# TORNADO STRUCK

Farms in Johnson County Are Devastated.

FLK CREEK, NEB., HAS A CLOSE CALL

Funnel-Shaped Cloud Barely Escapes Village-Barns and Outbuildings Wrecked and Orchards Uprooted -Floods at West Point.

An Elk Creek, Neb., June 12, special says: A tornado was seen to form on the Turdy farm, two miles west of Elk Creek, shortly after 4 o'clock this evening. At the beginning it seemed to be no more than an ordinary whirlwind, but as it advanced a funnelshape was taken on and for some time it was feared would come direct over the village, but fortunately it veered to the northeast and passed the town about eighty rods to the north and from this on was east and a little to the north. At K. H. Boone's farm it broke some trees, then went on to the farm of E. C. Thompson and uprooted and made small wood of his fine orch-

At J. W. Parker's considerable damage was done to sheds, but further on northeast it came to the W. J. Blystone farm, and here is where it did the most damage, so far as can be learned, by taking the roof off the barn and tossing it against a large granary with such force as to demolish the same. It then destroyed the wind mill, the roof from the corn crib and partly wrecked the residence, carrying the roof away. Mrs. S. C. Blystone and children, who occupy the place, took refuge in the cellar and escaped uninjured.

So far as known no lives were lost and no one was injured.

#### DUEL WITH NEGROES

Kansas City Detectives Have a Bloody Battle With Toughs.

A Kansas City dispatch dated June 13, says: Two city detectives, Matt Kenney and Henry Sparks, undertook to stop a street fight between a crowd

of negro men and women in East Third street yesterday afternoon, and as a result of an exchange of shots Rufus Bennett, a north end tough, and Ora Childs, the latter a woman were killed. and Charles Jackson, proprietor of a barber shop, was seriously wounded. Two score of men and women had gathered in the streets with knives

and beer bottles when the detectives tried to interfere. Jackson started at Kenny with a knife, and Kenny shot him in the leg and the crowd darted to BABY KILLED IN A RUNAWAY Jackson's basement barber shop. The detectives followed. A general fusilade followed with the results above

Japs Manage to Land.

A San Francisco, June 12 dispatch says: The Examiner asserts that of a band of thirty-two Japanese immigrants who were recently deported on the steamer Thyra, at least four, and possibly twenty, are already back in ly injured that it is thought she canthis state. One of them has been identified and is now in custody. The men are supposed to have left the Thyra at Portland or Astoria, where the vessel touched, but the northern customs officers declare that such could not have been the case.

## Farmer Seriously Injured.

Frank Ambroz, a farmer living seven miles west of Madison, Neb., was injured severely by being thrown from his wagon and being run over. He was late starting from town, and had stopped to fix the seat, when the horses started up suddenly and threw him out. Ambroz was taken care of by a friendly farmer. The team was found the next day tied fast to the wheel in the middle of a wheat field.

## Ex Lawmaker Sent to Jall.

C. O. Charlston, said to have been once a member of the Nebraska legislature, and a justice of the peace, from Phelps county, was convicted at Chicago of obtaining \$10 by a confidence game, and was sentenced to fifteen days in the county jail. Charlston's plan was to present worthless checks and obtain small sums of money on

## China to Make Paper.

A Beloit, Wis., June 12 special says: Fourteen carloads of tissue paper making machinery were shipped by a Beloit manufactory today to Shanghai. China. This marks the first American and is probaby the only paper making machinery ever sent to China. There have been paper-making machine shipments made from that city to Japan.

## Murdered by Mexicans.

Frank Smith, a miner, made large winnings in a Mexican gambling house at Helvetia, Ariz., and was killed by Mexicans, who provoked a row before he could leave the saloon with the money. He was stabbed and riddled with bullets, but in falling mortally wounded two Mexicans.

Mistaken For a Deserter. Privates Cole and Ripley, two prisoners doing terms for desertion, escaped from the guard house at Fort Meade, near Sioux City, Ia., Tuesday night. Just an hour after the discovery of the escape Private Jack O'Donnell of Troop I, unaware of the escape, came down the road and was ordered to halt. He probably did not hear, and advancing, was shot dead by the sentry. O'Donnell was an old Eighth cavalryman and had just returned from Cuba. Lieutenant Fitzhugh Lee, son of General Lee, was the officer of the guard.

