

Brief Telegrams

Hundreds of homeseekers and prospectors are flocking to the Kiowa-Comanche country to select leases of the pasture lands soon to be opened for agricultural purposes.

John Howitt, a white man of Adel, Ga., shot and killed his wife, shot her sister and brother, wounding them slightly and when surrounded by a posse of citizens shot himself.

James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, has provided money for the building of a handsome chapel in Orange, N. J., for the Sisters of St. Elizabeth's convent.

Postmaster General Cortelyou has signed a convention with the Jamaican government extending the money order system of this country to the province of Jamaica.

The board of directors of the Players' club has elected John Drew president of the club to succeed the late Joseph Jefferson. William Bisham was elected vice president.

Senator Clark of Wyoming, the prospective chairman of the senate committee on the judiciary, was admitted to practice in the supreme court of the United States.

The annual convention of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers at Detroit, Mich., adopted the wage committee's recommendation for the restoration of the muck and puddle mill scale of 1903-4.

Whitelaw Reid was the guest of honor at a dinner given at the Lotus club in New York by his co-directors of the Associated Press in commemoration of his appointment as ambassador to the court of St. James.

The town of Manhattan, Kan., advertises as among its attractions the literary feasts and intellectual entertainment afforded the resident by the State Agricultural college situated there.

The wool clip of Cosgriff Bros. of 500,000 pounds was sold at Rawlins, Wyo., for 22 3/4 cents per pound, this being the highest price in the state this season. This is also the largest individual clip in Wyoming.

The czar of Russia, it is said, has \$25,000,000 invested in English securities, and it is also declared that he would in an extreme crisis fly and live in England, as other troubled monarchs have done before him.

On one Indiana youth the new anti-cigarette law fell with crushing force in the shape of a fine of \$25, with \$10 costs added, all for his having some cigarette papers in his pocket, though he had never made one or smoked one.

Frank D. Brandegee of New London, member of congress from the Third Connecticut district, was chosen United States senator to succeed the late O. H. Platt, by a majority vote in each house of the general assembly.

Mrs. J. W. Gray, a wealthy Chicago widow, committed suicide by shooting herself in a New York hotel. She left letters intimating that unrequited love for Charles H. Stoneham, a prominent New York broker, is responsible for her rash action.

Major George M. Wheeler, U. S. A., retired, died in New York City. He entered the military academy from Colorado in 1862. He was a prominent figure in scientific circles, owing to his conduct of government surveys west of the 100th meridian.

Henry G. Goll, the former assistant cashier of the First National bank of Milwaukee, Wis., charged with embezzling over \$100,000 from the bank, was admitted to bail in the sum of \$10,000. Goll's case comes up for preliminary hearing on May 16.

Officers of Rear Admiral Evans' battleship squadron coming to Washington from Hampton Roads, have brought some interesting reports of the use made of wireless telegraphy while the vessels were proceeding north from the target grounds.

A cable dispatch received at the Vatican at Rome reports that the condition of Archbishop Agius, apostolic delegate to the Philippines, who has been ill with native fever, is quite grave and that it is believed he cannot remain in Manila.

Secretary Taft has been informed by Manager Falconio, the apostolic delegate to the United States that a number of claims arising from the use by United States troops of church property in the Philippines during the period of military occupation, amounting to \$1,000,000 or \$1,500,000 have been presented.

Flavius J. Fisher, a noted portrait painter, is dead at Washington, D. C., aged 73 years.

The czar proposes to make a pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Serafinat at Sarafsbaya to implore the bones preserved there to assist him in his campaign.

A forest fire swept over a tract of 250 acres of timber land near South Weymouth, Mass., causing a loss of \$10,000.

David Moffat of Denver is the wealthiest man in Colorado, which outranks all other states in per capita wealth.

Two prominent officials of the Standard Oil company were indicted in Pekin, Ill., for alleged sharp practice to drive out competitors.

Prof. Ernest Haeckel, in a recent lecture in Berlin, stated that, in his opinion, it is absolutely certain that man is descended from apes.

