

## TORNADO KILLS 7

STORM HITS EASTERN NEBRASKA, LEAVING DEATH IN ITS WAKE.

Life and Property Destroyed in Path Across Sarpy County—College Buildings at Bellevue Wrecked—Richfield and Louisville Demolished.

Omaha, May 13.—Seven persons are known to have been killed and a score injured by a tornado which swept over the northern part of Sarpy county. The storm, which gained velocity on its way south, started in Omaha about 4:30 p. m. At Bellevue the college buildings were damaged to the extent of probably \$50,000 and several persons were injured, none fatally. The storm then moved on to Louisville, Richfield and Springfield, where the principal damage and loss of life occurred.

The funnel-shaped tornado crossed the Missouri river into Iowa shortly after 5 o'clock, apparently spending its force in a cloudburst that carried away the Burlington tracks.

The casualty list, so far as known, is as follows:

Dead: Martin Teith and James Teith, near Papillion; Mrs. Frank Hester, living near Louisville; Charles Leader, near Richfield; three unknown at Louisville village.

Edward Martin, fatally injured, near Meadow.

Bellevue College Hard Hit.

The storm was the most severe that ever struck eastern Nebraska. The damage to the college buildings at Bellevue was heavy. The tower was blown from Park hall and the building wrecked. Lowry hall and Rankin hall were unroofed. The panic-stricken students ran to the basement, and in this way many fatalities were probably averted. The college stables were wrecked and all the horses killed.

The store of A. Wright was wrecked, the stock was scattered over the country and he was severely injured. Those whose houses were completely wrecked were Harry Peters, L. N. Purcell, G. R. Glenn, J. B. Dillon and Wesley Huff, and scores were partially wrecked. Several persons were injured. Mrs. L. N. Purcell may die and Mrs. Gonyon and Mrs. Sloan are seriously injured.

Moving south, the tornado struck Fort Crook, damaging several of the barracks buildings, but nobody was injured. In the town of Fort Crook, however, a number of buildings were entirely wrecked and other damage done.

The storm lifted and dipped at intervals, continuing to move southward, doing much damage to farm property. The first town struck was Papillion, eight miles south of South Omaha. At that point the damage was not great, the funnel-shaped cloud apparently lifting sufficiently to pass the town without serious damage. It again descended, however, as the storm moved toward Richfield, four miles south of Papillion. In its path was the farm of Gus Leader, whose farm buildings were entirely destroyed and his son, Charles Leader, aged fourteen, was killed outright. All of his live stock was killed.

Town of Richfield Demolished.

Edward Martin's farm was the next to be swept. Mr. Martin's home and all of his barns and small buildings were totally destroyed, and Mr. Martin was fatally hurt by being crushed under his home. The little town of Richfield was almost blown to pieces, but the casualty list was small.

At Louisville, half the town was wrecked and at least three persons lost their lives. Mrs. Frank Hester was killed in her home. The Burlington passenger station was blown down, the mill and elevator wrecked, the Methodist church turned upside down and from fifteen to twenty houses were completely wrecked.

Two miles north of Papillion, Martin Teith and his son, James, were driving along the Little Papio river, when their horse became frightened by the hail and plunged into the swollen stream. Both father and son were drowned.

An officer from Fort Crook arrived in the city and stated that the damage to the buildings would amount to \$100,000 at the army post alone, and that the village is almost a total wreck. A remarkable scene occurred when the officers realized that a tornado had struck the post. Six hundred troops of the Sixteenth regiment were brought to battalion formation and, in the midst of flying slate roofs and other debris, they were marched across the parade ground to the substantial buildings, where they were put at "rest" and took to the cellars.

The roofs of several of the large buildings were blown off and other damage done.

Property damage of at least \$500,000 was inflicted, on the roughly estimated basis of \$200,000 at Louisville, \$175,000 at Fort Crook, \$75,000 at Bellevue and \$25,000 to the farms.

Tornado Wrecks Bunk Train.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 13.—The train crew of the Burlington passenger train from Omaha reported a race with a tornado near Island Park, Ia., barely escaping from the storm, which they report wrecked a bunk train containing a number of foreigners, who had been working on the track. Six men were reported killed and a score injured. The bunk train had been moved from Bartlett, Ia., earlier in the day.

"The" Allen Is Dead.

New York, May 13.—"The" Allen, well known to the sporting fraternity, died suddenly at his home here.

## SEVEN MINE WORKERS KILLED

Fatal Explosion in Mount Lookout Colliery at Wyoming, Pa.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 13.—Seven mine workers were instantly killed and more than a dozen injured in an explosion in the Mount Lookout colliery at Wyoming, near here.