#### LIMIT TO AMERICAN ACTION

Not Justified in Going to Extremes in China

A special from Washington says: The intervention of the United States in the Chinse crisis involving the representations already made by Minister Conger, together with the action taken by Admiral Kempff, both under the discretion allowed them by the president's instructions, are declared officially to exhaust this government's resources, so far as they can be applied at the present time. Without a distinct change in national policy, which is regarded as most remote and except under gravely complicated international conditions affecting not only the stability of the Chinese empire, but the equilibrium of Europe the officers or American agencies at Pekin and Tien Tsin as well as in future centers of disturbances, will be limited to such efforts for the protection of American interests as the participation of Minister Conger in the insistent demands made by all the foreign representatives | men. upon the tsung-li-yamen and the dowager empress for affording security to just above the tree tops. Its course the life and property of aliens, and as the landing of armed forces and the dispatch of gunboats to furnish the necessary protection in case of China's failure to comply.

Beyond this it is now clearly understood in Washington that all other nations propose to go, perhaps at once, but the United States, while entering the concert up to that point, will act independently, if at all, in proceedings which will probably lead to a change of dynasty and perhaps a revolution through the empire. It is promised, however, that whatever occurs the commercial interests of this country, upon the basis established in the written "open door" compact, shall not be modified even in case of the occupation by other powers of all the remaining coast line, and the extension of spheres of influence beyond their present exceedingly elastic limits.

#### MUTINY OF CONVICTS

Five Hundred at San Juan Refuse to Obey Orders.

Five hundred inmates of the penitentiary at San Juan, Porto Rico, mutinied, refusing to take breakfast or to work. They asserted that the food was not fit to eat, and the leader struck the warden in the face. The penitentiary is guarded by a detachment of twenty members of the Porto Rico regiment, and the jail authorities. fearing the convicts had planned a concerted movement to break jail, called in the guard. Thereupon the prisoners attempted to rush the troops, who fired three volleys at the wall. Three of the inmates were injured by splinters though not seriously.

Accident Near Union Which May Cost Two Lives.

Tuesday afternoon two families who team can away throwing the ocenponts out and instantly killing the three-months-old baby of Dave Larue. Mrs. Larue was quite badly bruised and Mrs. Walker Jones was so seriousnot recover.

## Albany Placed in Commission.

The United States cruiser Albany, which was placed in commission at Newcastle-on-Tyne, May 30, and under orders to proceed to the Mediteranean. has arrived at Southampton. The United States training ship Buffalo, which sailed from New York April 19 for a cruise in the Mediteranean has also arrived.

## Allment Puzzles Physicians.

Ora Brawner, who lives three miles west of Wilcox, Neb., is suffering from peculiar disease. On the least exertion he perspires freely on the right half of his body while the left side remains perfectly cool and dry. Except for a feeling of numbness on the right side of his body during the early morning hours, he is in perfect health

## Suspended Cable Breaks.

While nine men in a basket cable line suspended eighty-five feet above the Tallapoosa river at Tallahassee, Fla., were crossing, the cable broke and the men fell to the river. One was killed and two are reported unable to live. The others were more or less injured.

## Woman Burned to Death.

Mary Jackson, colored, was burned to death at Louisville, Ky., while trying to start a fire with kerosene at Zech Sherly's home. Ella Sherly, aged seven, was seriously burned, and Mr. and Mrs. Sherly, her parents, were painfully burned while rescuing the child.

## A Suicide.

Chauncey M. Hawkins, a San Francisco jeweler, committed suicide by taking morphine, after vainly trying to obtain employment. His wife, who reside in Los Angeles, says that he coachrs or train No. 124, going east, was once wealthy and formerly managed a jewelry establishment in New

## HOT AFTER HORSE THIEVES

Sarpy County Farmers Chase Them A party of Sarpy county horsemen

reached Omaha Tuesday in hot pursuit of horse thieves who stole two good horses and a set of harness from Aug. it is believed he accidentally dropped Leaders, a farmer residing two miles from Papillion. The theft occurred early in the morning. By noon bloodhounds had been secured from Lincoln and they took the scent and held it until they reached Omaha, where they Heister, near Geneva, Neb., a week became confused. The police joined ago, is still alive, and it is now thought in the search.

