

TOWN OF HERMAN, NEBRASKA, WIPED OUT BY BIG TORNADO.

A DOZEN PERSONS KILLED, AND MANY MORE INJURED--RELIEF FORWARDED.

Town Struck Shortly Before 7 O'Clock and Only Two Buildings Left Standing--Passenger Train Turns Itself Into a Temporary Hospital and Relief Train
--Blair Physicians to the Rescue.

OMAHA, NEB., June 14--A telephone message from Blair says that the little town of Herman, a few miles north of Blair, was totally destroyed by a tornado last evening. The railroad men say that not a building of any consequence was left standing. Herman is said to have a population of about six hundred. It is on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railway, about forty miles from Omaha.

A train on this road passed through Herman southbound an hour after the tornado. The conductor says the carnage was terrible and that he counted ten dead bodies within sight of the railroad track. As could not give an estimate of the number of casualties, which must be large.

Coming on down to Blair he gave the alarm and a relief train was soon made up. Volunteers were taken up to Herman, including all the physicians of Blair, and they are now doing all they can for the wounded. The wires are all down and further details can not be given until the relief train returns to Blair at a late hour.

Advices received up to 11 o'clock last night state that every building in the town is destroyed except the public school and a small dwelling, both of which are on the outskirts. The force of the wind was terrific, and scarcely one piece of any of the many structures destroyed was left intact. The scene in the streets of the once thriving and beautiful little town is one of destruction. Wrecked buildings and broken furniture are strewn all around, while dead bodies lie in many places, the corpses badly disfigured and some of them hardly recognizable.

The flyer on the C. M. St. P. M. & O. due in Herman at 7:05 pulled in fifteen minutes late, and the entire train crew, turned themselves into a relief corps and the train into an emergency hospital. The train, unable to proceed through the wreckage, immediately returned to Blair with some eighty-eight persons, this number including one of the dead, Postmaster Richards, and all of the wounded found up to that time. Four members of a family named Hopkins, living on the outskirts of town, are reported dead, but the report has not yet been verified.

The wounded as reported are:

Thomas Haynes of Blair.
Unknown man from Missouri Valley.
Mrs. Kline of Herman.

Shoemaker named Clausen of Herman.

Immediately upon the arrival of the train in Blair, the wounded were carried to the homes of the residents of Blair and the Christian hotel. The train returned at once to Herman with medical assistance, physicians, several ministers and many townspeople.

SMALL POX AT OMAHA.

Physician Discovers a Patient Suffering With the Dread Disease.

A case of smallpox has been reported to the Omaha health authorities. The other day a young man from out in the state, accompanied by a friend from his home town, called on a prominent Omaha physician for treatment. During the examination the physician discovered that the young man was in the early stages of smallpox. The health board officials were at once notified and both young men were isolated. Further and later investigation showed a clearly developed case of smallpox and the young man is now at the emergency hospital. The other young man is still detained awaiting developments. These are the only two cases or suspected cases which have been in Omaha for two months.

Taken Before Insanity Board.

On Sunday, June 11, John Farley, living two miles southeast of Fairmont became insane. He has been brooding over financial troubles the past year, and being in poor health his mind could not stand the strain. He was taken before the county insanity board.

Horse Killed by a Train.

A drunken farmer had a horse killed by the Burlington main line train at the section house crossing near Crete. The man drove the horse onto the track and the train struck the animal squarely knocking it about twenty feet away. The man and buggy remained stationary, receiving no injury whatever. A keg of beer was in the buggy, and as soon as he saw what had happened, the man started off with the wagon, evidently thinking more of the beer than of the horse.

MAY FIND ITS PARENTS.

Mystery of a Stray Waif Likely to be Cleared Up.