KILLED OVER 100

AN OKLAHOMA TOWN DESTROYED BY TORNADO.

NINETY-FIVE BODIES RECOVERED

Belief That the Death List Will Eventually Reach 150—Relief for the Stricken Rapidly Being Sent Forward.

SNYDER, Okla.—At 10 o'clock Thursday the number of known dead as a result of the tornado has reached ninety-five. Arrangements have been made to convey all the injured who can be moved to hospitals at Oklahoma City and Lawton.

GUTHRIE, Okla.—The latest official reports from the tornado-stricken town of Snyder, Okla., place the list of dead at ninety-five. Other rumors advance this figure to 100. It is highly probable that the death list when accurately tabulated will reach 150. Of those injured there are various reports reaching from 100 to 150.

The storm formed near the Texas line and its path extends in a north-easterly direction for over forty miles, causing damage at Altus, Olustee and other small towns and in the country as well as at Snyder. Reports indicate that the casualties outside of Snyder will aggregate over twenty-five and may go higher.

Relief is being sent from neighboring towns. From Oklahoma City 100 men went to dig graves and seek the dead still in the ruins, and also a dozen undertakers with 100 coffins. Offers of financial assistance have come from numerous cities.

Governor Ferguson of Oklahoma has issued a proclamation calling attention to the needs of the stricken town. It is still difficult to obtain information from Snyder. A single telegraph wire furnishes an outlet, but it is blocked with private messages concerning the dead and injured. To add to the general confusion and distress after the tornado had passed fire broke out and burned out many of the buildings that remained of the business blocks. So far it is not possible to find out whether or not any bodies were cremated, but it is highly possible that such is the case.

An unidentified woman was picked up dead, having been pinioned to the ground by a scuttling which entered her left eye and came out through the back of her head. Clarence Donovan, railroad engineer, and Miss Nina Fessenden were to have been married last night, but had just postponed the nuptials until this morning. Both were instantly killed. Fred Crump, a boy, had started to a cellar when a flying timber struck him and severed his head from his body. Debris was carried to the northeast as far as Cooperston, twelve miles, and it is reported that there are more of the fragments of homes at that town and in that vicinity than are in the tornado path at Snyder.

About seventy-five head of horses and cattle were killed on the town site. A committee was set to work this morning to remove carcasses.

The mayor of Snyder is having much trouble arranging for the burial of the dead. The confusion is great, owing to the fact that there still remain a number of unidentified bodies at the morgues. There is much suffering owing to the lack of provisions and places to stay. What houses remain in the town are in bad condition and are unsafe for habitation. Besides, there is not room enough to care for the homeless. Bedding and wearing apparel are both lacking, and despite the effort to succor the unfortunates they are still in a pitiable condition.

CASSINI'S CHANGE GAZETTED

Czar Waits News Before Naming Baron de Rosen for Washington.

ST. PETERSBURG—The transfer of Ambassador Cassini from Washington to Madrid was officially gazetted under date of May 9, but the appointment of Baron de Rosen to succeed Count Cassini at Washington has not yet been gazetted.

In fact, Emperor Nicholas is awaiting a formal notice that Baron de Rosen is persona grata to the United States before signing his decree of nomination. Not the slightest doubt exists here that the baron is perfectly acceptable to the government at Washington, where besides his high reputation as a diplomat he enjoys the personal acquaintance of not only many officials, but of President Roosevelt himself.

Abductor Is a Suicide.

OCONTO, Wis.—Louis J. Reas, one of the best known men in Oconto, agent for the McEchren company, absconded. It is estimated the shortage will be far above \$100,000. His body was found in a barn three miles south of the city. He had committed suicide by shooting.

Cummins Calls on President.

WASHINGTON—Governor Cummins of Iowa saw the president Friday before the cabinet met. The Iowa governor when asked what he thought ought to be done to meet the growing deficit of the treasury, said there were many ways suggested but there did not seem to be any crystallization of sentiment on the subject. He admitted that changes in the tariff would be one way of bringing about additional revenues. He was not prepared to say whether he believed this way would be adopted.