#### FLOCKING TO THE CITIES

Chinese Refugees Flee From Expected Attack of Boxers.

A London, June 10 dispatch says: Definite returns regarding the severe fighting between the Chinese troops and the boxers that was going on Thursday between Tien Tsin and Pekin had not been received at Tien Tsip when the latest telegrams to reach London were filed. The Chinese troops, however, had killed many boxers, according to reports, while another account had the government soldiery defeated in an engagement near Pao Ting Fn.

Apparently the legation guards have not yet taken a hand in the fighting. but they are ready to do so at a moment's notice. The boxer movement affects some hundreds of square miles. Official dispatches to Vienna from Pekin aver that the sect is more powerful than any political party in China. embracing no less than 4,000,000, and manipulated by zealous and adroit

#### Burns Roof of Building.

A bad fire occurred at Fremont shortly before six o'clock Friday night and totally demolished the roof of the east school house and damaged seriously the interior, entailing a loss in the neighborhood of \$4,000. The janitor was burning waste paper in the furnace and the fire grew too hot, setting fire to the roof next to the chimney. Through a mistake of the hook and ladder men the truck went into another part of town and the roof was gone before good streams of water could be brought to bear. The damage is fully covered.

#### Did Not Murder.

The jury in the Sangamon county, Ill., circuit court in the case of Miss Lee, charged with murder, after being out five hours brought in a verdiet of not guilty. Miss Lee was arrested in December, 1896, on the charge of murdering her infant and throwing the body into a well at the premises where she lived. While in jail and before before being indicted she and two other female prisoners succeeded in getting possession of the keys to the rear door of the jail and escaping. She was rearrested and the trial followed.

#### Find Him Insane.

Frank Sprague or James Morton, was adjudged in sane by the county board of insanity at York. He came to Oscar Swanson's farm, just south of Bradshaw, about May 16, and not until last Sunday did he show any unsoundness of mind. He claims to have lived at Greenwood, Neb., and has an uncle there named Ross Barr. He may be sent to the asylum at Lincoln for treatment.

#### Able to Get Out.

Military operations in South Africa are apparently at a standstill. For a day or two the tired troops of Lord Roberts are resting, and he is filling the magazines and warehouse at his new base, Pretoria, preparatory to a reside in Union, Neb., were returning long chase after the retiring Boers in from a visit in the country when the the direction of Lydenburd. His cavalry are probably seeking to Commandant General Botha.

## Rich Strike in Kansas.

From Galena, Kansas, the richest jack strike ever made is reported from one of the properties of the Combination Zine Mining company's properties. At a depth of sixty-two feet drillers on the Sadie Bell shaft ran into 25 per cent jack and are said to have gone through ten feet solid. Considerable excitement has resulted.

## Pays Reward.

Governor Poynter has issued a voucher for \$200, the amount of the state reward due ex-Sheriff J. H. Dickerson of Garner, Ia., for capturing George H. Ray who murdered Frank Cheesman in Nemaha county. Nebraska. There are no funds with which the voucher can be paid and the claim will have to stand until the next legislature meets.

## Forces Still Intact.

It appears evident that the Boer commander-in-chief, General Botha, with all his guns withdrew in good order, probably along the Delagoa bay railroad, with the view of joining President Kruger and Steyn, and General Botha and Secretary of State Betz, all safe and in a position to continue the direction of affairs.

## Four Negroes Killed.

Four negroes were killed by lightning while at work on the steamer Commodore Barney at Jacksonville, Fla. Fourteen other men were shocked, some of them seriously. Several of the injured had their scalps badly torn and lacerated.

## Damaging Storms in Germany.

The recent heavy thunderstorms in various parts of Germany have done considerable damage especially along the upper Rhine, where lightning killed a number of persons. In the districts of Brunswick and Plauen a number of lives have been lost.

## Car Windows Broken by Hall.

A Gering, Nebraska, dispatch says: Every window on the north side of the was broken, the result of a terrible hail storm at Laramie, Wyo., where the cars stood on the siding over Sun-

## Wrecked by Explosion.

In an explosion at the Indiana powder plant near Fontanet, Ind., Matthew Reed was killed and several other employes were injured. Reed was carrying a pale of nitro-glycevine and

Injured Man May Recover. Henry Nachbor, the man who was so nearly killed on the farm of Henry he may recover.

