

TORNADO IN ILLINOIS

Wind Storm Wrecks Several Small Towns Near St. Louis.

EDGEMONT IS UNDER WATER

Number of Persons Escape from Their Homes on Rafts.

BRIDGE OUT AT BELLEVILLE

Freight Train Falls Into Stream and Three Men Are Drowned.

DAMAGE IN EAST ST. LOUIS

Several Buildings Struck by Lightning. Telegraph and Telephone Wires Are Down and Trains Under Water.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 5.—A

thunder of unusual severity, accompanied by high wind of almost tornado force, swept over this vicinity early today, causing much damage to property and individuals.

A bridge on the Louisville and Nashville road, near Belleville, Ill., was washed out and wrecked a freight train. Engineer Ward, conductor Smith and a trainman whose name has not been learned were caught under the engine and drowned. The train was piled up in a mass in Schoenbach creek, which was swollen into a torrent.

The village of Edgemoat, Ill., was flooded, and many persons were forced to take refuge on rafts. The whole area of Lewis and Clark, Mo., was flooded, and many persons were forced to take refuge on rafts.

French Village, a town of 1,000 inhabitants, one of the oldest settlements in Illinois, was struck by a miniature tornado, and many houses were wrecked. The schoolmaster, inhabitants fled into the storm to escape injury by collapsing houses. Telephone and telegraph wires are down and there is no communication with French Village. Traffic is impeded on electric lines running to various points east and north of East St. Louis, Ill., because of high water. The first floors of houses in the American bottoms are flooded and farmers are utilizing rafts and boats in rescue work. It is believed the loss of live stock will aggregate a large amount.

In East St. Louis the wind blew down trees, sign boards, broke in many store windows and crippled telephone and telegraph wires to a large extent. Several residences were struck by lightning and the fire department was kept busy responding to alarms in the driving rain. No casualties are reported.

Bodies of Dead Recovered.

The bodies of Engineer Carl Ward of Evansville, Ind., and Fireman Frank Chasen of Howell, Ind., were recovered from the freight wreck during the morning. The third trainman believed to have been drowned has not yet been found. Two men composing the crew of a dredgeboat at Edgemoat, Ill., are missing and are believed to have been lost.

Five dwellings and a saloon were swept from their foundations by the flood that inundated the village. The long trestle of an electric line near French village was a haven of refuge for refugees. The trestle was covered by persons who had been flooded from their homes and many were rescued by the rapid flood tide and were forced to ascend to the bridge. Later they were taken off to boats and rafts and taken to places of safety.

Many thrilling rescues of persons from flooded homes have been reported. Arthur Baxter was swept away with his home which brought up against the electric line trestle and later was saved by a rope lowered to him from the bridge.

Belleville was left without electric light or power by the inundation of the Belleville Gas & Electric company plant.

After having surveyed the extent of the storm damage citizens of Belleville estimate the material loss will reach \$200,000. South Belleville is under water and store stocks and home furnishings are ruined by the freshet. The new Trolley League Ball park, recently fitted up at a cost of \$2,000, is devastated.

The Hippard mine was flooded and about twenty-five miles were drowned, but all miners are reported to have escaped.

ARKANSAS SCENE OF STORM

Several Towns Suffer from Effects of Wind.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 5.—Arkansas was visited last night by a storm which covered practically the entire state, doing much damage to property. Wires are down in every direction and information is meager.

At March, a hamlet of 100 people, ten miles from Little City, a large party of the Hammon, Litchfield and March companies was completely destroyed. There was no loss of life. A great cloud composed of limbs of trees and leaves passed high over the town of Moccasin last yesterday afternoon. Conway, Ark., is reported to have been damaged, and Watson, in Desha county, near the Louisiana line, is reported to have been wiped out.

B. & O. TRAIN RUNS INTO WASHOUBT

Engineer and Fireman Badly Hurt at Sparksville, Ind.

REYMOCK, Ind., May 5.—The eastbound passenger train on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern road ran into a washoubt near Sparksville, near here, early today. The engine, mail, express and baggage cars going down an embankment. Engineer Humphrey was badly hurt. None of the passengers was injured.

INDIANA HAS HEAVY RAINFALL

Three Inches of Precipitation in Night Week End.

MAIDEN, Ind., May 5.—This locality was visited by almost three inches of rain during the night, overflowing small streams and doing considerable damage. Rain has fallen twenty-five days of the last thirty-five, the total rainfall being ten inches.

