

GULF STATES HIT

TROPICAL HURRICANE SWEEPS A WIDE DISTRICT

PROPERTY LOSS HEAVY

NO KNOWN FATALITIES, BUT REPORTS ARE INCOMPLETE

New Orleans and Pensacola, Fla., Feel The Storm's Great Weight, Loss at Latter Place Amounting to \$3,000,000

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The tropical hurricane which has been churning the waters of the gulf and doing much damage on the coast and far inland, is whipping through north Alabama in a northeasterly direction at a velocity but slightly less than that recorded at New Orleans during the day. Reports received by the Associated press do not indicate any loss of life, but the damage to property over the territory touched by the storm is something enormous. Wire communications is seriously disarranged and in some instances has resulted in cutting off cities completely. Mobile not having been heard from in nearly twenty-four hours. Numerous washouts have occurred; the interruption from this cause in one case extending for thirty miles.

Pensacola Hard Hit

Pensacola reports a property loss of \$3,000,000 in the city alone and sends rumors of loss of life which it is impossible to confirm as the uncertain wire which held long enough to glean this information aided later.

New Orleans furnished the subject of numerous wild rumors but authentic reports from there indicate that while there was considerable damage to property, there has been no loss of life in the city. Wires between New Orleans and the gulf are prostrated and it will be several days before anything can be heard from the vast territory between the Crescent city and the gulf and before anything can be heard from the shipping which is riding out the storm in the open gulf. Biloxi, Mississippi City and Moss Point, Miss., have not been heard from for twenty-four hours, Moss Point reporting the water four feet deep in the streets of the little town at that time.

Send Boy to Reformatory

ALBIA, Ia.—Oscar Napier, the eight-year-old boy who was convicted by a jury of murdering seven-year-old Frank Adams, was sentenced to the reformatory at Eldorado to remain until he is twenty-one years of age. The boy broke down and wept piteously when he was sentenced, the first time since his arrest. The crime of which he was convicted occurred last December. The eight-year-old boy, with his elder brother, was visiting a neighbor's house. A shotgun was left outside and young Oscar was playing with it. Adams approached the gun was discharged, accidentally, the boy claims, but intentionally the state proved at the recent trial.

Four Killed in Wreck

DANVILLE, Ill.—Fast passenger train No. 8 on the Wabash railroad crashed through an open switch into a freight train near here. Last reports show four dead and one missing. Probably thirty-five or forty persons were injured, most of them slightly. The cause of the wreck as given by General Manager Henry Miller of the Wabash road was "accident caused by the crew of the freight train leaving the switch open."

Devastated by a Typhoon

MANILA.—The Cagayas valley, in the northern part of the island of Luzon, was devastated by a typhoon. Barrios, Gallaran, Anlung and Bagao were totally destroyed, and four other towns were badly damaged. Cagayas is the principal tobacco section of the island and the crops were practically destroyed. No estimate has been made of the amount of damage done, but the loss of life is known to have been slight.

A typhoon in Laguna province, island of Luzon destroyed a number of roads, damaged the crops and caused about \$150,000 damage in the towns situated in the path of the storm.

Chinese newspapers received here estimate the loss of life resulting from the typhoon at 10,000 and including the loss to the fishing fleet and the damage to property, the Chinese papers estimate the damage done at from three to fifteen million dollars.

HURRY HIM TO THE PEN

NO TIME LOST IN DISPOSING OF BANKER STENSLAND

Enters Plea of Guilty of Embezzlement and Violating Banking Laws—Prisoner Almost in State of Collapse

CHICAGO.—Paul O. Stensland, to whose self-confessed embezzlement of \$100,000 was due chiefly the collapse of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank was given an indeterminate sentence in the penitentiary within three hours after his arrival in Chicago from the east and before another three hours had elapsed the convicted bank president had begun service of the sentence at Joliet. Stensland pleaded guilty to two indictments, one charging embezzlement and the other charging violation of the state banking laws. A fine of \$120 was imposed on the latter charge, which was based upon the acceptance of \$80 in deposits after the bank was insolvent. The sentences imposed, which will operate concurrently, are from one to five and one to ten years, making the longest term the prisoner will be compelled to serve not more than ten years.