A KANSAS TORNADO.

Tears Path Across the State in the Night.

MARQUETTE, Kan.—When darkness fell upon this stricken town Tuesday night it was known that twenty-nine lives had been lost in the tornado that wrecked part of Marquette early in the day and did much damage in this vicinity and that forty-four persons had been injured. Of the injured thirty-five were seriously hurt and some of them may die. During the day Carl Warnquist and Mrs. J. A. Carlson died of their wounds. Several of the others are suffering from broken limbs and internal injuries.

In several cases entire families have been killed. A man named Switzer, a night watchman at the railroad yards, lost his three children. N. P. Nelson, with his wife and three children, were found dead. Two other children were not at home and escaped injury.

Last night order had practically been brought out of the chaotic condition that prevailed, and a relief committee had begun dispensing aid. Among the relief sent from outside were twenty-five pupils from Bethany college, who acted as nurses.

The tornado seems to have formed three miles south of Marquette and did not spend its force until it had passed many miles north of the town. In Marquette the residence portion, west of the main street, suffered the principal damage. Houses in the course of the tornado were all with one or two exceptions, wrecked. In this section there were a number of modern residences, only one of which was left standing. The Swedish Lutheran and Methodist churches were among the first buildings struck and they, together with the parsonage adjoining the Methodist church, were completely demolished.

Yesterday afternoon had been hot and oppressive, the atmosphere loaded with electricity. Late in the evening a terrific rain storm broke over the town. The rain continued to fall in torrents until 11:55 last night, when the tornado struck. Within less than five minutes it had wrought its terrible work and passed on. Telegraph and telephone wires were carried down and it was several hours before the outside world could be informed of the plight of the city.

Marquette is a town of 1,500 people, in McPherson county. It is in the exact center of Kansas and in the richest farming county in the state.

OPPOSED TO RATE BILL.

No Measure With Force In It to Be Reported.

WASHINGTON—No railroad rate bill with force in it will come out of the senate committee on interstate commerce. There have been sufficient developments in the series of hearings now on to show that there is no intention in this committee to frame a bill giving to a federal commission any kind of rate-fixing power.

Representative Townsend of Michigan, one of the authors of the Esch-Townsend bill, which has been the object of attack by nearly every witness summoned by the committee, has been watching these hearings with little interest. He returned home yesterday, thoroughly convinced that there was no chance of a rate bill in the senate committee along the lines recommended by President Roosevelt in his last annual message.

Colonel Hepburn, chairman of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, holds the same view. Their opinion is that the fight, so far as regulation of rates by a government commission is concerned, will have to be started again.

HOT FIGHT WITH DESPERADO

Captured After Shooting Several Men, One of Them Fatally.

CHEYENNE, Wyo.—Frank Davis, alias Black Mike, the notorious desperado, resisted arrest at Wolton, Wyo., and shot Deputy Sheriff Hoback. Black Mike fled to a deserted cabin and held a party of forty sheepmen at bay until late in the afternoon. Over 100 shots were fired into the cabin, and finally, when the sheepmen withdrew to Wolton for more ammunition and rifles, Davis fled to the brush.

The sheepmen and officers returned and, shielded by a barricade of baled hay placed on two wagon wheels, they advanced upon Black Mike. Over 500 shots were fired down into the cabin in which Mike had made a stand. He returned the fire. Walter Knudson was shot through the neck and will die. W. J. Morton was shot through the arm, and Charles Skinner received a scalp wound. Black Mike finally surrendered when his ammunition gave out.

Adds to Preferred Stock.

SALT LAKE CITY—The Union Pacific Railway company filed with the secretary of state amended articles of incorporation increasing the amount of its preferred stock \$100,000,000, as authorized on Friday last at the special meeting of stockholders held in this city.

President to Conduct Inquiry.

WASHINGTON—The case involving Assistant Secretary of State Loomis and Herbert W. Bowen, American minister at Caracas, will be taken up by the president. President Roosevelt will conduct the inquiry into the matter personally and both Mr. Loomis and Mr. Bowen will be given whatever opportunity they may want to present their respective sides. Mr. Bowen is expected soon and the probability is the whole matter will be taken up by President Roosevelt Monday.

