

TORNADO STRIKES WYOMING; HEAVY RAINS ALL OVER

Child Killed When Station is Wiped Out in the Eastern Part of the State.

RAILROADS SUFFER LOSSES

Heaviest Downpour in Years Ruins Many Fields and Washes Out Numerous Bridges.

STREAMS OUT OF THEIR BANKS

While the heaviest of the rain Friday night missed Omaha and the eastern portion of the state, nearly every other part of it, southern South Dakota, eastern Wyoming and northern Kansas, according to morning reports to the railroads, were visited by a downpour that in many localities was almost a flood, causing great damage to crops and causing numerous washouts.

In portions of eastern Wyoming tornadic winds accompanied the rain, but as wires are down the reports are coming in in fragments and lack detail. At Node's ranch, the second station over the Wyoming line on the Northwestern's Lander branch, a tornado covering an area some two miles wide and, so far as can be learned, twenty-five miles or so southwest to northeast, passed through the country.

At Node's ranch, a station where there are about a dozen houses, all of them were destroyed or badly damaged by the wind, and a child killed. In the path of the storm the report comes that several ranch houses were destroyed, but it is not believed that any of the occupants were killed.

Appears Friday Night

The storm appears to have struck Node's ranch about 5 o'clock in the evening. The telegraph line, a single wire, was blown down, and since the first report that came across country to Harrison, was received, nothing has been heard from the stricken zone. Late at night the wires went down between Chadron and Hermosa, and consequently all northwestern territory in the west part of the state is cut off from communication.

Along the Northwestern the storm struck the Bonesteel country and reports of serious washouts between Bonesteel and Winner are reported.

The Burlington's telegraph service to the northwest is completely demoralized on account of the wind of Friday night, and only fragments of reports have been received. Cyclonic conditions are reported to have been general over a good deal of the country through eastern Wyoming, but no report of serious damage has come to headquarters.

A cloudburst at Marietta, the first station west of Edgemont on the Sheridan line, washed out one bridge and carried away a long stretch of grade. Another bad washout is reported in the vicinity of Hot Springs and several between Sheridan and New Castle, Wyo.

Five inches of rain. From Grand Island west on the Union Pacific and up the Republican valley from Red Cloud on the Burlington the precipitation during the afternoon of Friday and Friday night amounted to four to five inches, throwing all streams out of their banks and bringing about flood conditions.

In Kansas the rain, according to the railroad reports, was heavier than in any part of Nebraska. The railroads report that around Marysville, Hanover, Concordia, Blue Rapids and up and down the river from Topeka there was five to eight inches of rain during the night and more falling, and without any indications of a cessation.

Railroad reports indicate that through northern and central Kansas the streams are all out of their banks, many of them the highest in years. The low lands are flooded and crops practically ruined where they have not been washed away.

Cut Alfalfa is Lost. It is asserted that the first cutting of alfalfa on the bottom lands in the southern part of Nebraska and all through Kansas will be a total loss. Where the fields are not covered with water the rain has been so continuous that the forage plant after having been cut has rotted.

Southwestern Iowa was hit about the same as the southern part of Nebraska. Reports indicate that over four or five counties the rain commenced to fall early in the evening and continued all night, the precipitation being anywhere from one to three and four inches, pushing the streams out of their banks and flooding the bottom lands, doing great damage to the growing crops.

The Weather.

For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity

Table with columns for Fair, High, Low, Mean, Precipitation, and Comparative Local Record.

Comparative Local Record. Highest yesterday... Lowest yesterday... Mean temperature... Precipitation... Comparative Local Record.

PHOTO OF PRESENT SPECIAL INTEREST—President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan taking a walk on the day the president secured Mr. Bryan's acceptance of the State Portfolio.



SCOTT'S BLUFF MAN IS ASSASSINATED

Joseph Layton is Shot Through the Head While Sitting in His Home Reading.

HIS DEATH IS INSTANTANEOUS

SCOTT'S BLUFF, Neb., June 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Joseph Layton was shot and instantly killed last night about 9 o'clock by an unknown assassin. He was sitting at a table reading in company with his father-in-law when the bullet, a large caliber steel-jacketed missile, entered the window, penetrating the head near the base of the brain, back of the right ear, emerging over the left eye.