COCKRAN'S SUCCESSOR PICKED

Tammany Hall Selects Senator Thomas F. Grady to Go to Washington.

NEW YORK, May 5.—Senator Thomas F. Grady, who has announced his retirement from the legislature at the end of his present term, is to be promoted to congress, taking the place of W. Bourke Cockran. This announcement was made upon high authority in Tammany hall, yesterday, and it was further announced that Senator James Frazer is also to be sent to Washington to succeed Francis Burton Harrison.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Wednesday, May 6, 1908.

Table with columns for date (1908) and various numbers (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30).

THE WEATHER

FOR OMAHA AND VICINITY: BREEZES AND FOGGY—Wednesday fair, with slowly rising temperature.

FOR NEBRASKA: Wednesday partly cloudy, with warmer in west portion.

FOR IOWA: Threatening, with showers possible Tuesday, but much change in weather at Omaha.

Hourly: Hourly weather forecast for Omaha.

DOCKING: Fate of Caled Powers hangs in the balance, according to the statement of Governor Wilson of Kentucky.

WIND WRECK: Small towns in the vicinity of St. Louis, doing heavy damage in Belleville, Ill.

FATHER L. K. VAUGHAN: Father L. K. Vaughan of Chicago writes from which the Catholic mass is presented.

ADMIRAL EVANS: Admiral Evans is again on board his flagship and San Francisco prepares for the largest crowd in its history.

CARDINAL LOGUE: Cardinal Logue of Ireland will make a trip over the United States during his visit to this country.

DREIGHT WOMEN: Drecht women inmates of a charitable home severely punish man who squandered their savings.

MANY STORMS: Many storms cover the state of Arkansas.

JOHNSON MEN: Johnson men are making great progress, according to the statement of Congressman Winfield S. Hamilton of Minnesota.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMERS: Movements of ocean steamers.

NASH GETS A SETTLEMENT: Differences over Government Light Bills Are Amicably Adjusted.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(Special Telegram)—F. A. Nash, president of the Omaha Light and Power company, is in Washington to adjust differences between the departments of the general government and the electric light company.

Senator Brown introduced Mr. Nash to Auditor Andrews and through the latter harmonious relationship was brought about between the War department and the Omaha Light and Power company.

Senator Burkett today introduced a bill extending the time two years which the South Omaha Railroad and Bridge company may have to complete the proposed bridge across the Missouri river at or near South Omaha.

Postal carriers appointed for Nebraska routes: Gothenburg, Route 2, George F. Young, carrier; Lucy E. Young, substitute; Marquette, Route 3, Thomas L. Ferrell, carrier; M. F. Ferrell, substitute.

A. M. Wright has been appointed postmaster at Haven, Puster county, S. D., vice J. J. Kiesel, resigned.

Postoffice established: Nebraska—Lynchburg, Holt county, William H. McVey, postmaster; Iowa—Oskaloosa, Johnnie county, Harry E. Kleschner, postmaster.

One lone republican has signed his name to the petition drawn up by the minority leader, John Sharp Williams, praying that Speaker Cannon recognize a democrat or republican to call up the Stevens bill providing that wool pulp and print paper be placed on the free list. The republican who has thus distinguished himself is Representative William H. Parker of South Dakota, who is serving his first term in the house.

"My people are for revision," said Mr. Parker today in explaining his action in signing the democratic petition. "The newspapers of my state are urging that wool pulp and print paper be admitted duty free. For that reason I believe the Stevens bill should be passed, and it was for that reason that I signed Mr. Williams' petition urging the speaker to give time for the consideration of the measure."

Senator Dooliver has returned from Iowa fully convinced that Senator Allison will be selected at the June primaries to succeed himself. "My meetings," said Mr. Dooliver, "were large and the enthusiasm pronounced. During my short visit home I was everywhere met with pledges of loyalty to my senior senator and the republican party never in better shape than when I go into a campaign than now."

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Smith of Omaha are in the city.

Wrecked Steamer Towed Back.

ASTORIA, Ore., May 5.—The steamer Washington, which struck the rocks in this port with the wrecked and water-logged steamer Minnie E. Kellou in tow,

FIVE PERSONS ARE MURDERED

Bodies Found Buried Near Wrecked Gunnes Home at La Porte, Ind.

ONE VICTIM FROM ABERDEEN, S. D.