CHICAGO STRIKE

IT MAY GO ON OR POSSIBLY BE SETTLED.

MEETINGS ARE TO BE HELD

Team Owners' Association Believe Teamsters May Reconsider Their Ultimatum—Final Action to Be Taken on Tuesday.

CHICAGO—Unless compromises are offered by all the opposing interests in the fight now in progress in Chicago between capital and labor the teamsters' strike will spread many fold during the next forty-eight hours. The refusal of the teamsters' joint council, representing 35,000 union drivers, to accede to the demands of the Chicago Team Owners' association to handle merchandise for all houses having contracts with the members of the owners' organization, without discriminating against the firms involved in the present strike, has brought the controversy to a point where a speedy settlement will have to be made to prevent an extension of the trouble.

There is a probability, however, that the whole trouble may be satisfactorily adjusted without resorting to such drastic measures. After receiving the announcement of the teamsters' joint council refusing to obey the ultimatum of the Team Owners' association, a meeting of the latter organization was held and it was decided to give the teamsters more time to consider the proposition. At first it was the intention of the team owners to put their ultimatum into effect Monday morning, but believing that the teamsters could be induced to change their minds, they are given until Tuesday to make final answer to the proposition. Information which the team owners say they received that the teamsters' joint council was not a unit, in its determination to fight the owners, was given by the owners as the reason for the postponement of the enforcement of the ultimatum until Tuesday.

That Saturday night's decision of the teamsters will be reconsidered was evidenced Sunday when a call was sent out for another meeting of the teamsters' joint council for Sunday night. In addition to this meeting of the officials of the teamsters' union another call was issued Sunday for a meeting on Tuesday of the executive committee of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. This committee is the controlling body of the teamsters' organization and it is this body of officials that orders, or has the final word, in the settlement of a strike of its members.

The Chicago Livernery's association has become involved in the trouble and a strike of the 2,000 drivers employed by this organization is imminent. The trouble was brought about by the union carriage drivers refusing to carry patrons of the association to the strike-bound department stores.

A statement was given out by the association that, commencing Monday the men would be compelled to carry all patrons to their destination and that a refusal meant immediate discharge. The officials of the Cab Drivers' union declared that their men would all be ordered to strike if but even one member of their union was discharged for refusing to obey the command of the association. Should this strike be called it will involve the horse drivers, and it was said would necessitate the use of mounted guards to escort funerals to outlying cemeteries, should it be necessary to use non-union drivers.

NAN PATTERSON RELEASED

Former Show Girl Charged With Murder of Bookmaker Goes Free.

NEW YORK—After more than eleven months in prison and three mistrials on the charge of murdering Caesar Young, Nan Patterson walked from the Tombs on Friday a free woman. As she left the great building which has been her home since a few days after Young was found dying in a cab in lower New York, 2,000 people greeted her with cheers, for the news that District Attorney Jerome would move for her dismissal from custody had spread throughout the vicinity of the courthouse. But the accused girl had but a few seconds to see and hear the demonstrations before she was whisked away in a cab with her attorney, Abraham Levy.

The move to discharge Nan Patterson came rather unexpectedly to the public. It was an hour or so before noon when District Attorney Jerome appeared before Recorder Goff in special sessions and announced that he desired to move the discharge of the former chorus girl without bail and on her own recognizance. This announcement followed three trials for murder. The second and third of these trials—the latter concluded but a few days ago—resulted in disagreements; the first in the discharge of the jury because of the illness of a juror before the case had been concluded.

Not Frightened by Task.

CHICAGO—Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Panama canal commission, declared that in the few weeks he had been actively at work in the affairs of the canal he had discovered that while the immensity of the project is likely to stagger even an enthusiastic supporter of it, the obstacles presented are by no means insuperable. Mr. Shonts left for Washington to resume his duties in connection with the canal. He goes to Panama to remain permanently about the end of June.

Awful Charge Made by Girl.