Stensland's arrival in Chicago was greeted by a crowd of several hundred persons who awaited the coming of the twentieth limited on which the prisoner and his captors were passengers.

To reach the cabs which were to convey the party to the criminal court building it was necessary for the police to clear a passage from the entrance of the baggage room by way of which the prisoner was conveyed to the street. The crowd was demonstrative, although offering no violence and the effect upon Stensland was noticeable. He became nervous and seemingly apprehensive of bodily harm. The drive to the criminal court building was accomplished without incident. State's Attorney Healy was waiting in his private office for the arrival of Stensland and the prisoner was hurried, haggard and trembling between a double line of police into Mr. Healy's presence.

A conference lasting over an hour, ensued between Stensland, Healy and Assistant State's Attorneys Olson and Barbour and several attaches of the office. What Stensland made known to the state's attorney was not divulged. After the conference Mr. Healy said:

"Stensland made a full confession of everything connected with the affairs of the bank. He has told us of his own acts and of the acts of others. What he has revealed makes the bank affair less dark for himself."

Struck by the Fast Mail

KEARNEY, Neb.—Daniel Lawrence Lewis, a stepson of P. A. Dittmer, was instantly killed by the eastbound fast mail at the Central avenue crossing. Together with a number of people he was standing on the south side of the railroad crossing while a long east bound freight train was going by. Unseen by the people and hidden by the freight train came the fast mail on the next track, the engine reaching the crossing just as the caboose of the freight was passing. Lawrence was waiting for the freight to pass, and as soon as the caboose had gone by, bystanders say he started to rush across the track and was in front of the fast mail, headed west, before he realized that it was coming. It appeared as if he made a supreme effort to get out of the way, when he was caught by the cowcatcher, where he hung while the train went thirty-five yards. Then the boy slipped down and the train passed over him, the wheels severing the body at the waist.

Need Not Issue a Warrant

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah.—Judge Armstrong, in the district court has decided that County Attorney Parley P. Christensen could not be compelled to issue a warrant for the arrest of President Joseph Smith on a complaint sworn to by Charles Mostyn Owen charging the head of the Mormon church with a statutory offense. The court was of the opinion that the complaint sworn to by Owen was indefinite and did not show that Mrs. Schwartz Smith, whose relation with the president formed the ground for the complaint, was not his legal wife.

Charles Mostyn Owen says he will take other steps to compel the issuance of a warrant against President Smith. President Smith is in New York at the present time.

NEBRASKA NOTES

James M. Hoke has leased the Ainsworth hotel.

W. A. Cornish has bought the Shelby Sun.

The village of Eagle has a new heating plant for the school building.

The Sioux City, Homer & Southern railway has been sold at auction for \$16,700.

Edward Richards of Tekamah has been sentenced to ninety days for wife beating.

Charles Brooks, publisher of the Craig Advertiser, has purchased the Oakland Republican.

The revival at Blair continues to draw large crowds and the tabernacle is filled nightly.

Regular train service has now been established on the Sioux City Ashland cutoff of the Great Northern.

Alfred L. Bixby, telegraph editor of the Lincoln Star and Miss Nellie M. Weaver were married at Lincoln recently.

The stacks for the new library building at Peru have arrived and in a few days the building will be ready to use.

Miss Elizabeth Helmer of Beatrice, has accepted the position of piano teacher at the institute for the blind at Nebraska City.

James L. Gandy, who was convicted in the Nemaha county district court of influencing witness with money, has appealed the case.

The new brick plant which will have a capacity of from 20,000 to 30,000 brick a day has started operations at Humboldt.

The work of enlarging and improving the plant of the Beatrice Gas company has begun. The improvements will cost about \$10,000.

Two Beatrice residents who carelessly enclosed a written note in a parcel of merchandise recently, paid \$10 each for violating the postal laws.

John Orcutt, aged 12 years who ran away from his home at Rulo with a circus, was arrested at Beatrice and held until the arrival of his parents.

The funeral of B. E. Dill who committed suicide near Tekamah recently was held at the home of the deceased. A large crowd from Tekamah was in attendance.

One hundred and fifteen dollars are here for unimproved farm land sounds like exaggeration, but that is the price paid by H. S. Elliott for 70 acres near Monroe.