## \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* THE LOVES AND THE IMMORTALS.

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He was the bust of Apoilo, which stood on top of the plano. She was the plaster cast of the East Wind which hung on the wall opposite. And they had somehow managed to fall in love with each other. Perhaps' they had imbibed something of the general atmosphere of the apartment. It was inhabited by three pretty bachelor maidens, each and every one of them sworn never to fall in love or marryand each and every one passing through that stage of their evolution when one learns that it is really nobler to own one's self mistaken and one's views rather than to wreck the happiness of a fellow creature, even if he is only a man. So much lovemaking, open and covert, went on under the eyes of the amorous plaster casts that they were certainly excusable in learning to conjugate the moods and tenses of the tender passion also.

Phyllis Forrester was the prettlest and sweetest of the bachelor maidens, or, at least Angus Macnell believed so, And Phyllis invariably sat in the big Morris chair just in front of the head of Apollo when she was entertaining company. The big Morris chair formed a beautiful frame for the adorable little Phyllis. Perhaps that was why she so often sat in it, although Angus Macneil didn't think so. He believed that she was fond of occupying the big chair because she fancied her insignificant height and extreme slenderness were less noticeable than when she sat

up straight. Angus himself almost always sat upon the Turkish stool just opposite the big chair. Sitting on this stool gave him an opportunity of leaning forward, and thus bringing his eyes a few inches nearer Phyllis. He often found himself dreaming as he sat there of the longed-for time when he should dare to lean still a little farther forward and clasp the little hand which rested so idly in Phyllis' lap. Phyllis never embroidered or did fancy work as other girls do, at least not in the evening. Her companions in the apartment declared that this was so be-



cause Phyllis was too idle. Phyllis herself declared that her hands were not pretty enough to bring them into prominence by contrasting them with bits of dainty needlework, whereat the other girls laughed scornfully. Angus Macneil thought her hands adorable anyway, and rather preferred that they should be idle. The chances of by and by taking them prisoner seemed somehow increased so long as she did not work.

Seate: thus Phyllis naturally took frequent note of the East Wind. Sometimes when she found it advisable to become unconscious of the adoring gaze of her lover, she studied the cast with much earnestness. At such times she was almost ready to declare that the plaster face was smiling at something or somebody. Angus, for his part, had strong suspicions that the plaster Apollo winked now and again. One evening he mentioned these suspicions to Phyilis, and after thatwell, the plaster casts fared beautifully.

There was no light in the room but that of the open fire and the East Wind and the Apollo were flirting openly and undisguisedly. Angus looked up suddenly and caught them at

"That fellow is very fond of winking," he remarked, smiling at Phyllis. Phyllis smiled almost as sympathetically as the East Wind she was look-

'And do you know, I have been thinking that the East Wind is smiling." she returned. Angus swung around and looked at the pretty feminine head, with its long hair flying forward, and with deep, unfathomable eyes. Then he looked back again at the pretty feminine head with wavy hair caught up neatly, and with eyes which were also unfathomable. He smiled as though a pleasant thought had struck him.

"Perhaps she's smiling at Apollo. Perhaps they love each other," he suggested, while the East Wind blushed in the firelight to have the secrets of her plaster heart thus disclosed. Phyllis blushed also, from mere sympathy, of course. Then the East Wind, torn between maidenly shyness and a desire to prove to Apollo that the words of these mortal lovers were true, swayed on the wire which suspended her so eagerly that the wire gave way and she fell violently forward. Had not Phyllis sprung up quickly and caught her she would have been dashed to pieces on the floor. As it was she lay motionless in the kind arms which had saved her, no longer blushing, but quite white and still. Apollo, on top of the plane, flushed more viv-

idly than ever as Macnell took his beloved away from Phyllis. And he fairly beamed down on the human lover as his idol was placed by his side, lean-

ing right against him. "Old fellow looks pretty happy," ventured Angus, calling the attention of Phyllis to the satisfied air which dwelt in the attitude and expression of both casts. Phyllis nodded sweetly, but said nothing. Macneil drew a little nearer and looked down at her silently-for so long that Phyllis became nervous.

