSO SERIOUSLY AFFECTED

St. Louis and Territory Adjacent Among the Worst Sufferers.

MANY ARE INJURED IN WRECK OF HOMES

Property Damage Great Over a Wide Area of Territory.

RAILROADS AMONG WORST SUFFERERS

Tracks Washed Away and Telegraph and Telephone Lines Prostrated in Every Direction.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., March 25.—The wind and rain storm that swept over here last night caused a large amount of property damage, injured many persons and seriously crippled the local and interurban street car traffic, but no fatalities have been reported. Among the injured are: Thomas Dorris, hurt under debris of home.

Mrs. Thomas Dorris, hip and arm broken and injured later, and her six children were rescued from the debris. All were bruised.

At the aluminum works of the Pittsburgh Reduction company, one building, containing machinery, was demolished and the electric light plant was badly damaged.

The entire west wall and part of the roof of the suburban railway station were demolished. Plank sidewalks were blown away, telegraph and telephone poles broken off, and all over the city homes were damaged.

Much Damage at Chicago. CHICAGO, March 25.—Further details of the damage caused by last night's storm in the suburbs of Chicago were obtained today. At Washington Heights several persons were injured, and houses were blown down or unroofed. In Morgan Park and Fernwood the storm reached the proportions of a tornado. Five houses were unroofed, another was blown down, and thousands of yards of fences scattered through the streets.

Among the injured at Washington Heights were Mrs. Schaefer, who was badly cut by flying glass. The families of Peter Mellen and Mrs. R. Ray had narrow escapes. Mrs. Mellen and her daughters were in bed when the storm struck. In an instant the roof was carried away and the terrified women were drenched by the rain.

The Ray cottage was 200 feet away. Mrs. Ray and several friends were in the parlor when the roof of the Mellen house crashed upon their dwelling, wrecking the upper story. A number of other houses and stores were badly damaged.

Trains on the Calumet Electric Street railway in Chicago were derailed. The company, operating between Blue Island and Auburn Park, was tied up for hours. Almost every house in Burnside was damaged by the storm. Chimneys were blown down, roofs torn away, and there was scarcely an unroofed house left in the suburb. No one was injured, so far as the police were able to learn. The water covering this portion of the city rose about six inches in the storm.

South Chicago Feels Storm. In South Chicago the storm continued through the night, sweeping down telegraph poles and blowing down trees. Fred Brunk of South Chicago and his wife, Rebecca, were severely injured when the roof of their dwelling was blown off. Both were struck by bricks.

At seventy-fifth street and Railroad avenue the wind blew the roof from a building owned by Brown & Co. coal dealers, and hurled it against a car on the Calumet Electric line, filled with passengers. The car was knocked from the track. None of the passengers was injured seriously.

At Dauphin Park the Illinois Central station platform and roof were torn up by the wind and thrown across the track, stopping traffic for some time. The situation in Dauphin Park is serious. Many acres of land are under several feet of water already, and sidewalks in the south end of the town are submerged. Last night's storm added materially to the gravity of the situation. The total damage there is put at \$5,000.

The wind and rain on the Rogers Park street car service in North Clark street between Devon and Greenleaf avenues fallen trolley and are light poles and tangled and broken wires stopped all traffic during the night and caused the calling of policemen to enforce the present traffic. Throughout Lake View considerable damage was done by wind and rain.

Houses Blown Down. JOLIET, Ill., March 25.—A score of houses here were unroofed by the storm. Many barns and small buildings collapsed. Windows, chimneys, sidewalks and fences all were blown down.

WHITEHATH, Ill., March 25.—The Universal health, Murray's elevator and Flanagan's hotel have been blown down in a storm. The Methodist church was unroofed and several houses lifted off their foundations. Many telephone and telegraph wires are down.

MRS. BOTKIN'S CHOCOLATES Witness Testifies that Candy Could Not Have Been Poisoned by Copper Kettles.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—In the Botkin murder case today former Lieutenant of Police Colby testified that the various exhibits in the case were carefully guarded by him during the time they were in the possession of Chief Lee.

Prof. Price, the chemist who examined the chocolates received at Dover, said that there is no arsenic in verdicts from candy-makers' copper kettles, which Attorney Knight intimated might have poisoned the candy.

Former Postoffice Inspector Irwin testified that a package mailed here on August 4 should reach Dover, Del., on August 14.

DISBANDED THE ARMY AND NAVY

Republic of Panama Turns Its Attention to Aiding Sufferers from Fire.

PANAMA, March 25.—By recent decree the Second battalion of Panama troops on the isthmus is disbanded, leaving only one battalion under the colors, and the vessels forming the Panama navy are offered for sale.

Owing to the fire at Bocas del Toro, March 4, four government steamships have been sent there by President Amador to study the means to be taken to repair the damages sustained by the town, the loss being about \$400,000. They sailed from Colon last night upon the United Fruit company's steamer Preston, taking with them some relief supplies for the inhabitants, who suffered from the conflagration.