At a regular meeting of the board of education at Tekamah two young men who were suspended by the superintendent for misconduct, were reinstated by the board.

A special election has been called in the village of Crab Orchard to vote on a \$4,000 bonding proposition for a system of water works. The town has recently experienced two very destructive fires.

While fixing a well at Arapahoe Albert de Allemand was seriously hurt. A bucket of sand fell to the bottom of the well, dropping a distance of thirty feet. De Allemand ducked and caught the force of the blow on the elbow.

Postoffice Inspector D. J. Sinclair, of Omaha, is investigating charges of insubordination which have been preferred against H. C. White of Beatrice for using indecent language to G. H. Van Horn, one of the mailing clerks.

Four cars loaded with rock ballast jumped the track in the Union Pacific yards near the Rock Island station at Beatrice. The road bed was torn up for a considerable distance, but no one was hurt. Spreading rails caused the accident.

P. H. Davis county clerk of Rock county, has been suffering from an attack of appendicitis and it was found necessary to perform an operation. A surgeon from a Chicago medical college happened at Long Pine on business and he was called and performed the operation, assisted by local doctors.

Anton Rubin, a well-known pioneer farmer, who homesteaded land in the 60's near West Point, has died, and was interred under Lutheran auspices. He leaves a family of grown sons and daughters, who, with his aged widow, survive him. The deceased was held in great esteem by the entire community.

As a result of a quarrel over the merits of their respective horses for which they are jockeys, Fred Easley was stabbed by George Wilson of Sterling, Neb. Both the men are employed at the county fair in the stables at the racing meet at Auburn. Easley has three knife wounds in the back and is in a serious condition. Wilson is under arrest.

WAS KILLED IN WRECK

FOUR DEAD AND FIFTEEN INJURED AT NEW PRAGUE, MINN.

Three of the Dead Traveling Salesmen, and All Occupants of the Smoking Car—Switch Engine at Fault

MINNEAPOLIS.—Four persons are dead and fifteen or more are injured as the result of a rear-end collision of a passenger train and a switch engine in the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad yards at New Prague, Minn.

According to L. F. Day, vice president and general manager of the Minneapolis St. Louis railroad, the accident was caused by a switch engine in the yards running into the main track on the time of the passenger train, which was about fifteen minutes late. The switch engine was light and the passenger was running at a fast rate of speed. Apparently the passengers in the smoking car were the only ones hurt. The city hall was turned into a hospital, and as fast as the injured were taken out they were removed to it. The express and baggage car telescoped into the smoker and practically every person in the car received some injury.

The last three cars of the train did not leave the track, but all of the passengers on the train were bruised and shocked by the crash.

So complete was the destruction wrought up forward that many of the unfortunates were pinned beneath the debris for an hour or more before they could be released.

Others in Plot

NEW YORK.—Under arrest by New York detectives, Paul O. Stensland, former president of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank, Chicago, who stands indicted for heavy embezzlements from that institution, arrived in New York. He was taken from the steamer Prinz Adalbert, on which he came from Morocco, to which country he had fled after the wrecking of the bank, and according to his son, Theodore Stensland, he will plead guilty to several of the charges brought against him.

Stensland has made a complete confession, according to Assistant State Attorney Olson of Chicago, who went to Tangier, Morocco, to take the former bank official into custody, and in his confession he implicated other prominent Chicago men. Attorney Olson declined to give the names of these men.

Theodore Stensland, who gave out an official statement for his father, declared that the latter had made no signed confession, but that he had admitted committing certain offenses which constituted embezzlement under the Illinois laws.

To some of the indictments for embezzlement his father would plead guilty, he said, and in the case of the others he would turn state's evidence and implicate all others who should be indicted in connection with the failure of the bank.

Stensland made the further statement, according to the son, that if the shortage in the bank was over \$400,000, the money in excess of that amount had been taken by Henry W. Hering, the former cashier of the bank, who was jointly indicted with Stensland on charges of stealing over \$1,000,000 from the bank and was a forger.