CHICAGO—Accused by his 7-year-old stepdaughter of having killed his wife and infant child by pouring kerosene over their bodies as they lay asleep and then setting fire to the bed clothing, Joseph Leiding was arrested here on Sunday and is being held while an investigation of the affair is being made. Leiding, who is a brass finisher by trade, denies the story of the child and declares that his wife's dress caught on fire while she was using kerosene to start a fire in the kitchen stove.

THINKS WELL OF PRESIDENT

Bryan Glad Iroquois Club Entertained Him.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—William J. Bryan was the guest of honor and principal speaker at a dinner given by the Knife and Fork club of this city at the Midland hotel here. In an interview Mr. Bryan said that he admired the position of President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft upon the question of railroad rate legislation. When asked if he thought the president would call a special session of congress and urge upon that body the necessity of immediate railroad legislation, Mr. Bryan refused to commit himself. In regard to the recent Iroquois banquet in Chicago, at which President Roosevelt was the guest of honor, Mr. Bryan said: "I was gratified at the recent expression of good will of the democrats in Chicago toward the president and I am glad that the democrats of the nation are supporting President Roosevelt in his position on the railroad rate question.

"The westerners like Mr. Roosevelt. I am glad to see the democrats greeting him out here. It shows that they are supporting him in many of his policies. They have a regard and respect that I am sure must be pleasing to our president. He was given a big ovation by the Iroquois club. But that which is most gratifying to me is his outspoken policy on rate legislation. I am heartily with him on his position. Secretary Taft has spoken a policy which must appeal to our citizens and President Roosevelt, in his customary manner, 'backs him up.' This question will come before the people for solution."

THESE MEN ARE SATISFIED

Nebraskans Testify Before Senate Railroad Committee.

WASHINGTON—T. B. Hord, cattle raiser, farmer and grain dealer of Central City, Neb., appeared before the senate committee on interstate commerce to protest against the proposed rate legislation. He said in part: "At the present time the railroads in this state give us good service. They grant all reasonable demands; we have the railway officers among us and we want conditions to remain unchanged because we are prospering. I came here at the request of friends who agree with me because we think it right to enter our protest."

Mr. Hord said that he knew of no complaints from the southwest about rates on live stock.

"How do you happen to come here?" asked Senator Foraker.

The witness replied that he had been invited to come by friends.

Peter Jansen, a farmer and sheep-raiser of Jansen, Neb., also was a witness before the committee. He stated that he shipped several hundred carloads of sheep a year and pastured 20,000 sheep annually, and that he represented a number of friends among stock raisers and farmers of Nebraska.

"We do not want any rate legislation," said Mr. Jansen, "for we feel that traffic managers are nearer to us than any commission could ever be, and we are satisfied that they are always ready to meet any reasonable man half way. The present system of adjusting rates between shipper and carrier is perfectly satisfactory to us."

INSANE MAN AT WHITE HOUSE

Italian Who Says His Murdered Wife is Inside Tries to Enter.

WASHINGTON—A man who said his name is Daniel Costabile, an Italian, was arrested by Policeman Hopkins while trying to force an entrance at the rear door of the white house, about midnight Friday. He was locked up at the police station.

When questioned as to the reason for being on the white house grounds he declared a spirit had entered his head and told him that his murdered wife was to be found in the white house. The man was hatless and clad only in a coat of thin serge. He was first seen by a negro climbing over the iron fence surrounding the grounds of the white house and attention was attracted by the sound of an attempted entrance at the rear door. He was tugging frantically at the door and shouting, "Francesca, it is I." He was arrested and jailed.

CLAIM JEWS WERE AGGRESSORS

Official Statement in Connection With Recent Massacre.

ST. PETERSBURG—Some private reports from Zhitomir place the number of persons killed at as high as forty. The governor of Vholny has caused the streets of Zhitomir to be placarded with notices to the effect that the troops have received instructions to fire upon any persons interfering with the Jews. The Official Messenger's account of the Zhitomir outbreak attributes it to the provocative attitude of the Jews, who it adds, used a portrait of the emperor as a target in shooting practice.

