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Blackleg is proving very fatal to stock near West Union, Custer county.

A free Methodist tabernacle has been erected at Norfolk and is on the run.

After a delay of several weeks the two Fullerton saloons are again running on full time.

A Geneva lady has a blooming cactus plant, for which she has refused an offer of \$15.

The walls of the Enos building at Fremont are said to be in an unsafe condition.

Twenty-seven South Omaha youngsters were rounded up in one evening and put in the cooler for violating the curfew ordinance.

Joe Voraček, a Bohemian lad of Sargent aged thirteen years, was bitten by a rattlesnake and died after two long weeks of suffering.

More men are employed in South Omaha today than at any time during the past three years, says the Tribune, and it ought to know.

The people of Nebraska are responding nobly to the call of Governor Holcomb for donations to help the storm-stricken people of Texas.

An immigration agent left Eustis the other day to induce farmers in the kindred districts of Illinois to come to Frontier county and get rich.

Jesse Campbell, an Osceola lad of ten years, was adjudged incorrigible and will stay in the reform school at Kearney till he learns to be good.

As William Carr of Gothenburg started to enter his corn crib the other day the door blew open with such force that it broke his collar bone.

Norfolk people who are delinquent on their water rent are having the supply cut off, and must pay a fine of \$1 and 10 per cent increase of rates or dig a well.

Miss Gussie Ptak of Plattsmouth was badly bitten on the limb by a vicious dog. It required five shots from a revolver to cure the dog of wanting to eat somebody.

Congressman Kern has a fine irrigated farm in Colorado where he will settle when his term in congress expires. He has no notion of being a candidate again.

Two years ago L. B. Hughes of Hebron lost a ring with a diamond setting worth \$25. Last week Mrs. Weather-aid found the diamond in the road and returned it to the owner.

The unknown man found on a sandbar in the Missouri river near Blyburg, a few days since, has been identified as that of "Tony" Lawless an old-time resident of Dakota county who was much given to strong drink.

W. F. Ware of Jefferson county has announced his willingness to serve a term in the lower house of the legislature subject to the action of the republican convention; and C. F. Steele is ready to take a job at the other end of the building under the same conditions.

The cultured people of Dakota City objected to the owners of cows in that neighborhood decorating their animals with bells that could be heard a mile and a quarter and the village marshal was instructed to confiscate every clanging jingler found running at large.

This is the way the Valley Enterprise sits down on its loathsome Elkhorn contemporary: "W. A. Crane, the hired man and carriage driver on the warm-over, soft soap, semi-animal defunct sheet at Elkhorn, is making himself very conspicuous again since he emerged from a complete wreck which he and his lake factory recently fell into. But the pitiful pleas of the poor imbecile for help in the time of whiskey famine, reached the ears of some tender-hearted citizens and the plant was bid in and then he was hired to run it."

A man who travels for an Omaha house rushed into the telegraph office at North Platte the other night and sent a telegram to the Midway hotel at Kearney asking them to forward his order book, which he said he had left on the desk at that hotel. The message went and the reply came back that it could not be found and asking where he had left it. The travelling man swore a few lines, in two or three languages and remarked that the hotels never looked for anything. He was writing another telegram telling where the book had been left when he remembered that it was in his grip. He went to the Pacific house, found the grip with the book all right, where he had put it, went out again and told the joke on himself.

A boy can sit still on a sleigh six inches square, tied to a sled going eight miles an hour, says the Grand Island Independent, who couldn't sit still on a sofa five minutes for a dollar. A man will sit on an inch edge on a board fence and talk politics for three hours; put him in a church pew for forty minutes and he gets nervous, twists, turns and goes to sleep. A man will fill his mouth with stinky tobacco juice until it runs down his chin, but a hair in the butter kills him.

**Bishops Consecrated.**  
CLEVELAND, O., May 28.—Charles Cardwell McCabe, Earl Cranston and Joseph Crane Hartzell were consecrated as bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church at Central armory yesterday morning. There was an immense congregation present, nearly every seat in the big auditorium being filled. The consecration was most impressive.