President Amador yesterday gave a banquet to Second Vice President and former Governor Obaldia, William W. Russell, the retiring secretary of the United States legation, recently appointed minister to Colombia, Colonel R. B. Sargent, superintendent of the Panama Railroad company, Senator Arango, and other prominent persons were present. The legislative assembly adjourned yesterday afternoon.

BONI DE CASTELLANE MAKES SCENE

Creates Trouble by Opposing Loubet's Visit to Rome.

PARIS, March 25.—Count Boni de Castellane (republican) created a scene in the Chamber of Deputies today. When Foreign Minister Delcasse asked for a credit of \$20,000 to defray the expenses of President Loubet's visit to Rome, the count said it was understood that the president would not visit the pope and yet would visit the representative of the dynasty who had deposed the papacy. M. Brisson, president of the lower chamber, replied by declaring that his words were an insult to the French nation. Amid great disorder the count continued speaking. He asserted that M. Loubet's visit was to be made to a king who owed his throne to Free Masonry. In seeking the friendship of Italy, the speaker added, France was sacrificing the friendship of the Vatican. Several deputies replied to the count.

M. Delcasse, in supporting the credit, made a significant allusion to the Franco-Russian alliance which brought out much enthusiasm. He said M. Loubet's trip to Rome was another evidence of the rapprochement between the two nations which began with the alliance with Russia and the faithful, continual maintenance of that alliance. This was the first allusion to the Russian alliance since the beginning of the war in the far east, and in view of the efforts now being made to weaken the alliance, the statement of the minister for foreign affairs was considered important.

The foreign minister did not reply to the criticism of Count Boni, but credit was voted by an overwhelming majority.

TURKEY AGREES TO THE PLAN. Reaches Understanding with Austria as to Police Force.

LONDON, March 25.—According to the dispatches received today from Constantinople, the Porte and the Austro-Russian embassies have reached an agreement in regard to the organization of the Macedonian gendarmerie under European officers, so it is believed it will not be long before the reform scheme for Macedonia, agreed upon by the emperors of Russia and Austria, their allies, the Czar and the Kaiser, last year, in support of which Austria has been alleged to be mobilizing troops, will be in full operation.

In an interview at Sofia, March 24, Boris Sarafoff, the Macedonian leader, said his party intended to await the result of an introduction of the reforms before launching a fresh insurrection.

GOES BACK ON HIS OWN OFFER. Chicago Man Gives Up Proposition to Raise the Maine.

HAVANA, March 25.—The Cuban government has discarded the offer of George Richardson of Chicago for the raising of the United States battleship Maine, because he has neither furnished a guarantee or signed a contract for the execution of the work.

Newark at Colon. COLON, March 25.—The Newark, flagship of Rear Admiral Sigsbee; Montgomery and Detroit, of the United States South Atlantic squadron, arrived here from the Olympia, flagship of Rear Admiral Coghlan, Castine and Newport, of the United States Caribbean squadron, and two torpedo boat destroyers, left Colon yesterday homeward bound.

Empress Does Not Favor Alliance. LONDON, March 25.—The Telegraph today prints a dispatch from its Shanghai correspondent which says that the empress dowager has negatived a proposal made by General Yuan Shih Kai and Ma that China conclude an open alliance with Japan, in view of Russia's repeated violations of Chinese territory west of the Liao river.

German Repulse Hereros. BERLIN, March 25.—A cable dispatch was received today from Colonel Lettow, the governor of German Southwest Africa, announcing that a fight occurred at Omata mountain March 16, which resulted in the Hereros being repulsed, with the loss of ten men killed and two wounded.

MANY PATIENTS ARE EXPOSED Fire in a Michigan Hospital Sends Sick People into Deep Snow.

ECANABA, Mich., March 25.—A fire which broke out in the Delta county hospital caused a panic among the sixty patients, many of whom were forced to leave the building by means of ladders and fire escapes.

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HOLD UP FORT OMAHA ITEM

Establishment of Signal Corps School Depends on Conference Adj.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 25.—The Signal Corps school at Fort Omaha, which was to have been opened today, has been postponed until after the adjournment of the conference on the Signal Corps bill.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The house conferees on the military appropriation bill have disagreed to the item regarding the Signal Corps, on the ground that as it is new legislation and the house should have an opportunity to discuss it. This item, which was inserted by the senate, provides for an increase of the Signal Corps to 1,132 men, nearly double the present complement. Upon the passage of this item depends whether Fort Omaha shall be rehabilitated and made a permanent school and garrison for the Signal Corps. The house conferees stated that personally they had no objection to increasing the Signal Corps, and they believed that when the house was brought face to face with the proposition that it would direct the conferees to recede from the disagreement, recognizing the necessity for an increase.

Major Holt, chairman of the military affairs committee and chairman of the house conferees, openly favors the increase, and has pledged himself to do what he can to bring the house to his way of thinking, but as the senate has inserted so much new legislation in the bill, it will be difficult to get the house to pass it, but right that the house should have a chance of saying whether it was in accord with its conferees or whether the senate's amendment should be adopted. The failure of the house conferees to accept an amendment increasing the Signal Corps has made it necessary for the senators and representatives from Nebraska to labor for the success of the measure, which will probably be brought to the attention of the house on Monday.