Layton had been here nearly thirty years, was prosperous and well to do. He was married about a year ago, and his wife who has been in a hospital for several weeks has returned home and was in bed in an adjoining room at the time of the tragedy.

About three years ago Layton had trouble with a Russian over the division of water from a lateral, which struck a fight followed and Layton struck the Russian with a shovel, inflicting a fatal blow. He was acquitted on having acted in self-defense. He paid the Russian family a damage judgment later. It is not known whether this had anything to do with last night's tragedy.

Berlin Paper Says Bryan Is Posing as Rescuer of Nation

BERLIN, June 12.—(Via London.)—The Vossische Zeitung alone has published so far what purports to be a short summary of the latest American cable. The newspaper comments on this communication in the following terms:

"The note happily contains nothing of that sharpness which according to dispatches from London it was said to contain, nor is there even a threat to break off diplomatic relations. On the contrary the text does not lack a certain warmth and an acknowledgement of legality to be found on the German side.

"After declarations made by Mr. Bryan one expected a note which would increase the danger of a German-American crisis. Mr. Bryan, who stands at the head of the American peace societies and likes to hear the people call him the 'Prince of Peace,' apparently desires to appear as the rescuer of the nation from this danger. This for the sake of internal political reasons, in order to win for himself friends among the peace advocates, among the German-Americans, the Irish and the Hebrews, perhaps looking ahead to the next presidential election. As for the role of arbiter between Germany and England through his great success in foreign policies to strengthen his position at home."

Referring to Robert Lansing, the secretary of state ad interim, the Vossische Zeitung says: "This gentleman cannot be regarded as an unconditional anglophile; he once wrote a letter that he was tired of being England's messenger boy."

Trawler Waago Sunk in the North Sea

LONDON, June 12.—The trawler Waago has been sunk by a German submarine in the North Sea. The members of the crew were landed at Hartlepool.

MEXICAN CHIEFS RECOGNITION OF UNITED STATES

Carranza and Villa Both Want American Government to Consider Each as Leader.

FORMER ISSUES PROCLAMATION

Calls on Other Factions to Affiliate with His Faction.

HE MAKES EXTENSIVE CLAIMS

WASHINGTON, June 12.—General Carranza has issued a proclamation at Vera Cruz making a bid for recognition by the United States. John R. Silliman, personal representative of President Wilson in Mexico, telegraphed its text to the State department today from Vera Cruz.

What effect, if any, it will have on President Wilson's Mexican policy can only be conjectured. A statement by General Villa already received in Washington is expected to be laid before the president before Monday.

Carranza's proclamation calls on the other factions to affiliate with his government, and claims that he now controls nine-tenths of the population and seven-eighths of the territory in Mexico.

"One of the greatest difficulties in the matter of policy," Carranza says, "has been lack of understanding of other governments, particularly the United States."

In his proclamation Carranza lays down the following statements, obviously to learn how the Washington government regards them:

Guaranty to foreigners of the rights to which they are entitled under the laws of Mexico as to life, liberty and property. Indemnity for property damaged during the revolution on a just and fair basis. Restoration of peace and order.

In the settlement of the agrarian problem there should be no confiscation. There should be an equitable distribution of the lands the government now possesses. Property illegally possessed should be restored to rightful owners.

The department of public education should be extended to all parts of the country.

A national congress should be called to provide for the election of a president. The chief of the constitutionals will deliver over executive authority to whomsoever shall be selected.

Villa Ready for New Union

EL PASO, Tex., June 12.—General Villa in a note to President Wilson expressed willingness to invite a new union of all Mexicans to work together to insure the triumph of the revolutionary principles, especially the agrarian problem and the extension of instruction among the poorer classes.

The note, which is a reply to the recent communication sent to General Villa and others leaders in Mexico, is expected to be presented today to the State department by Enrique C. Llanero, representative of the Villa-Zapata faction at Washington.

Another note signed by Francisco Villa has been dispatched to General Venustiano Carranza, asking the latter to agree to a conference of leaders in Mexico "to unite and reorganize." The note states that propositions are being placed before Emiliano Zapata and Roque Gonzalez Garza.

