

# TERRIBLE TORNADO

## The Heart of Birmingham, Ala., Touched.

### THE DEAD WILL NUMBER TWENTY-FIVE

Many Houses are Leveled—Negro Shacks Demolished as Though They Were Eggshells—Five of the Victims are White People.

A fearful tornado, traveling east, swept over the southern part of Birmingham, Ala. The number killed is estimated at twenty-five, of whom five are white. The destruction of property is placed at a quarter of a million. Eighteen bodies have been recovered so far and scores of injured have been moved to the city. Among the dead are Dr. Chapman, and the wife and infant child of Hon. Robert J. Lowe, chairman of the democratic state executive committee.

The storm struck the city in the extreme southwestern corner and plowed its way eastward, leaving a path 150 feet wide, through the entire southern section, extending from Green Springs on the west to Avondale on the east, and continued its course until its fury was spent in the mountains beyond Irondale, a small town, six miles east of Birmingham.

The morning dawned cloudy and sultry and grew more threatening as the day advanced. Clouds began to gather and shortly after 9 o'clock sharp lightning flashed from the southward. The air became heavy and stifling. The velocity of the wind suddenly began to increase and from the overcast sky the dreaded funnel-shaped cloud made its appearance. Hugging close to the earth it passed through the city in leaps and bounds. The altitude of the tornado was not more than seventy feet.

The negro shanties in the lowland path of the storm were the principal sufferers. The larger residences on the higher grounds suffered but slightly. The large trees on the hillside of St. Vincent's hospital were torn up by the roots and large masses of stone were twisted out of the ground and broken and scattered all over the driveways of the entrance.

## KILLS HER HUSBAND

### Woman Shoots After Vainly Urging Him to Leave a Saloon.

Mrs. Frank Aurligh, wife of a barber of Prosperity, a Missouri mining town, killed her husband by shooting him four times. The woman had followed her husband to a saloon and urged him to leave the place with her. She denies that she came to town with the intention of killing him, and says she fired only when he attempted to shoot her. Mike Patrick, who was with Aurligh at the time of the shooting is also in custody. Mrs. Aurligh is thirty years old.

## Home for Admiral Schley.

At a meeting of the committee appointed at a mass meeting of citizens of Washington for the purpose of presenting Admiral Schley with a modest home, it was reported that about \$6,000 had been contributed to the fund. It is expected by April 15 \$15,000 will have been raised, and this will be used to purchase a home in a suburb of Washington, to be presented to the admiral on his arrival in this country about April 25.

## Explosion in a Mine.

The first and most fatal mine explosion to occur in the new Klondike region of Fayette county, Pa., occurred recently. One man was killed instantly five will die and ten are burned and crushed so terribly that it is doubtful if they will recover. The body of the dead man is missing. The injured men were taken to the Cottage state hospital and as a result of the explosion the mine is on fire. The cause of the explosion was an accumulation of gas.

## Ice Palace Burned.

The West park ice palace, at Fifty-second and Jefferson streets, Philadelphia, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of about \$100,000, insured for \$75,000. The building was used both as a rink for ice skating and for the manufacture of ice for commercial use, and was owned by the York, Pa., Ice Manufacturing company. The season of winter sports closed at the ice palace last midnight.

## Smallpox on Ocean Liner.

All the steerage passengers on board the steamer Britannia, which arrived at New York from south Europe, with a case of smallpox on board, have been vaccinated. One hundred and twenty-two steerage passengers who were quartered in the compartment with the patient were transferred to Hoffman island for observation. The patient was removed to the smallpox hospital at North Brothers island. The steamer will be permitted to proceed to the city.

## Threatens to Kidnap.

R. L. Leeson, Jr., a prominent citizen of Elwood, Ind., has received a letter in which the writer threatens to kidnap his fourteen-year-old daughter unless a specified sum of money is forthcoming. Mr. Leeson has turned the letter over to the authorities.

## Will Soon Resume Work.

The strike of coal miners of the Fremont county, Colorado, district has been ended by an agreement satisfactory to both sides and work will be resumed April 10. About 1,500 men are affected.