House Was Burned Three Weeks Ago and Body of Mistress and Three Children Were Found in Ruins.

LA PORTE, Ind., May 5.—Sheriff Butler, under direction of John Helgerson of Aberdeen, S. D., today began digging in the ground near the wrecked home of Mrs. Belle Gunnes, who with three children a week ago today was burned to death in a fire which consumed her home. At the depth of four feet the body of Andrew Helgerson, brother of John Helgerson, who came here in January to visit Mrs. Gunnes, was found. In another place the body of a woman was dug up which is thought to be that of Jennie Olson Gunnes, a 18-year-old girl whom Mrs. Gunnes had reared, and who disappeared in September, 1906, when it was said she had gone to Los Angeles, Cal., to attend school.

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When news of the burning of the Gunnes house was received by John Helgerson, he started for this city to investigate the appearance of his brother. Helgerson's body was found to be dismembered and the arms, legs, trunk and head had been put in different sacks and buried. Sheriff Smutser and Prosecutor Smith say they are confident that Ray Lamphere, now under arrest here, charged with the murder of Mrs. Gunnes and her children, knows of the Helgerson murder. Lamphere is a carpenter and the way in which the Helgerson body was dismembered indicates that some one familiar with the use of a saw did the work.

Three More Bodies Found. Late this afternoon three additional bodies had been dug up in the Gunnes yard. They were bodies of two males and a female. Lamphere worked for Mrs. Gunnes at the time of the disappearance of Helgerson and it is stated that he appeared one day in a local barber shop wearing a coat belonging to Helgerson and carrying Helgerson's gun. Asked why he was carrying a gun, he said it is reported, he did not know what moment he might need it. It was current gossip at the time that Lamphere was jealous of Mrs. Gunnes and Helgerson.

The home of Mrs. Belle Gunnes, six miles from here, was destroyed by fire during the night one week ago and the bodies of the woman and her three children were found in the ruins. The children were Myrtle, aged 11; Lucy, aged 9, and Phillip, aged 8. Joseph Maxwell, an employe, barely escaped from the burning house. The head of Mrs. Gunnes was missing from the charred trunk and it has not been found.

Soon after the fire it was suspected that Ray Lamphere, a farm laborer, knew something of the matter, and a search was made for him and his arrest made the same evening, his capture being effected in a small woods near here, in which he had concealed himself in the trunk of a hollow tree. Lamphere acknowledged the knowledge of the fire, but said he had only seen it as he passed the house at 3 o'clock in the morning on his way to work.

Today's developments here serve to recall the notorious Bender case in Kansas many years ago and the more recent Holmes case in which Indianapolis, was interested, the suburb of Irvington, was implicated.

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NOTABLES TO SEE CEREMONY

Laying of Foundation Stone of Bureau of American Republics Elaborate Event.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—All indications point to a notable ceremony on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone of the new building of the International Bureau of the American Republics on May 11. Sufficient acceptance of the invitation of the bureau by the general public have been received from the highest officials in Washington, including the president and vice-president, the cabinet, the diplomatic corps, the supreme court, the senate and house of representatives, the officers of the army and navy, and various department bureaus and sections, and representative citizens of Washington, as well as from prominent outside officials, including governors of states, mayors of cities and heads of the principal political and commercial organizations, to make the event one of the most important of the kind in the history of the capital. A considerable number of the governor who will be in attendance at the convention called by the president of the United States to conserve the natural resources of the country, have indicated their intention to come to Washington a day earlier in order to be present.

The principal speeches which will be made by President Roosevelt, Secretary Root, the ambassador of Brazil and Andrew Carnegie, will have an international significance, as the structure which is to be erected is to be the permanent institution devoted to peace, friendship and the promotion of the American republics. The invocation will be delivered by Cardinal Gibbons and the benediction will be pronounced by Bishop Cranston, the dean of the Protestant clergy in Washington. The exercises will be opened by the director of the bureau, John Barrett, who will present as the presiding officer, the secretary of state, Elihu Root. The marine band will provide music and will play for the first time a pan-American air.

EVANS AGAIN ON FLAGSHIP Special Train Brings Him to Monterey and Wash. Falls at Once.