The explosion occurred 600 feet underground and 1,800 feet from the shaft up which the miners make their exit. John Kosmich, a miner, left a small gas "feeder" burn in the extreme end of a gangway all night, which set fire to the timbers and the coal. When the fire boss started into the mines to make his rounds, he discovered the fire. He at once reported it, and with three men tried to subdue the flames, but they met with gas while trying to do so. Shortly after a slight explosion occurred, burning the four men, but not seriously injuring them. They then came out of the mine and the inside foreman summoned a gang of men together and went into the mine to put out the fire. They worked all day around the flames in order to shut them off and stop them from spreading. They then let air from another gangway in to allow the gas to escape and while doing so a second explosion occurred, killing seven of the men and injuring the others.

BICKNELL ELECTED PRESIDENT National Conference of Charities and Correction Names Officers.

Richmond, Va., May 12.—By unanimous vote the conference on charities and correction adopted the report of the committee on organization, electing its nominees for all the offices and committee for the Buffalo conference next year.

The following officers were elected: President, E. P. Bicknell of Chicago; first vice president, Thomas D. Osborne of Louisville, Ky.; second vice president, David P. Tilles of Boston; third vice president, Robert W. Hebborn of New York; general secretary, Alexander Johnson of Indianapolis; treasurer, Edward Boyle of Chicago.

Public health was discussed at last night's session of the conference, a report being made on this topic by the chairman, Dr. Walter D. Lindley, director of the California hospital, Los Angeles.

SOCIALISTS SEEK UNION VOTE

National Convention Proceeds With Routine Business After Lively Row.

Chicago, May 12.—A lively skirmish occurred at the Socialist national convention over a proposal to make a special appeal to the trades unionists in behalf of Socialist party principles. While the verbal contest was at its height the Wisconsin delegation threatened to bolt the convention unless it stood by the policy of appealing to the men in the trades unions. Eventually a committee of seven to consider the situation was ordered appointed.

With these matters out of the way the delegates proceeded with the routine business of electing members by the rules. Indications during the day pointed to a new possibility in the race for the presidential nomination in the person of A. M. Simons of Illinois. Ben Hanford of New York, vice presidential candidate in 1904, was also discussed informally by the delegates as eligible for the honor.

Two hundred and seventeen regularly accredited delegates are present.

METHODISTS TO ELECT BISHOPS

Drs. Anderson, Cooke and Quayle Certain to Be Chosen.

Baltimore, May 12.—The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church got through a busy session. Bishop M. C. Harris of Japan and Korea made his report, in which he told of the growth and needs of the Methodist Episcopal church in those countries.

The committee on episcopacy was instructed to report not later than May 20 the number of bishops to be elected. That Rev. Dr. William F. Anderson, corresponding secretary of the board of education and Sunday schools; Rev. Dr. Richard J. Cooke, book editor of the church, and Rev. Dr. William A. Quayle of Chicago will be among the first three chosen seems certain.

CAVALRYMAN KILLS COMRADES

Private Mike Beacham Runs Amuck at Manila With Fatal Consequences.

Manila, May 12.—A telegram received by the adjutant general announced that Private Mike Beacham of the First United States cavalry ran amuck, killing three and wounding three of his comrades, one mortally. The dead: First Sergeant William Hoey, Private G. Wilson, William Thomas Woodward.

Fatally wounded: Private Edward Woodward.

All the killed and wounded were members of troop E, first cavalry. Details of the tragedy are lacking, but it is presumed that Beacham was insane when he committed the deed.

Real Estate Men's Convention.

Chicago, May 13.—A national convention of real estate men opened here and is scheduled to continue for three days. The gathering was arranged by the Chicago Real Estate board and its object is the formation of a national organization. The exact form of the proposed association is not yet determined.

## TEN BODIES DUG UP

ANOTHER VICTIM ADDED TO GUNNESS FARM DEATH ROLL.

Prosecutor Collects Additional Evidence Concerning Lamphere's Participation in Affair—Developments Come Thick and Fast.

Laporte, Ind., May 9.—One more body was added to the death roll of the Gunness farm, the gruesome relics now numbering ten. Coroner Mack had at first announced that the grave contained one complete cadaver and portions of a second, but he later said what he had at first believed to be additional thigh and arm bones are in reality pieces of the first set.

Developments in the case came thick and fast, each additional circumstance brought to light being of a nature to strengthen the charges against Ray Lamphere, who is accused of first degree murder, because of the deaths of Mrs. Bella Gunness and her three children. Lamphere sent a request to his attorney, H. W. Worden, asking the latter to send to the farm of John Wheatbrook for the trunk which Lamphere left there when arrested April 28.