At 11:30 a. m. the bishops of the church, the bishop-elect and those assisting in the ceremony filed in and took their seats on the platform. Bishop Bowman, "the beloved senior bishop," who has served the church in that capacity since 1872, presided. The collect was recited by Bishop Vincent, the epistle was read by Bishop Thoburn and the gospel by Bishop Taylor.

The Rev. L. D. McCabe, D. D., and the Rev. T. C. Hlat presented Bishop-elect McCabe; the Rev. D. L. Rader and the Rev. R. S. Rust presented Earl Cranston; Joseph Crane Hartzell was presented by the Rev. M. C. B. Mason and the Rev. Samuel L. Berier. After prayer by Bishop Fitzgerald of New Orleans the examination and invocation was conducted by Bishop Andrews. It was a most solemn part of the service. Every voice in the armory was hushed and every ear strained to catch the questions of the bishop and the answers of the candidates. Then followed the "laying on of hands" and the presentation of the Bible. The congregation sang a hymn and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Foster.

People flocked from all parts of the house to congratulate the newly made bishops, and the platform was crowded for a long time with a surging crowd of enthusiastic Methodists eager to greet those who were to guide the destinies of a religious force which number over 3,000,000 souls.

**THE DAY'S DOINGS.**  
The general conference was presided over by Bishop Ninde yesterday morning. The judiciary committee reported and the conference acted upon a large number of appeals.

Charles W. Price of Russellville Circle, O., convicted of lying, appealed from a decision of Bishop Bowman. The conference reserved the bishop's decision and ordered a new trial.

When the celebrated Baltimore amendment was before the annual conference the New York east conference refused to act on it and the committee recommended that no appeal be entertained.

A committee of five was appointed on complimentary resolutions.

The committee on book concern wanted the conference to appoint a book editor, and it was so ordered.

Last night had been set aside for the anniversary of the temperance work and the auditorium was decorated accordingly, a large banner inscribed "The Saloon Must Go," hanging at one end of the building. The decision of the conference to hold an evening session for business spoiled the plan for a great temperance rally, but the rules were suspended, and the first thirty minutes were given over to the temperance organization.

The regular order, the report of the committee on constitution, was then taken up. There was quite a long debate over the manner of constituting special sessions of the general conference, the issue arising between those who held that for members of the preceding general conference to hold over and sit in the special session would be unconstitutional and those who held that new members must be chosen. The former prevailed and the article was adopted.

There was a sharp debate over an attempt to give laymen equal rights with the ministerial delegates to preside pro tem over a general conference in case there is no bishop present to preside. One amendment looking to that end was tabled, but Dr. Buckley introduced another and made a strong speech favoring the acknowledgment of the laymen's rights to preside. Dr. Neely opposed the amendment and thought that no reference should be made to the order from which the president pro tem should be selected. This view finally prevailed, the reference being stricken out and the section adopted. Adjourned.

**British Boat Lost.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, May 27.—Shipping men believe the British bark Cambudoon has been lost at sea. She left Java, carrying a cargo of sugar, for Vancouver January 23, and has not been sighted or heard from since. She has been out 145 days on a voyage that should have been made in about ninety days, making her fifty-five days overdue. She has now consumed much more time than was required for the longest trip on record from Java to Vancouver. The London underwriters have offered 35 per cent for re-insurance on the bark and her cargo, which carries about \$300,000 insurance. The Cambudoon was commanded by Captain Macdonald and carried a crew of thirty men.

**Beats the Record.**  
LONDON, May 27.—At a meeting of the Gaelic club at the Kennelrie grounds, Flanagan threw a sixteen-pound hammer 156 feet 5 1/4 inches, beating the record.

**Appointed Receivers.**  
OMAHA, Neb., May 27.—Dudley Smith, formerly president, and S. C. Woodson, representing the St. Joseph, Mo., stockholders' interest in the Omaha house, have been appointed receivers of the Steel-Smith Grocery company of this city. This action was brought about by the trustees of the Steele estate wishing to withdraw the interest of that estate from the business. The assets are said to be far in excess of the liabilities.