No explanation from General Villa in this connection is reported for ousting Garza from the capital at Mexico City. Garza was chosen provisional president by the Agua Calientes convention of Mexican chiefs several months ago.

The communications were formulated at a meeting of the Amalgamated Association of Steel and Electric Railroad Employees, with other union officials attending, began here today in an effort to avert a strike of 14,000 street car men. The mayor was prepared to urge arbitration. President Mahon, however, said that he would oppose arbitration unless Mayor Thompson actually insure the men of a substantial increase in wages.

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STATE FARM EXPERTS MAKE A TOUR OF CASS COUNTY

ATLANTIC, Ia., June 12.—(Special.)—The farm tour of Cass county made Wednesday by representatives from Ames college was most successful. Eight stops were made by the tourists, the dinner stop being made at the Oliver Ostrus place west of the Norway school. Here nearly 200 people assembled at the noon hour. A goodly crowd accompanied the Ames people on the entire trip and found much that was interesting and profitable. Stops were made at the following farms: Rinehardt Vetterich, A. Z. Scott, Abo Biggs, Oliver Ostrus, D. P. Becker, John Forsyth, Peter Hopley & Son and G. C. Gibbons & Son. The Ames people on the trip were Prof. M. H. Hoffman, who had charge of the tour, Prof. M. A. Houser, Prof. W. A. Buchanan, animal husbandry expert, and Miss Neale & Knowles.

FORMER SIoux CITY CHIEF IS DENIED NEW TRIAL

SIoux CITY, Ia., June 12.—Former Chief of Police George Peirce was today denied a new trial and given a three-year sentence in prison. Peirce was convicted of conspiracy to collect graft from the underworld. His attorneys will appeal the case to Iowa supreme court.

FORMER IOWAN CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER

ATLANTIC, Ia., June 12.—(Special.)—The news has been received here from southern Idaho that John Pipher, formerly representative in the state legislature here and now a resident of Nampa, Idaho, was last week bound over to the district court in Canon county, Idaho, under \$2,000 bond on a charge of manslaughter as a result of his running over an aged man with his car on the streets of Caldwell, Idaho.

London Paper Says Wilson is First Citizen of the Whole World

LONDON, June 12.—In a two-column tribute to President Wilson, Alfred G. Gardner, editor of the Daily News says: "No man in the democratic world today is so entirely governed by principle and moral sanction. President Wilson is not merely the first citizen of the United States, but the first citizen of the world. He makes mistakes, no doubt, for he is human, but they never are the mistakes of a weak man; they never are the mistakes of a political gambler or one touched by sordid motives of ambition. Emperor William has made many miscalculations about nations and men, but his greatest miscalculation was in regard to Mr. Wilson and the United States. Inidentally, there also has been much misconception on the same subject in this country. Throughout the war his attitude has conformed to the historic traditions of the United States on non-intervention in European affairs, but he realizes the world has changed and the United States can no longer remain hermetically sealed.

NEW EXPLANATION FOR RUSS DEBACLE

Sudden Collapse of Advance Due to Failure of Supply of Ammunition to Arrive from Japan.

SUPPLY IS SUDDENLY CUT OFF

WASHINGTON, June 13.—The sudden collapse of the apparently overwhelming victorious march of the Russian armies into Prussia and across the Carpathians into Hungary and the severe reverses which they suffered since the turn of the tide at Przemyel were directly attributable to the recent crisis in the relations between China and Japan, according to information which has reached diplomatic circles here.

According to these accounts, in the beginning of the war Russia turned to Japan for a supply of war materials. Japan was in position to sell any quantity of ammunition and small arms and cannon after the successful siege of Kiao Chow, when there was no longer need for maintaining the large army mobilized for that purpose. So all the Japanese reserve ammunition which could safely be spared would be loaded on freight and express cars and even passenger coaches on the Siberian railroad and despatched overland to Russia. In addition the Japanese arms factories and metal works received and began to execute rapidly great contracts for the supply of all sorts of military equipment to Russia, varying from field guns to uniforms and saddles.