But before this, word reached the attorney that the trunk had been confiscated by the local officers. It contained a number of letters from Mrs. Gunness after Lamphere had taken employment at the farm of John Wheatbrook, near Springfield, near this city. The dates on the letters were not announced, but that they were recent is evidenced by the fact that Lamphere went to the Wheatbrook farm Feb. 13, 1908. The woman wrote to Lamphere urging him to return to her farm and to "bring your sweetheart with you if she had money enough."

The identity of the woman is a mystery and neither does Mrs. Gunness mention the amount necessary. Along with the letters were found several women's finger rings.

New Witness in the Case.

Other important developments of the day included the following: Peter Olson, a new witness in the case, told R. N. Smith, the prosecuting attorney, that Ray Lamphere had acknowledged attempts to blackmail Mrs. Gunness. This is considered as being a motive for disagreement between Lamphere and the woman, which resulted later in the burning of the farm house. Mrs. Leo Greening said that her son, Emil, who formerly worked on the notorious farm, saw two strangers at the place the night that Jennie Olson disappeared in November, 1906. Emil Greening is now in Oklahoma City and the sheriff's office will try to communicate with him in the hope of establishing the fact that Mrs. Gunness had accomplices in the murders at her place.

Matt and Oscar Budeberg departed for Iowa, Wis., after making arrangements to have the body of their father, Ole O. Budeberg, shipped to that town as soon as Coroner Mack releases it for burial. Before their departure the boys made inquiry as to the watches found in the ruins of the farm house, saying that their parent purchased a new timepiece just prior to his departure from the Wisconsin town in March, 1907.

Rush of Curiosity Seekers.

The resumption of excavation at the Gunness farm again drew an immense crowd of spectators. The rush of visitors has become so great that some of the local liverymen have established a regular "bus line" to the farm. Hundreds of men and women made the trip by this means and added to the throngs who had walked or driven out in private vehicles.

The premature announcement by Coroner Mack that two bodies had been discovered only served to increase the rush of curiosity seekers. The scraps of humanity were found in the barnyard, which had already given up nine cadavers, and were discovered under circumstances similar to those which prevailed Tuesday and Wednesday. About four feet below the surface the excavators encountered bits of bone and burlap, and a few strokes more of the spades and hoes revealed a decomposed torso and leg and arm bones.

In addition to the usual traces of lime, the evidences were that a less skillful hand had accomplished the dismemberment of the corpse. The skull had been separated and was lying near the feet of the corpse. Nothing but a jumbled heap of decayed flesh and crumbling bones were left to indicate the identity of the person.

While the investigations were going on at the farm, Prosecutor Smith, aided by Deputy Sheriff Roy Marr, was collecting additional evidence concerning Lamphere's alleged participation in the affair.

One of the first new witnesses found was Colson, who told of a conversation in which Lamphere declared his ability to get money and clothing from the woman.

It is Prosecutor Smith's theory that Lamphere had gained knowledge of the means by which Andrew Helgelein was done to death; that the prisoner attempted to use this knowledge to extort money from the woman; that she became terror stricken at his threats and undertook the series of prosecutions against him which resulted in his trial before a lunacy commission and in his being thrice arrested at her instigation; that Lamphere attempted to wreak vengeance upon her for these actions and for her refusal to give him money or continue the relations that had existed between them prior to the appearance here in January of Helgelein; that the fire at the Gunness home was started by Lamphere, but that he had no idea of causing the deaths of Mrs. Gunness and the children.

## METCALF REVIEWS FLEET

Forty-four Vessels in Line in San Francisco Harbor.

San Francisco, May 9.—The combined Atlantic and Pacific fleets of battleships, armored cruisers, torpedo boat destroyers and auxiliaries, the greatest assemblage of armored vessels thus far to mark the progress of the American navy to second rank among the floating fighting force of the world, were reviewed in picturesque San Francisco harbor by Secretary of the Navy Metcalf. The forty-four vessels of the two fleets lay at anchor in four long columns and proceeding from the Oakland shore, the secretary, on board the little boat Yorktown, a reminder of the days when the navy was in its infancy, proceeded southward through the two lines formed by the armored cruisers of the Pacific fleet, near the shore, and the second squadron of the



VICTOR H. METCALF.

Atlantic fleet, headed by the Minnesota. Turning back to the north at the end of these two lines, the Yorktown traversed the lane formed on the starboard by the battleships of the first Atlantic squadron and on the port by the grim little destroyers.

Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, who had hoped to end his active naval career by participating in the official ceremonies, was not permitted by his attending physicians to go aboard the Connecticut. Rear Admiral Charles M. Thomas was again the "senior officer."