"I wonder what you are thinking of," she blurted out suddenly. Macneil swept the Turkish stool over the carpet with a movement full of haste and determination. Once more Apollo winked at the beautiful face beside him, no longer coldly beautiful with the icy loveliness of plaster, but glowing and warmly radiant in the light of the fire-and love. Apollo knew what was going on far better than the mortals themselves. And lovemaking in the room below him seemed quite in keeping with the oldnew thrills of passionate admiration and worship which were pulsating through his breast of tinted plaster. He even went so far as to smile kindly and in knowing fashion when the human lover seated himself on the Turkish stool and made bold to take possession of his sweetheart's hand.

"Phyllis," said the human lover softly, "Phyllis, dear, I was thinking how very much I love you. It-doesn't displease you-that I should be thinking such things, my darling?"

"No," signaled Apollo and the East Wind together from their station on top of the piano. Phyllis was silent and her lover drew both the little hands into his own.

"What are you thinking of, my dearest?" he asked, as the girl remained speechless.

"I am thinking that-that-I love you, too," was the answer which he divined rather than heard, and the East Wind and Apollo craned their heads so far forward to see what was happening that they nearly came to an untimely end by dashing themselves down to destruction upon the keys of the piano. And after that-well, when next morning came and the other pretty bachelor maidens would have separated the plaster lovers and put the distance of the room between them again Phyllis wouldn't hear of it.

"They look as if they were making love to each other," she explained, blushingly, "and-well, I like to see them do it!"-Chicago Tribune,

#### ONE THING HE FORGOT. He Missed the Five-Thirty Train at Four-Thiety.

It is his wont to come in from the suburbs early of a morning and to go out again on the 5:30 train, when his day's work is done. A few days ago he met an old friend, and, yielding to the entreaties of that old friend, he decided to spend the evening in town. He was so afraid wifle would feel hurt if she knew that he had deliberately planned an evening's good time without counting her in that he manfully For carriage use a resolved to deceive her. Accordingly, as be came away from the office he went to a telegraph office and sent this message to her: "Unavoidably detained. Missed 5:30 train. Will be out later." It was a great deal later when he reached his happy home. Wife met him at the door and there was a look in her eyes that every married man learns to know and instinctively to dread. "Did you get my message, precious?" he asked as he kissed her tenderly, holding his breath meanwhile as a precautionary measure. "Yes, dear," she made answer, and when a woman calls her husband "dear" that way you can cut loose from the weather bureau and prognosticate a few things on your own book. "Yes, dear, I received your message. Here it is." There it was, sure enough. It was marked as plain as plain could be, "Received at 4:23." He hadn't thought of that.-Chicago Chronicle,

#### WANDERING IN DREAMLAND. she Tried to Pay Her Fare With Sam ples of Foulard.

The young woman's mind was probably 'way off in the land of cuton-the-bias, and yokes, and flarings, and plaitings, and applique, and ruffles, and things like that, whatever they may mean. Anyhow, when she got on an uptown Ninth street car the other afternoon, she dreamily opened her pocketbook when the conductor came around for her fare, stuck a gloved finger and thumb into one of the compartments of the same, extracted a couple of foulard samples, and, with that far-away expression still in her eyes, handed them to the conductor. The conductor was a a middle-aged man. He smiled and waited for the young woman to come out of her trance. But she held the foulard samples out to him, with her eyes on vacancy, until the conductor, still grinning, had to fetch her back to earth. "Yes, they're pretty, miss," he said, "and I'd like to get my wife a dress off that piece on top, but she's-" The young woman blushed like a red-hot stove-lid, dug into another compartment of her pocketbook for a car ticket, and she looked real embarrassed when the brutal male persons across the car aisle grinned, so ehe did.—Washington Post.

#### Drawing Parallel Lines Rapidly. Parallel lines can be rapidly drawn on a blackboard by a new chalk holder, which has a wooden stock provided with transverse grooves, in which the crayons are inserted, being held in place by a flat spring crossing them at right angles, with a spring grip to

be held in the hand.

STRIKING FIGUY 28. Two Ecumenical Delegates Who Have Had Rare Experiences.