When the negotiations between China and Japan regarding Manchuria and Mongolia and Kiao Chow suddenly assumed a critical phase, it is said that the Japanese government regarded it as prudent to retain in Japan those military supplies for a precautionary measure in case the Chinese actually go to war and also because of the possibility that some of the powerful nations which guaranteed Chinese integrity, even Russia being kept in mind, might endeavor to intervene.

The effect of the conversation of Japanese resources was almost instantly manifested at the far distant Russian front for it developed that the Russians had exhausted all their own reserve stock of ammunition and with their limited manufacturing facilities were dependent upon Japan for the greater part of the powder, shot and shell needed by the army.

In that emergency appeals were made to Japan to loosen the embargo and pressure was brought to bear on that country through its allies, so that it is understood that now the current of supply has again been established, Japan having become satisfied that there was no longer imminent danger of trouble with China.

Mahon Says More Pay Must Be Basis for Arbitration Deal

CHICAGO, June 12.—Conferees between Mayor Thompson and W. D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Association of Steel and Electric Railroad Employees, with other union officials attending, began here today in an effort to avert a strike of 14,000 street car men. The mayor was prepared to urge arbitration. President Mahon, however, said that he would oppose arbitration unless Mayor Thompson actually insure the men of a substantial increase in wages.

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Britons Detain U. S. Cotton Ship

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RUSS ACTIVITY IN GALICIA KEEPS GERMANY BUSY

Recent Developments in East Expected to Keep Teutons from Sending Troops to the Other Fronts.

BIG BATTLES ARE NOW OVER

British Experts Say it is Yet Too Early to Say Germans Are Definitely Checked.

SERBS ADVANCING IN ALBANIA

LONDON, June 12.—Although the British press has warned the public that it is too early to assert positively that the Austro-German armies in Galicia have been definitely checked and that General Von Lingens's defeat on the Dniester has eased the pressure of Russia, it is nevertheless believed by many military commentators in London that there has been a sharp turn in the situation in Galicia which will prevent Germany transferring any considerable force of troops either to the west or Italian frontiers. Some German forces, it is even declared, already have been detached from the Galician armies and hurried to the Isonzo front.

The latest official announcements from Petrograd assert that the Russians have assumed the offensive along the Dubysa river and in the Baltic provinces, and they concede the loss of ground nowhere except along the river Pruth, in Bukovina.

Viewing the recent fighting in Galicia, it may be divided roughly into three battles. The chief of these was fought forty miles to the southeast of Lemberg, where the forces under General von Lingens had not only crossed the Dniester, but had progressed some twelve miles beyond, getting astride the Lemberg railroad. These were the forces which the Russians apparently have forced back with heavy losses, thus placing the river in Russian hands throughout. The second great battle of the series of battles took place in the territory between Ugaraberg and Saydakow, and along this line the Russians claim to have repulsed the Germans with severe punishment.

North of both these areas and east of Przemyel was the scene of a third battle. Here General von Mackensen, at the head of the main Austro-German forces was trying to penetrate east of Lemberg, through Moskala, Wednesday, according to the Russian contention, the German check in this locality was complete.

Serbia, it appears, is continuing its systematic occupation of northern and central Albania and it may even now be in possession of Soutari.

Russian Destroyer Sunk. CONSTANTINOPLE, June 12.—(Via London.)—Official announcement was made today that a Russian torpedo boat destroyer was sunk in the Black Sea, Friday night by the Turkish cruiser Midilli, formerly the German cruiser Breslau. The Midilli returned safely to port.

Masked Bandits Rob Passengers on Fast Train at Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 12.—More than a score of deputy sheriffs and railroad officers were searching today for the two masked bandits who late last night robbed passengers of a Southern Pacific train, bound to Los Angeles from San Francisco. The robbers boarded the train at Chatsworth and escaped at the town of Hewitt.

The bandits are believed to have used an automobile. Offices throughout southern California have been notified to watch for suspects.

The bandits, according to reports made to the railroad company, took \$75 in cash and \$90 in checks from passengers. They compelled both men and women in the last four coaches to hand over their money and jewels. Members of the crew were not robbed.

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The Day's War News

ON THREE PRINCIPAL battle fronts successes for allies are reported, on the Russian and Italian fronts, and on Gallipoli peninsula. Over the Franco-Belgium line no movements of more than passing importance are under way and neither side can claim conspicuous advantages.