DELMONTE, Cal., May 5.—The special train bringing Rear Admiral Evans from the Paso Robles Hot Springs, arrived at the Monterey depot at 9:30 o'clock this morning. A brief delay, the rear admiral was taken on board the Flagship Connecticut, which immediately sailed to rejoin the fleet.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—Probably the largest crowd in the history of San Francisco will be assembled tomorrow around the shores of the bay to witness the arrival of the Atlantic fleet. Thousands of people are arriving daily by train and boat from all parts of the Pacific coast and many are coming from as far east as Chicago. Special trains are coming in every hour and all are crowded to their utmost capacity. It is estimated that the number of visitors and residents here to greet the warships will not be far from 1,000,000. Many excursion steamers have been chartered and every available craft will be pressed into service.

The decorations throughout the city are now complete and present a beautiful appearance.

HOW H. H. TUCKER, JR., WORKED Evidence in Case Reveals Methods of Uncle Sam Oil Company of Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 5.—H. H. Tucker, Jr., secretary of the Uncle Sam Oil company, invested \$1,000 when he entered into the Publishers' Oil company, which was later changed to the Uncle Sam company. This testimony was brought out under examination at Topeka, Kan., yesterday on a charge of using the mails to defraud.

Tucker said that later he bought some stock. Out of dividends and sale of stock, he said, he personally made \$5,000. He said other stockholders also received dividends and had the opportunity to make money by selling stock when it went up.

Tucker testified about a \$3,000 bond issue. He said the issue was made for the purpose of buying crude oil at 40 cents a barrel, refining it, selling it at \$4 a barrel and thus raising \$2,000,000 upon which to float the \$3,000,000 bond issue. The bonds did not sell at par. The sale price was made 25 cents on the dollar and the balance in stock.

FORBES WANTS THE LAHM CUP Formal Challenge Sent by New York Man to Secure Aerial Record Trophy.

NEW YORK, May 5.—A. Holland Forbes, who recently received his first balloon license from the Aero club of America, has sent a formal challenge to the club for the Lahm cup. In order to win the trophy, he will be required to travel over 43 miles, the distance made by the present holder, Captain Charles De Forest Chandler of the United States Signal corps. Mr. Forbes will use his new balloon, Conqueror, and he intends to make his initial ascension in the big balloon today from North Adams, Boston, leaving for North Adams, Mass., before 10 o'clock.

Mr. Forbes said that no effort would be made for a long flight. The balloon will be shipped to this city immediately after the flight and either tomorrow or Thursday it will be sent to St. Louis. He will be accompanied on his long distance flight by Lieutenant Stridger of the army balloon corps.

DEATH ENDS KENTUCKY FEUD Former Sheriff Fatally Struck by Brother-in-Law at Crockettville.

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 5.—A telegram from Jackson says it was reported there that Ed Callahan, former sheriff and feud leader, who was stabbed by his brother-in-law, John Spicer, yesterday, one arm being almost severed, is dead, but the report has not been confirmed. Callahan and Spicer fought in Callahan's store at Crockettville, twenty miles from Jackson, and Callahan's son, William, shot and killed Spicer when Spicer was fleeing from Crockettville because of his location. It has no telephone connection.

BIG BOND ISSUE IS AUTHORIZED Stockholders of Union Pacific Vote to Permit Flotation of Paper for Improvements.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, May 5.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Union Pacific railway, at which 74 per cent of the stock was represented, the directors were authorized to issue \$50,000,000 in bonds for improvement of the system and for the purchase of the Kansas & Western and Topeka & Northwestern roads.

WOOL GROWERS FOR OMAHA

President of Association Says This City is Logical Market.

DISPOSES OF THE MIDDLEMAN

All Arrangements Made for Erection of Warehouse and the Financing of the Needs of the Wool Producers.

This is what J. A. Delfelder, president of the Wyoming Wool Growers' association and assisted them in carrying their clip, and the truth of the matter is that Omaha bankers have been back of the holding company.

"Commission dealers of the east have been accepting the clip of many growers on consignment and they have many times held the wool for two years—or until the interest almost consumed the value of the product, and some times they had a claim against the growers."

Because Omaha business men and the general agents of the railroad companies at this point have been wide awake to the situation, and because the Commercial club has been able to work in harmony with the growers of the west, the grower is to realize, as he never has before, some of the immense profits formerly by middle men between the grower and the consumer.

Omaha the Logical Market. "We have settled on Omaha," said Mr. Delfelder at the Hotel Borneo. "All the efforts of all the cities in the west will avail nothing. We recognize Omaha as the market which buys and sells everything—the products of the farms and ranges here and the necessities of a growing population are supplied on reasonable terms."