The police of Lincoln are on track of the parents of the little waif left on the door step of A. A. Lasch some time ago. They have unearthed the fact that a woman got off a Burlington train with a baby in her possession, and the porter on the train is under the impression that the Lasch waif is the one she had with her. A woman with such a baby was at a hotel for several days, registering from Cheyenne. The chambermaid in attendance on the woman has practically, if not positively identified the baby as the one the woman had in her possession at the time she was at the hotel. The woman left the hotel and has not been seen since the evening before the baby was left on the step. It is also known that a gentleman in Denver is in search of a runaway wife and baby, and that the last he had heard was that she was in Lincoln, and the Lincoln police believe they are on the point of unravelling a pretty little domestic melodrama.

WILL NOT BURY AT SEA.

Bodies of First Nebraska Boys Who Die on Transports to Be Brought Back.

Governor Poynter has received the following letter from Adjutant General Corbin relative to the preservation of the bodies of members of the First Nebraska regiment who may die on ship board:

Washington, June 8.—W. A. Poynter Governor: The secretary of war desires to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 12, in which you request that in the event of death on transport of any member of the First Nebraska volunteer infantry returning to the United States from Manila, that suitable provision be made for the preservation of the body to the end that the same may be forwarded to the friends and relatives of the deceased on the arrival of the ship in the United States, and in reply to the same will say that instructions have been given to the proper officers of the quartermaster's department at San Francisco and Manila to provide each outgoing steamer with a sufficient number of caskets for use in case of deaths on board and prevent burials at sea, and that the necessary measures have been taken by the medical department to attend to the embalming of such dead. Very respectfully, H. C. Corbin, Adjutant-General.

ONE WOMAN'S TROUBLES.

Mrs. Rachel Houck of Hastings Has Heavy Burdens.

The body of Warren Houck, the young son of Mrs. Rachel Houck of Hastings, who died the other day was shipped to Colby, Kan., for burial. Grace, aged eight, Mrs. Houck's youngest child, has had several hemorrhages in the head lately, caused by catarrhal trouble, and the last attack was so severe it was feared she would not recover. The mother has just returned from Omaha where she had been attending the trial of her two sons, Will and Winfield, who were convicted of the same.

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Charged With Selling Liquor.

James W. Neeld was arrested at Humboldt charged with the illegal selling of intoxicating liquors. The officers took charge of a considerable quantity of bottled goods bearing different labels, and they will be taken to Lincoln for analysis.

Jones Aspires to Be Governor.

TOLEDO, Ohio, June 14.—Mayor Jones gave out a general letter to the public in which he states that he may become an independent candidate for governor of Ohio if he finds the reform movement sufficiently strong.

AFFAIRS OF STATE

EVENTS OF INTEREST TO AMERICAN PEOPLE.

Timely Mention of the Doings of the National Congress, Departmental and Executive Official Actions, and Movements of Army and Navy.

Wednesday, June 7.

The industrial commission has resumed its sittings at Washington.

The United States refrigerating ship Glacier, on her way to Manila, has arrived at Gibraltar.

The navy department announces that the Solace will sail from San Francisco for Manila about July 1.

A postoffice has been established at Collessen, Sheridan county, Neb., and Henry Collessen commissioned postmaster.

The navy department has directed the enlistment of 270 naval cadets, 40 of which will be recruited at Chicago and 30 at Cincinnati.

The German government has nominated and President McKinley has accepted Baron August von Bruck as consul for Germany at Havana.

The cruiser Yosemite, enroute to Guam, carrying Captain Richard P. Leahy, the newly appointed governor of that island, reached Port Said yesterday.

Regulations allowing volunteers to purchase the arms and equipments which they carried during the Spanish war will be continued in the case of volunteers returning from Manila.

Preparations have been made for transferring former Captain Alfred Dreyfus, imprisoned on Devil's Island in charge of officers from Paris who are said to be on the French steamer Lafayette, and who will take the prisoner direct from Devil's Island on her return voyage to France.

Nebraska patents issued: Charles H. Boepl, Grand Island, device for proving addition; Redulph B. Krummer, Columbus, water wheel; Bernhard H. Noellting, Nebraska City, easter socket; Ord Olson, Ord, windmill; Louis Vaughan, Blair, convertible tray and portable tray shelf.