Silver services were presented to the battleship Nebraska and the armored cruiser California. Governor Sheldon of Nebraska made the presentation speech on board the Nebraska. The service was accepted by Captain R. F. Nicholson, amid the cheers of the officers. At the conclusion of the brief formal speeches the health of the state and a hearty good luck to the battleship in time of peace or war were drunk. Governor J. N. Gillett made the presentation speech on the cruiser California and the service for that ship was accepted by Captain W. L. Cottman, the commander.

MORE CAPITOL FRAUD CASES

Six Men Involved in Trials That Are Called at Harrisburg.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 13.—The second of the series of conspiracy cases growing out of the contracts for the furnishings and equipping of the new state capitol called for trial in the Dauphin county court involves six men. They are Congressman H. Burd Cassell of Marietta, Pa., head of the Pennsylvania Construction company, which supplied about \$2,000,000 worth of metallic furniture for the building; Joseph M. Huston of Philadelphia, architect of the capitol and designer of its furniture; William P. Snyder of Spring City, Pa., a former auditor general; William L. Mathues of Media, Pa., a former state treasurer; James M. Shumaker of Johnstown, Pa., a former superintendent of public grounds and buildings, and Frank M. Irvine, a traveling auditor in the auditor general's department.

Snyder, Mathues and Shumaker were convicted in the first conspiracy trial of defrauding the state out of about \$19,000 in a bill for wooden furniture. Appeal for a new trial is still pending. Huston was to have been tried with the others in the first trial, but he secured a severance.

The charge against the six men is conspiracy to defraud the state out of \$5,090.10 in a bill of \$17,790.70 for metallic filing cases and metallic furniture.

WHEAT CONDITION EXCELLENT

More Winter Crop in Ground Than Harvested Last Year.

Washington, May 9.—The department of agriculture in its summary of the May crop report places the total area of winter wheat standing on May 1 to be harvested at 29,751,000 acres, which is 4.2 per cent, or 1,318,000 acres, less than the area reported as sown last fall, and 5.8 per cent, or 1,619,000 acres, more than the area of winter wheat harvested last year.

The average condition of the growing winter wheat on May 1 was 89 per cent of a normal, as compared with 91.3 per cent on April 1 and 82.9 per cent on May 1, 1907.

In rye the average condition of the crop was 90.3 per cent of a normal, as compared with 89.1 on April 1 and 88 per cent on May 1, 1907.

Of the total acreage of the spring plowing contemplated, 66.6 per cent is reported as actually completed up to May 1, as compared with 71.5 per cent at the corresponding date last year. Of spring planting, 54.7 per cent was completed on May 1, against 47 per cent on May 1, 1907.

Cook Urges Reciprocal Agreement.

Milwaukee, May 12.—Samuel A. Cook of Neenah, Wis., a leading paper manufacturer, a former congressman and at present a candidate for United States senator from Wisconsin, made a statement in which he favors a reduction of the tariff on paper by reciprocal agreement with Canada.

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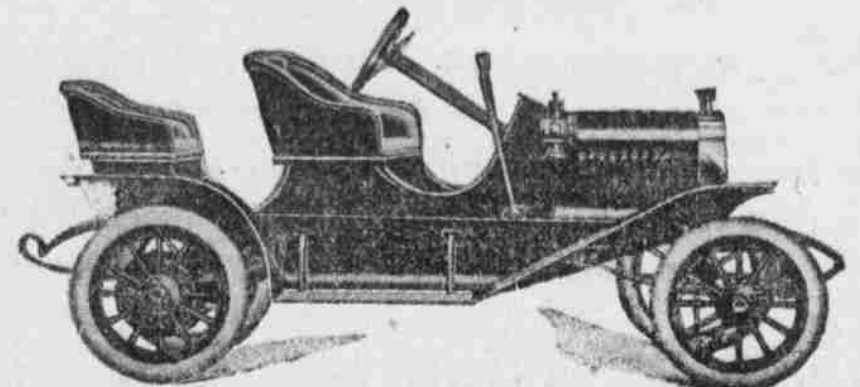
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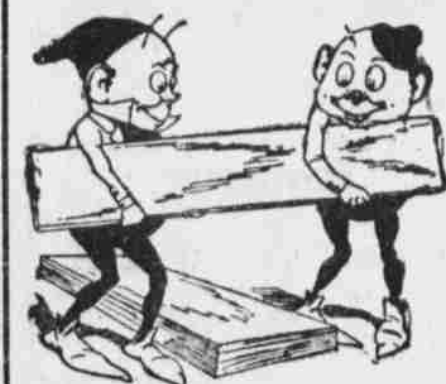
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