In attendance upon the conference

as delegates are two men who, in their missionary work, have been through as grave perils and as strange experiences, probably, as any living beings, says the New York Sun. They are Robert Laws, doctor of divinity and medicine, who comes from the missions on the shores of Lake Nyassa in Africa, and Dr. John G. Paton, whose life work has been among the cannibal South Sea Islanders of the New Hebrides. "One of the greatest rewards of your work," said a missionary from Japan to Dr. Paton upon beintroduced to him, "must be the knowledge that by the spread of Christianity the practices of cannibalism have been rooted out." "It would be." said the venerable missionary, "if it were only so." "Are there still any cannibals remaining in the New Hebrides?" asked the other in surprise. "There are plenty of islands, unfortunately," was the reply, "where cannibalism is constantly practiced, and human flesh is esteemed the greatest delicacy obtainable. The life of an unarmed man wouldn't be worth a moment's purchase on any of those islands. A thing that constantly surprises me," added the doctor as his questioner turned away, "is the prevailing impression here that cannibalism is a thing of the past. Where the missionaries have gained a foothold the practice has been eradicated, though I have known of sporadic outbreaks in the vicinity of the missions. But people here at home do not seem to comprehend the vast extent of the South Sea Islands. There are thousands and tens of thousands of natives who have never seen a missionary and who, perhaps, have never seen a white man of any kind. They eat human flesh to-day, as they have from time immemorial."

#### FASHION'S PARASOLS.

Some of the Latest Fancles in Season's Sunshades. If the woman who uses a parasol

would be particularly far in advance of her feminine rivals this summer she will buy herself the very latest creation in parasol ingenuity, the sunshade with square edges. It is not a thing of beauty, perhaps, but at least it is strikingly odd and to be odd is at least to be noticed. The square parasol is covered with a bandana handkerchief in the gaudiest pattern obtainable and the effect is certainly bizarre and unusual. The newest handles for the season's parasols are club shaped, and some of them are adorned with bunches of flowers and fruit. Among the elaborate handles wooden ones are seen mounted in gold and silver and set with real or imitation jewels. Ivory, coral, and lapis lazuli are also cut up into the parasol handles. Parasols for morning service are always of plain design and material. Silk is, of course the rule. shade is always a desirable requisition and it may be beautified by lace butterflies and flowers appliqued upon the satin. One of the fancy shades shows a parasol formed of stitched bands of white taffeta put together with strips of insertion and hemstitching.-Chicago Chronicle.

## Sound of a Thunderstorm.

It is generally agreed that the sound of a thunderstorm cannot be heard if at a further distance than between fifteen and eighteen miles, although Sir Richard Phillips has stated that thunder may sometimes be heard as far off as twenty-five miles. Lightning he says, is reflected 150 or even 200 miles. The velocity of lightning is so great that the sounds produced at the various points of a flash may be regarded as simultaneously produced. As compared with the sounds of cannon-firing the fire of artillery has been heard some 370 miles away. When fired amongst the mountains of Erzgebirge the people at Antwerp heard it quite distinctly. To a certain extent this can be accounted for by reverberation. The report of cannon travels particularly far, as it communicates vibration

## Swiftest Ocean Current.

Among the twenty-five known great ocean currents, or rivers of the sea, it appears that the swiftest in its course is the branch of the great equatorial current so well known as the Gulf Stream, its speed at various places varying from four and a half to five miles an hour, with its waters at a mean temperature of 81 degrees Fahr. After running 3,000 miles towards the north, as far as 40 degrees north latiitude, it still preserves, even in winter, the heat of summer. The influence of this vast body of warm water upon the seas and coasts it washes cannot be overestimated. It covers the ocean with a mantle of warmth and serves to mitigate the rigors of our European winter. The existence of this wonderful stream was first discovered in 1512 by Ponce de Leon, a Spaniard.

#### Durban as a Winter Resort. Durban is a winter resort and contains some of the finest residences in

the world. They afford a good ocean view and are surrounded by tropical trees, flowers and fruits. Looking for Fore Trouble. If Pugilist Corbett enters congress

#### he will find some very clever competitors in the side-stepping business .-Milwaukee Sentinel.

Napoleon's Telescope Found. According to the London Chronicle, the telescope which Napoleon I used to carry has turned up in Turin.