## BRINGING FREEBERG BACK

### Nebraska Cattleman Arrested by Sheriff of York County.

A. C. Freeberg, wanted by the authorities of York county, Nebraska, was arrested in Savonburg, Kansas, and Sheriff Lancaster of York county started for his home with the prisoner. Freeberg had just purchased a farm at Iola, Kan., for \$3,200. He bought it, he said, for his sister, but the authorities say she is his wife. Freeberg was a cattle dealer in York county but two years ago he became involved and before his creditors could attach his property he had sold it and left the country. Many of the cattle which he had mortgaged, it is alleged, could not be found. His liabilities are said to have been \$15,000. Freeberg has, it is charged, been arrested once before, but was released on habeas corpus proceedings before the Nebraska officers could reach him with requisition papers.

## BURNED HERSELF TO DEATH

### Loss of Position Unbalanced a Young Woman's Mind.

Miss Eliza Burrus, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., saturated her clothing with coal oil and set fire to them. She had been deeply distressed over the loss of her position as teacher in a school and recently made two attempts to end her life, timely interference having saved her. The body of the girl was found in the parlor of her home, the flesh charred by her burning clothing. Her brooding over misfortune, it is believed, had unbalanced her mind.

## MITCHELL WILL SEE MORGAN

### Effort to Be Made to Avert Strike in Coal Fields.

President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers is in New York with the intention of seeing J. P. Morgan and the heads of the important coal companies to consult about the situation in the coal fields for the purpose of averting a strike. Mr. Mitchell has so far been unable to see Mr. Morgan as the latter only arrived from Washington. When seen at his hotel Mr. Mitchell said nothing had yet been done.

## Both Died on Same Day.

Frank E. Wright, publisher of the Chic, and connected with Cincinnati papers for twenty years, died suddenly, aged forty-two. His wife died of pneumonia at 8 o'clock the same day. He had been worried about her while afflicted with pneumonia himself and died in a few hours after his wife expired. Wright was not considered seriously afflicted until an hour before he died.

## NEWS FROM FOREIGN LANDS

### Earl Cadogan, lord lieutenant of Ireland, authorizes the statement that he will retain office for another year.

Severe fighting occurred between the British and Boers at Hartbeestfontein, east of Klerksdorp, Transvaal.

The Rev. Mr. Stonehouse of the London missionary society has been murdered by brigands fourteen miles east of Tien Tsin.

A Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern freight struck a street car at a grade crossing in Cincinnati, and the street car conductor and motorman were killed.

Le Petit Bleu announced that the Jesuit scholar, Abbe Renard, professor at the university of Ghent, has broken off relations with the church in order to marry.

The bubonic plague continues to spread at Capetown. There is an average of six fresh cases officially reported daily. Most of the victims are colored persons.

Empress Alexandra has arrived at Copenhagen, accompanied from Roskilde by her father, King Christian, and her sister, Dowager Empress Maria Feodorovna of Russia.

A rope factory at Marseilles burned. The walls collapsed and two firemen were killed. Eleven persons, including six firemen, were seriously injured and one fireman is missing.

A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger, from Stuttgart, announces that Baron Schott von Schottzenstein, the Wurttemberg premier, whose sudden withdrawal from the cabinet owing to his being implicated in a pending trial created a sensation, has committed suicide in Ulm.

The proposed arbitration of the differences involved in the strikes at Marseilles, has led to a general relaxation in the situation. The measures of the police are now less strict. All troops have been removed from the streets and other public places, although retained under arms in barracks.

The Korea, which was launched at the Newport News shipbuilding company's yards, bears the distinction of being the largest steam vessel ever built on this side of the Atlantic. With a length of 572 feet 4 inches, and a beam of 63 feet, it displaces 18,500 tons on a draft of 17 feet. It is designed for the Pacific Mail Steamship company.

General Weyer, minister of war, is preparing extensive army reforms, a number of which will be carried by royal decrees. The food of the soldiers will be improved and economies will be realized in the war budget.

Dispatches from Lisbon say that a cabinet council has closed the chapel of the sisters and withdrawn the sanction of the statutes from the associations of Mozambique missionaries and that the church of St. Francis and St. Paul has become the property of the state, and a Jesuit house has been closed.