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Proven a Liar—Other Articles Found in the Ashes of the Church Furnace.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, May 26.—Yesterday was an exciting eventful day in the investigation of the Scandinavian Methodist church tragedies, the net results being a chain of circumstances, which, taken with those previously discovered, fastens the guilt of murdering Miss Clawson, on the Rev. Francis Hermann beyond a reasonable doubt; and also goes to show that Miss Samuelson fell a victim to the pastor's satanic actions and that he may also have had other victims.

The work of excavating the floor of the basement of the church began at an early hour yesterday morning. A vast amount of earth was removed and quantities of bones found in various stages of decomposition. Some were plainly identified as human bones, others were in such condition that it was impossible to tell whether they were human or the bones of an animal, and others were plainly recognized as being those of cattle and fowl. The general appearance of the place was such as to suggest the idea of a cemetery, and there is no telling how many human beings have been interred in the basement in the sacred edifice. At a certain spot beneath the stairway, where the soil showed evidence of having been recently disturbed, the sole and heel of a woman's shoe was found near the surface and a little deeper down in the same spot a pair of blood-stained overalls, which it is claimed by the tenants of the church were worn by their pastor while he was engaged in laboratory and other work, separate and apart from his books. The overalls were blood-stained on almost every part. Ed Johnson, the young man whose room was heated to such a high degree of temperature the day the minister built the big fire in the furnace, declares that Hermann had them on when the latter was met by him on the basement stairway with a gunnysack under his arm. He said he also wore a jumper of like material. All efforts to find this article of clothing were futile. Then came a piece of confirmatory evidence as to what became of it. The furnace ashes on being sifted were found to contain the requisite number of steel buttons for such an article of apparel and the strong point is that they correspond exactly with those on the blood-stained overalls.

Whether the bones found in excavating the basement of the church include those of Miss Samuelson, the other girl whom it would appear fell a victim to the pastor's lust and blood-thirstiness, cannot yet be determined. The search in the church and surroundings is not by any means yet concluded, and further discoveries can be expected. It was learned that Hermann was criminally intimate with the Samuelson girl and that he performed an abortion on her a few weeks before her disappearance, in January last. A few days prior to her disappearance the pastor had a large box ordered at one of the lumber yards and some of the officers hold to the theory that the bones found in the church are too old to be those of a person only dead since January, and that the preacher packed the remains in the box and either shipped it away or else took it along with him when he left for Kansas City on May 6.

**GAVE HIM THEIR MONEY.**  
It has further developed that both girls had entrusted to Hermann considerable money for safekeeping or investment. Miss Clawson, it is known, gave him \$300 very shortly before his disappearance, and Miss Samuelson had also given him several sums of money while she was living with him. Hermann drank heavily at times and kept a stock of wines and liquors in his study. The officers are keeping up the search in and around the church and the place has been visited by thousands of curiosity seekers.

Dr. Meacham, who made an analysis of the strains upon the various articles found in the cellar, said that he was not prepared to state that the stains were those caused by human blood owing to the fact that during the long period elapsed since the perpetration of the deed the blood corpuscles had become contracted, making it a hard matter to distinguish it from the blood of animals, such as horses, dogs, etc. Nevertheless he emphatically pronounced the stains that he had examined upon the lower door of the furnace and upon the barrel found in the cellar to be undoubtedly bloodstains. Beyond that he was prepared to give no further statement, except that he would operate with a final test this evening upon the articles, including the smears upon the paper.

The officers have no tidings of the missing preacher. The governor of the state has been asked to offer a reward for his capture and it is expected that he will do so.

**Cubans on Top.**  
KINGSTON, Jamaica, May 26.—Advices have reached here from a reliable source in Cuba to the effect that a strong body of Spanish troops recently made a second attempt to invade Cuba, the seat of the Cuban government. They were ambushed in the mountains and sustained a crushing defeat. The Spaniards were literally slaughtered by the insurgents and the force was compelled to flee in disorder.