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DEAD LIST GROWS

THE TOWN OF SNYDER LOSES AT LEAST 125.

MANY DEAD IN THE COUNTRY

Information From Outside Districts Now Coming In—Hundreds are Injured, Many of Them, However, but Slightly.

SNYDER, Okla.—All estimates of the number killed by Wednesday night's tornado in the south of Snyder make the total at least 125. The tornado traveled a distance of thirty-five miles, cutting a path from a quarter mile to a half mile wide. The farm-houses in this path were demolished and the occupants killed or injured. All the men available are needed here to clear away debris, bury the dead and care for the sick, and the fate of the farmers struck by the storm has not been fully investigated. Estimates of the number killed outside of Snyder range from twenty-five to forty. More than 100 laborers brought here by the 'Frisco railroad, together with a big force of volunteers, began moving and burning debris today. Two men dead and another barely alive were found in a heap of rubbish piled against railroad freight cars near the station this morning. They had been there since last Wednesday night at 8:15 o'clock, at which time every clock in town stopped.

Statements that 400 persons were injured are correct, but most of these suffered only slight bruises. Forty-five persons are receiving hospital treatment. On account of lack of accommodations here, the wounded are being taken to larger towns. J. W. Hudson, a capitalist, and his daughter are at Lawton, and Mr. Hudson is reported to be dying. Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Miller are also at Lawton, and Mrs. Miller is not expected to survive. J. M. Eagan, the 'Frisco station agent, and several other patients have been taken to Springfield, Mo.

There were four members in the family of William Hughes of Willowvale; three in that of J. D. Ralston of Olustee, and three in that of Mr. Moore, in the same neighborhood. All were killed. At the ranch of E. L. Peckham, president of the Denver, Elid & Gulf Railroad company, six miles west of here, the tornado totally destroyed a \$25,000 residence and a \$10,000 barn.

Every building in town bears evidence of the tornado, and the rain poured through roofs in torrents. The temporary hospital buildings, where men, women and children lay swathed in bandages and moaning in pain, and where surgeons were performing operations were quickly flooded. Oil cloths were spread over the sufferers, but this afforded only scant protection against the water.

Excellent order has been maintained, and only two or three cases of pillaging have been reported. E. C. Ray, sheriff of Kiowa, last night guarded the town with thirty-five deputies.

Pitiable scenes of want and suffering were seen here on all sides. Much confusion still existed, despite the efforts of hundreds of outsiders to aid the victims of Wednesday's night's tornado. Last night many who had lost everything they possessed went hungry and practically unprotected from the cold.

Many bodies, lying in temporary morgues, remained unidentified, while among the injured, dozens who suffered from ugly wounds or broken limbs, were without proper medical attention. Others still were missing, and an exact list of the casualties was not to be had.

FRENCH ARE ON THEIR GUARD

Japan Learns that Russians Are Kept From Waters of France.

TOKIO—The following announcement was made by the Japanese foreign office: "Since the Kamranh bay incident the French government has instructed both the civil and military officials in Indo-China to maintain a close watch on the coast of French territory and to warn belligerent ships not to enter French waters.

When it was reported that the third Russian squadron, commanded by Rear Admiral Nebogotoff, was approaching French waters, the French government again instructed the naval authorities to maintain a close watch and take effective measures with all their power to prevent a violation of neutrality, and it simultaneously notified the Russian government.

The French government has notified the Japanese legation at Paris that it has received a telegraphic report that no Russian ships were sighted off Hon Koike bay May 9.

General Davis Sails.

COLON—General Davis, the retiring governor of the canal zone, and his two daughters, sailed for New York on the steamer Alliance.

Corn Hearing is Postponed.

CHICAGO—The Interstate Commerce Commission during its "Corn Products" investigation heard representatives of California milling interests who protested against reduction of the 10 per cent differential existing on corn meal rates over rates on corn from Nebraska to Pacific points. When the testimony of the San Francisco manufacturers was completed Chairman Clements announced that the corn investigation would rest for the present and that the commission investigate woodenware rates.