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Hurrying Through Business Prior to Adjournment.

The action of the senate March 26 in adopting the joint committee report, which recommended final adjournment of the legislature on Thursday, caused a stir in both houses which ended in some wild hustling to get the appropriation bills in condition to be passed before adjournment. Five republican members of the senate, three of them supporters of Thompson for United States senator, and two of them anti-Thompson men, voted with the fusionists to adopt this report. The house agreed to the recommendation last week. An effort was made in the senate to put the report over, but a majority were determined to fix the date and then shape legislation to fit the time.

One senator declared the question was purely a political question, but this did not deter five republicans from joining the fusionists in voting to adopt the report for an early adjournment. Others argued that the senatorial question should not enter into the matter, but that matters of legislation were of sufficient importance to hold the members here. Warning was given that if the report was adopted the old custom of stopping the clock for a day or two while the business of the legislature went on would not be followed. On the contrary the legislature would adjourn this time at midnight of the day set regardless of the condition of legislation.

If this action of the senate is not reconsidered the day of adjournment will stand. It is believed that the appropriation bills can be passed before the final adjournment, but some hard work will have to be done to bring about this result. If they do not pass, an extra session will be necessary.

Immediately after taking this step the republicans of the senate took a recess and considered the apportionment bill. The congressional legislative and judicial apportionment bills, as amended by the standing committee were later pushed through in committee of the whole. However, after the house disposes of the appropriation bills and sends them to the senate its members will have a day or two in which to grind out a few important bills.

The senate discussed and then approved the house bill for traveling libraries, a measure which the women's clubs of the state have been advocating.

The house hurried through the appropriation bills yesterday passing the general expenses bill on third reading and transmitting it to the senate and considering the claims bill and the deficiency bill in committee of the whole. The general expenses bill as amended in the house carries an appropriation in round numbers of \$1,400,000. The salary appropriation bill already in the senate carries \$950,000. The deficiency bill carries \$150,000 and the claims bill carries \$37,000.

In addition to these bills the house has passed the following bills carrying appropriations: For new building at Hastings, \$75,000; for purchase of site for the state fair, \$35,000, which was passed yesterday; for the purchase of ground at the Beatrice institute for feeble minded youth, \$15,000; two bills for incidental expenses of legislature, \$48,000; salaries for member and officers of legislatures, \$85,000; grand total, \$2,795,000. In addition to this the house has one or two small bills carrying appropriations of a personal character. The appropriation bill for penitentiary repairs has not yet been considered in the house.

## Steer Falls From Moving Train.

A few days ago a car was loaded with cattle at Vista, Neb., and started on its way to South Omaha. When the train arrived at Tecumseh, it was noticed that the car door was open, but the stock seemed to be all right. While the train was yet at the depot a steer came running down the track bellowing for his mates. He was driven to the stock yards and again loaded into the car. Investigation disclosed the fact that the steer had fallen out of the car more than a mile out of town and being uninjured had at once given chase to rejoin his companions.

## Close Call for Lincoln Hunter.

As J. E. Conklin, a traveling salesman for Hargreaves Bros. of Lincoln, and his brother, A. N. Conklin, a merchant of Ashton, Neb., were leaving the Platte after a day's shooting, the latter was carrying the guns and coming to a quicksand began to sink. Becoming alarmed at his position he dropped the loaded guns in the water, muzzled down, and the concussion caused their discharge simultaneously. Neither man was hurt, but their escape was miraculous.

## Has Stormy Trip.

The Cunard line steamer Etruria, which arrived at New York from Liverpool and Queenstown, was detained in the lower bay on account of a dense fog which prevailed. Heavy weather was encountered March 21 and 22, commencing with a westerly gale, which changed to the northwest, blowing a hard gale with fierce hail squalls and high seas.

## Damaging Fire in an Orchard.

A passing locomotive set fire to the orchard of S. A. Kinney, who lives a few miles east of Wymore, Neb., a few days since, and destroyed 700 fine apple and peach trees. The ground was covered with grass and straw for mulching and furnished plenty of fuel for a furious fire.