Meets Death in Cess Pool

FREMONT, Neb.—John Knechtel, a well-known citizen and for years a prominent merchant of Fremont, met death by falling into a cess pool in his own yard at the corner of C and Third streets. Mr. Knechtel left his house at about 8 o'clock in the evening to go to the barn. Subsequent developments showed that he had gone to work to dump a quantity of refuse into the cess pool, from which he had removed the iron lid. About 9 o'clock his family becoming apprehensive on account of his long absence, Mrs. Knechtel and her daughter, Miss Olga, went in search of Mr. Knechtel. By the aid of a lantern they carried they noticed the lid of the cess pool was off. Getting no response to calls for the object of their search, they looked into the hole. Protruding above the water line, they saw the feet of Mr. Knechtel. He had fallen headforemost into the slimy water where his body stuck and he struggled to death. Mrs. Knechtel fainted and the younger woman screamed for help. Passers by ran to their aid.

Mr. Knechtel came to Fremont thirty-five years ago and engaged in the merchandise business with L. P. Larson.

MARINES FOR CUBA

FIFTEEN HUNDRED MORE TO BE HURLED TO ISLAND

Regard Intervention Sure

WAR DEPARTMENT REFUSES TO TAKE ANY CHANCES

United States Soon to Have a Land Force of Seven Thousand on Cuban Soil—Have Ample Supplies

OYSTER BAY, N. Y.—Plans for the transfer of troops from the United States to Cuba in the event of the failure of Secretary Taft's mission to bring about a peaceful solution of the trouble in the island republic have been completed.

The final step was taken according to an announcement made here when the transport Sumner, now lying at the New York navy yard, was put in commission. The Sumner is in readiness for the immediate embarkation of troops. Negotiations are already under way for the acquisition of merchant steamers to be used as transports. The events of the day as told in the press dispatches have hastened plans which have been long in preparation seems apparent. Additional warships will reach Cuba in a few days and will be ready to land marines if necessary long before the regular troops now awaiting orders can be moved. Should armed intervention come these forces will undoubtedly form the vanguard of the invading army.

More Marines for the Island

WASHINGTON.—Fifteen hundred more American marines were ordered to Cuba by the navy department. Five hundred marines from the Atlantic fleet will sail soon on the battleships Indiana and Kentucky from Provincetown, Mass., eight or nine hundred marines will sail from Boston, Norfolk and Philadelphia and the remainder will probably leave New Orleans for Havana on a Morgan line steamer.

Orders were first issued for 1,000 marines from the various stations along the Atlantic coast to proceed to Cuba, but following dispatches from Secretary Taft, indicating that he has little hope of an amicable settlement of the troubles in Cuba, 500 additional marines from the north Atlantic fleet were instructed to prepare for Cuban service.

In addition to the marines there will be 2,000 more bluejackets sent to Cuba.

Woman Assaulted in Buggy

FREMONT, Neb.—While driving from Fremont to her home in Saunders county at 7 o'clock at night, Mrs. Charles Green, wife of a young farmer, was assaulted by a strange young man. The woman was alone in the buggy when she was attracted by the call of a man who said he had hurt his leg and was unable to walk. This was in the timber south of the Platte bridge. Mrs. Green volunteered to let the man ride with her to the home of Charles Johnson, where he said he worked. In the buggy, the man seized Mrs. Green and she struggled and fell to the ground, screaming for help. The stranger drove away with the rig and abandoned it a mile beyond. It was located and in the bottom, a letter and a bottle of whisky were found.

At 10 o'clock Rufus McMartin was arrested at the Fremont stock yards and was charged with the crime by Mrs. Green's husband, who came to the city on horseback. Mr. Green says his wife beat her assailant off with the buggy whip and that when he abandoned the buggy he ran north to cross the Burlington bridge leading back to Fremont.

McMartin's name was on the letter that was found. He was arrested a few months ago for entering a school room at Fremont college, and that time was tried before the insanity commission. After being in an asylum for a short time he returned and secured employment at the stock yards. The description Mrs. Green furnished answers that of McMartin. Mrs. Green is suffering from the shock but is not seriously injured.

Marines Desert Barracks

WASHINGTON.—Marines have been deserting the barracks on Mare Island, California, at a rate which has made it necessary for Brigadier General G. F. Elliott, commanding the marines corps to detail a second lieutenant and several experienced enlisted men as a squad whose sole duty it is to search San Francisco for deserters from the marine corps.