Secretary of State and Mrs. Hay last night entertained the new Spanish minister and the Duchess d'Arcos at a specially-appointed dinner at which were present several of the most prominent members of the diplomatic corps and a few personal friends of the host and guests of honor.

Thursday, June 8.

War between Nicaragua and Costa Rica is imminent.

Twenty or thirty persons were injured in a wreck on the Missouri Pacific at Goff's, near Atchison, Kan.

It is rumored that Mark Hanna will resign the chairmanship of the republican national committee on account of ill health.

The university of Iowa has made a call for Chancellor McLean of the university of Nebraska. Chancellor McLean will investigate before deciding.

State Senator Anderson of Topeka, Kan., says that he was offered \$3,000 to vote to locate the new insane asylum at Parsons. An investigation will follow.

The negotiations in regard to the Alaskan boundary dispute are in a better shape now than they have been for sometime. The commissioners may ready to reach an agreement.

Richard Daverkosen, serving a short sentence in a San Francisco jail for the theft of 30 cents, will, on his release, find \$75,000 to his credit in the National Holland bank, left him by his maternal aunt. Daverkosen was Count Von Moltke's staff officer in the Franco-Prussian war.

Friday, June 9.

The transport Hancock will sail from Mania in a few days. It will have on board the First Nebraska.

The condition of Governor Mount of Indiana has so far improved that his speedy recovery is regarded as certain.

The French government has taken steps to renew active negotiations for a reciprocity treaty with the United States.

Commander Seth Ackley of the cruiser Concord, at Manila, has fallen ill and has been removed to the naval hospital at Yokohama.

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On the first day of July the new scale of prices goes into effect in the government printing office. The price to be paid compositors will be \$4 per diem, instead of \$3.20, as now paid, and the pay of bookbinders will be increased to the same rate.

One of the finest and most valuable collections of birds, eggs, and small animals and other things in the Smithsonian institution was presented by Congressman-elect William Astor Chandler of New York. Mr. Chandler made a long trip through Africa a few years ago, and during his tour gathered the collection. The gift is a very valuable one, and it is understood will be added to by Mr. Chandler.

To Stay and Work in Manila.

CAMERON, Mo., June 12.—Mrs. Robert Tindall has received a letter from her son, Gregg Tindall, stating that he and a number of soldiers of the Second Oregon volunteers would not come home with the regiment, but would remain in Manila, where they can get good positions.

The navy department has ordered the cruiser Buffalo out of commission.

Saturday, June 10.

The cabinet, in connection with the possible necessity of enlisting a force of volunteers, yesterday discussed a plan for the enlistment of several skeleton regiments in Manila from among the volunteers who desire to remain in the service, and the subsequent filling out of these regiments with recruits enlisted in this country.

Admiral Walker, who is at the head of the Nicaragua canal commission, says that he will call the members together at the earliest practicable moment. The rainy season is now on in Panama and Nicaragua, but nevertheless it is extremely likely that the commission will proceed forthwith to a personal inspection of the routes and divide up the work so as to make an early report to congress possible.

The president, it is said, under no circumstances would consent to extend an offer of mediation between Great Britain and the Transvaal save upon request of both parties to the pending dispute. It is believed that President Kruger would not willingly ask our good offices, owing to the well recognized fact that in many points concerning the welfare of the uitlanders the interests of the United States are identical with those of Great Britain.

Sunday, June 11.

Senator Thurston has recommended the name of Prof. H. H. Nicholson of the university of Nebraska as one of the commission to examine the coins minted at Philadelphia.

To obtain the necessary force of clerks for the census Director Merriam has adopted a plan allotting a pro rata number to each state, dividing the number among the members of each congressional delegation.

Secretary Hitchcock has reversed the land commissioner's decision in the case of McIntosh vs. Green, from the Broken Bow district of Nebraska. Green's homestead entry is held subject to the prior right of McIntosh.

A private letter received at Washington from Santiago de Cuba says that the sanitary commission, under Major George M. Barbour, is still continuing the work of cleaning up that dirty city in spite of the terrific heat which the summer season has brought.

Monday, June 12.

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