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**About the Cyclone.**  
St. Louis, Mo., May 29.—A pall of gloom and death hangs over the mournful city. Twenty-four hours have scarce been sufficient to bring its people to a realization of the horror with which it has been visited and they are yet dazed and stupefied.

Save for the fitful glare of the gas jets in the windows of the saloons and restaurants and the electric lights of the few hotels and other concerns that operate their own plants, the entire city is still in darkness. In the devastated districts the search for the dead buried in the ruins is being carried on with the aid of torches and locomotive headlights. Details of police keep the crowds at a distance, while the air is filled with the shrieks and sobs and hysterical lamentations of the bereaved. Ever and anon the clanging of a gong is heard in the distance, and vehicles and street cars come to a stop while an ambulance dashes by to add one more victim to the record of the dead at one or another of the extemporized morgues.

The streets in the centre of the city, usually active with pedestrians until midnight, are deserted, save for those whose vocations keep them from their families and friends, while the summer gardens and other points of entertainment are bare of patrons. Grief, mourning and stupefaction have taken possession of the city.

**THE FATALITIES.**  
Careful tabulations of the information gathered by the United press from all official sources shows that a 8 o'clock last night there were 114 victims that had been identified, while fifteen still await identification. Most of the bodies claimed have been removed to their last homes. The number of missing, the majority supposedly being in the ruins of the industrial establishments and residences that were totally demolished, is variously estimated at from 50 to 500. Only a complete search of the acres of ruins can tell the true story, for the people in the stricken region seem utterly unable to talk coherently. Men and women reported as among the missing are continually putting in an appearance, while on the other hand many believed to be safe turn out to be among the missing.

In the matter of age the dead range from a male baby of three months to a great, great grandmother of ninety-two years. The number of injured reported to police headquarters to the same hour foot up 189. Of these five are unconscious and unknown, having nothing upon them by which they can be identified. The injuries range from slight cuts and contusions to one unfortunate man who is reported as having sustained the loss of both eyes and the fracture of skull, both arms and legs, and ribs. Of the list of injured, which is about one-fourth of the probable total, the overwhelming majority of those caught in the tornado having found their way to their homes and thus escaped the official reports, nearly one hundred are reported by the physicians in attendance as "fatally injured" or "injured internally," which is practically the same thing. These figures relate to the city proper.

**IN EAST ST. LOUIS.**  
On the other side of the river, in East St. Louis, Ill., where the elements gathered themselves together for a supreme effort toward destruction of life and property, the latest reports to the United press place the total of deaths and missing at 295 and the injured at seventy-one.

Another tabulation made last evening by the St. Louis Chronicle gives these figures: Identified dead in St. Louis, 17; unidentified, 30; injured, 447. East St. Louis, identified dead, 129; unidentified, 125; injured, 158.

The total number of families who are without homes and whose every article of household effects was swept away by the storm is variously estimated at from 500 to 800. It will be several days before a complete and reliable roster can be made.

Estimates on local losses are so wild that it is impossible to give any authoritative figures. One good authority places them at fifteen millions of dollars; another equally good at four millions. The latter is probably the more correct. East St. Louis two million is regarded by Mayor Bader a conservative estimate.

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Property loss (estimated), \$6,000,000

**Will Render Assistance.**  
CHICAGO, May 29.—At a special meeting of the city council held yesterday afternoon for the purpose of considering the best means of rendering assistance to the St. Louis sufferers resolutions were adopted extending the deepest sympathy and strongest encouragement of the citizens of Chicago to the cities of St. Louis and Rush Hill, Mo., and East St. Louis and Drake, and requesting the mayor to call a mass meeting of the citizens of Chicago at an early day for the purpose of raising money and rendering whatever aid may be necessary to those injured by the hurricane.