Senator Millard was actively at work on the bill, and the house nearly all day. There were other friends of the bill, and tonight it is stated that there is a good chance of the increase being voted by the lower branch of congress. Senator Quarles, member of the senate conferees committee, stated today that there were eight items of disagreement which the conferees of the house were unable to settle. Many of these items belong to that body, many of them belong to the senate, and the legislation, he believed, however, that the amendment increasing the Signal Corps should be adopted.

No new legislation is necessary to locate a school of instruction for the Signal Corps at Fort Omaha, as the secretary of war has already authorized the purchase of land and the construction of buildings, and the chief of staff, in fact, is in the process of looking to the betterment of military conditions within the scope of the appropriations. Assurance has been given that should the Signal Corps be increased, as has been recommended by the secretary of war and general staff, that Fort Omaha will be made the permanent home for the corps.

Indians Get More Than Due. To kick seems to be proverbial with Indian character. Their association with white men has taught them lots of things which they probably would never have learned had they been permitted to remain in the forest primitive. The Omaha delegation which has been in Washington for a week and which will accompany Agent Brennan to Pine Ridge tomorrow exemplifies to a degree the reasons for the present feeling against the Indians.

They came here to make a protest against the bill which incidentally demand what to them seemed their just rights. They came to Washington to protest against the price the tribe received for the Black Hills cession, to present to the president their petition that they be given an increase in the stipulated amount of the provisions that any subsequent treaty made between the government and the Indians should be signed by three-fourths of the male adults. Unknown, seemingly, to the Indians themselves, the treaty of 1859 ceding the land between the White and Cheyenne rivers, cures the treaty of 1851.

As to the protest that the so-called Black Hills treaty, made in 1851, did not pay the Ogallala any money, this in a sense is probably true. The treaty of 1862 provided that it should continue in force for thirty years, but the treaty of 1859, ignoring the fact that there was to be a stop in certain payments for rations, farm implements, etc., really continues in perpetuity the pledges made by the government by other treaties, and the Black Hills treaty is, according to authority in Washington, the very best treaty ever made with the Indians.

Millions for the Sioux. Since the Black Hills treaty was ratified more than \$3,000,000 have been paid to the Sioux and since 1862 more than \$3,000,000 have been paid them. When these facts were shown to the delegation American Horse, a member of the delegation and being one of the signatories to the treaty of 1859, there was a look of disgust on the faces of the Sioux men of the Ogallala. They had no idea that the government kept so close tab with the several Indian tribes. Then when the president told them that the old men would be taken care of, but that the young men would have to work, it capped the climax of their visit, and it is believed that they are going back home with a much more comprehensive idea of what the government's policy is towards the Indians than they ever had before.

Yanktons Have a Kick. Close upon the heels of the Ogallalas there comes a delegation of the Yankton Sioux, composed of the very old men of the tribe, Big Tobacco being one of the leaders, with David Zepher as interpreter. They come here for the purpose of complaining against the regulations put out by the Indian office. They don't want their children forced to attend the reservation schools; they want their children to go to the district schools, which is interpreted by the Indian office to mean no school. Then, again, they complain that the lease money for their lands is not paid with the alacrity which they desire, falling, of course, to recognize that after a lease is made it must be sent to the secretary of the Interior for his approval. They also complain that there are not enough Indians employed at the agency, the clause of their treaty being that Indian labor at the agency should be paid.

Packing House Men Quit. CHICAGO, March 25.—Several hundred packers and pork butchers at the Union Stock yards have gone on strike. The packers demand that one of their charged comrades be reinstated, and the pork butchers demand overtime pay, which they say has been withheld.

BLIZZARD IN NORTH DAKOTA Trains Are Delayed and Heavy Loss of Stock Is Feared.

ST. PAUL, March 25.—The Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Soo lines had a hard time of it in North Dakota and Montana today. A fierce storm has been raging in the states for more than thirty hours. The railroad wires are down and the trains more or less blocked. A party of executive and traffic officials which left St. Paul Wednesday is blocked somewhere in North Dakota.

The north coast limited, which left St. Paul yesterday, is tied up at Dickinson. BIRMINGHAM, N. D., March 25.—As a result of a severe blizzard which began last night there are drifts from three to six feet deep. It is feared there will be heavy losses of stock, many cattle having gone into the storm weak from the severe winter. Trains are delayed.

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NEW YORK, March 25.—So far as could be learned in Wall street today, Daniel J. Sully has not fixed upon any definite new plan for his creditors. It seems to be the disposition of the part of the creditors to permit the committee of five named yesterday to represent them and negotiate with Sully through the receivers.

Samuel Untermyer said today that he had been consulted by various interests in the event of a contest between Sully and the creditors. It seems as though a fair offer of settlement would be made which would obviate any necessity for litigation.

HIGH WIND BLOWS IN ARKANSAS Several Persons Reported to Be Injured and Much Property Is Destroyed.

PORT SMITH, Ark., March 25.—Passengers on a belated train on the Arkansas Central railroad report a destructive tornado in a strip of country near Spring Hill, Ark. Several persons are reported injured, but so far as could be learned no one was killed.