"It is true that Denver, Kansas City, St. Joseph and other cities have wanted the wool market. Denver offered to build the warehouses and give them to us, but Omaha is the ideal place for them, and I believe I do not exaggerate when I say that, without reflection on the other cities, Omaha meets the needs of the wool growers better than any other point in the United States."

I believe that the wool from the mountain ranges of California can be shipped to Omaha to greater advantage than to any other point and the wool of the country from the Gulf of Mexico to the Canadian line will find their best market in Omaha.

"This means that the wool of the country will be sold in Omaha. The manufacturers are with the growers and want to eliminate the middleman. More than that, the unions of the wool workers, both in the factories of the weavers and spinners, are with us in making Omaha the wool market."

Mr. Delfelder is in Omaha to meet with Charles H. King, Omaha business man and railroad agent. The wool storage company will be organized and incorporated Wednesday.

Union Pacific Makes Rate. Arrangements were completed Tuesday with the Union Pacific Railroad company for the rate which that company promised when the announcement was made that all roads would grant the storage in transit rates. The Union Pacific company had many details to arrange and notice has been given that the Interstate Commerce commission will be put into effect. As the law requires that a thirty day's notice be given, the Union Pacific will ask the commission to allow the rate to go into effect a few days earlier, probably May 7, when the rates of the Burlington and Chicago & Northwestern companies become effective.

Mr. King and his Omaha associates have spent the first two days of the week completing the details for building the storage house on the right-of-way of the Great Western Railroad company near the Industrial Elevator complex. Mr. King said he would be able to secure all the material needed for building the warehouse in Omaha and spend Sunday flouting with contractors. Though he wanted to put up the first timbers Tuesday morning the delay of arranging details made it impossible, but the contract will be let Tuesday evening of Wednesday morning.

Size of Crop and Storage. Interest now centers in the probable size of the crop and the amount which will be consigned for storage in Omaha. Reports from Wyoming indicate that the state, which will send the bulk of its wool to Omaha, will not only exceed all previous records, but will pass Montana, its chief competitor, in the production of wool. With a production of 5,000,000 pounds, Wyoming took the lead for "wool in the grass," but Montana's figures on stored wool exceeded the Wyoming crop.

It is expected the Wyoming crop will exceed 3,000,000 pounds this year, and it is expected that when the amount is ascertained, it will exceed the Montana crop. The average weight of a Wyoming fleece last year was 12 pound, while this year, in addition to the wool being of longer staple and finer quality, the weight will probably average close to eight pounds.

Rains and snow have delayed clipping for the present, but there have been absolutely no losses among sheepmen as a result of weather.

Great Western Has More Ground. "Everything is closed up for the wool warehouses in Omaha and I am ready with some more ground and tracks for another proposition," said J. A. Ellis, general agent of the Great Western Railroad company, when he called on Commissioner J. M. Guild at the Commercial club on Tuesday.

The Great Western has taken the lead in establishing the wool houses in Omaha and furnished the site under a long time and very satisfactory lease, which was signed Tuesday afternoon. Lumber and building material will begin to arrive on the site Wednesday morning.

Felton Employees Laid Off. SPRINGFIELD, Mo., May 5.—Two thousand employees of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad shops here, were laid off today for one or two days. The trouble assigned by the company for the shut down is financial depression.

PRIEST PUTS ALTAR ON STAGE

Chicago Audience of Catholics Surprised at Scenes in Play by Clergyman.

CHICAGO, May 5.—Gleams of astonishment came from an audience, composed largely of Roman Catholics, when the curtain was lifted on the second scene of Rev. L. K. Vaughan's play, "A Woman of the West," produced in the Bush Temple theater last night.

The interior of a Catholic church, showing the altar and an actor in the vestments of a priest performing the ceremonies of the mass were presented and continued for almost three minutes. With an acolyte assistant the offices of the mass from the sacred to the offertory were depicted, the chalice was lifted and the mimic priest turned in benediction upon the audience to be interrupted by the flight of a fugitive into the edifice.

Father Vaughan said he had not consulted with his superiors in reference to the depiction of the mass upon the stage. "The celebration of mass is depicted before the consecration of the host. It is simply a picture," he said, "a living painting and should offend no one any more than a representation of the same thing in water colors or oils. The subject is handled reverently both by the matter of the play and in the acting. I hope it will lead people to think rather than to criticize