**Quick Work.**  
WASHINGTON, May 29.—A concurrent resolution providing for the loan of tents by the war department and such other relief as the secretary may deem necessary to the sufferers by the St. Louis storm was introduced upon the meeting of the house yesterday by Mr. Bartholdt and agreed to without discussion or objection. Later the senate amendments making it a joint resolution was agreed to.

## TURKISH POLICY ATTACKED

Cleveland Requested to Act in the Matter.

### SOME STRONG RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Presbyterian Assembly Think That the Time Has Come for Action.

SARATOGA, N. Y., May 28.—In the Presbyterian general assembly yesterday morning, Prof. F. M. Burdick of Columbia college was nominated by the committee on foreign missions to fill the vacancy in the foreign board caused by the resignation of E. M. Kingsley, treasurer of Union seminary. The report on other matters was read yesterday at the opening session of the general assembly. Among other recommendations the committee proposed the following resolutions regarding the condition of Americans in Turkey:

"Whereas, the general assembly is advised that under the provisions of existing treaties, American clergymen and teachers have a right to exercise their good efforts while residents of Turkey; and

Resolved, That the assembly is further advised that American citizens now under appointment as missionaries in Turkey have been and are now menaced as to their lives and property rights, despite representations heretofore made; therefore,

Resolved, That the general assembly, through its officers, respectfully request the national administration to examine into the facts of the alleged situation of affairs in Turkey, and in case the said aversments of danger are well founded, to make an official representation to the Turkish government, or take such appropriate action as shall secure proper protection to American citizens now resident in the Turkish empire."

It was also recommended that \$1,034,000 be raised by the church during the year and that the foreign board be advised to make its appropriations on that basis.

Secretary Arthur S. Brown of the foreign mission board spoke of the work of the board for the year. The resolution was adopted and at the close of the morning session the report on theological seminary control was placed in the hands of the commissioners.

The report is long and full of details. It embodies the now correspondence of the committee with the seminaries. It gives in full the several schemes for legislative action desirable in each case to bring the seminary quarters into shape for the adoption by the board of trustees of the plan of control. These replies are put into the form of an appendix, so that they may be read or not, as desired by the commissioners.

The most startling feature of the report is clause three of the recommendation, wherein the entire committee asks the assembly for a discharge from further service. There is no doubt that these recommendations at least, will be adopted, for it has been the hope of the trustees of many of the seminaries for three years that the activity of the seminary control committee should control.

The report of the committee on publication and Sunday school work was considered during the afternoon and the usual resolutions adopted.

The assembly committee on the next place of meeting, after considering the claims of several cities, resolved to submit the claims of San Francisco and Petoskey, Mich., to the assembly for decision.

**Methodists Busy.**  
CLEVELAND, O., May 28.—The feature of yesterday morning at the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church was the adoption of the resolution providing for an immense church insurance company to compete with the great companies of the world. The session was exciting, and confusion reigned all the morning.

General Rusling said that the proposition was one of the most visionary matters that had yet been presented to the general conference. "We might just as well embark in the dry goods business," he said. "The whole scheme if adopted, will wind up with a scandal which will shake the very foundations of the great Methodist church."

Other delegates expressed similar opinions, but the resolution organizing an insurance company was adopted amid great enthusiasm.

It was decided that the question of location of the next general conference be left to the book committee.

The Christian endeavor society was given a final slap by the adoption of a report deprecating the organization of any societies of Christian endeavor in the Methodist church.

In the report of the judiciary committee a proposition to give to the presiding elder of a district power to say when and where the trial of an accused member shall be held, excited much debate. The clause relating to this matter was stricken out and the report was adopted. The conference then adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

**Gold Strikes.**  
DEADWOOD, S. D., May 28.—New strikes of rich ore are of daily occurrence and they are not confined to any particular district. In Strawberry Gulch, three miles from Deadwood, ore carrying from ten to fifteen thousand dollars a ton in gold has been struck on the Bristol mine in Strawberry Gulch. The ore is carbonaceous of iron, showing free gold in large quantities. The ledge uncovered is twelve feet wide.