The legislature refused to raise the maximum rate for school books. The members know that when the limit is tampered with it generally ends with the ceiling.

# STOLE THE JEWELS

## Diamond Thief At Kansas City Makes Confession.

### DEARDUFF SOUGHT TO EXTORT MONEY

### Threatens to Kidnap Son of Man He Robbed—Breaks Down and Confesses to Crime and Tells Details.

Twenty-year-old William Dearduff, a clerk, has been arrested at Kansas City charged with stealing \$3,100 worth of diamonds from his employers, Edwards & Sloan, wholesale jewelers. Later, when confronted with the rings which had been found in the basement of the firm's building, Dearduff broke down and confessed. He also confessed to having sent Mr. Edwards, the senior member of the firm, a letter threatening to kidnap the jeweler's son if he did not produce at once \$1,000 in gold. Dearduff said he planned the robbery by himself and had taken no one into his confidence.

His idea was simply to steal the tray of diamonds. He accomplished this and hid the rings in the basement. It then occurred to him that he could not immediately negotiate a sale of the diamonds and the scheme to extort money from Mr. Edwards was conceived. The letter stated that money must be delivered to Dearduff.

Edwards had his son guarded while he made up a package of waste paper and sent it by Dearduff to the place indicated in the letter. Dearduff reported that he was met by two men who took the package from him. Later he reported finding the tray in the basement and asserted that some one had stabbed him. Dearduff admitted today having inflicted the wound himself. Dearduff has been employed by the firm for eighteen months. He will be prosecuted for grand larceny.

## MAKES CLAIM OF EXTORTION

### Charges Preferred Against Men of Influence at Havana.

A stockholder of the Havana, Cuba, Gas company has filed a complaint alleging the practice of extortion by persons claiming to have influence in Washington to regulate the duty on crude oil. It is said the company has paid \$40,000 in commissions during the last two years. Governor General Wood has instructed the fiscal to investigate the complaint.

Lieutenant General Miles and party have returned to Washington from a short tour of inspection in Cuba. He told Secretary Root that in his opinion the Cubans would accept the Platt amendment. General Miles was particularly impressed with the fine condition of the batteries in the forts around Havana.

## TRAINS IN AN ODD ACCIDENT

### One Splits Another in Two and Passes Through Without Mishap.

A remarkable railway accident occurred in Columbus, O. A Big Four freight train was standing across the track at the junction of the Big Four and Baltimore and Ohio when a passenger train on the latter road came dashing along at a rate of twenty miles an hour. The passenger train struck the freight at the coupling and splitting the train wide apart passed on without doing any more serious damage to the passengers than shaking them up. The fireman of the passenger train, James Drake, after the trouble was all over, jumped from the cab and sustained a fractured skull and broken jaw. He will die.

## New Bank to Start Up.

Word from Niles, Michigan says that the suspended First National bank's building and fixtures were sold to James Reynolds and D. S. Scofield of New Carlisle, Ind., and Charles E. Pears of Licuian who will start the Niles City bank. Mr. Scofield who will be the president, is president of the First National bank of Buchanan. Pears is cashier of the First National bank of Buchanan.

## Soon to Visit Us.

Le Rappel, of Paris, gives space to the following remarkable telegram from Amsterdam:

"Mr. Kruger will sail for the United States next month on the invitation of the American pro-Boer committee to give a series of lectures. The committee hopes to collect \$50,000,000 and to form a volunteer flotilla with which to transport men and ammunition to the Transvaal."

## Start for the Philippines.

The second battalion of the Fifth United States infantry, consisting of nine officers and 600 enlisted men, in command of Lieutenant-Colonel A. H. Bowman, has left Ft. Sheridan in two special trains, over the Northwestern railroad for San Francisco on April 1 for the Philippines, where the other two battalions of the regiment are now serving.

## Machinists on a Strike.

The machinists and boiler makers employed at the B. C. R. & N. shops in Iowa Falls, Iowa, have walked out and will not return to work until the difference between the employees and officials are adjusted. The action follows that of the union men at Cedar Rapids, and it is reported it will be followed by the men at Estherville, Watertown, Albert Lea and other division points.

At Wellston, O., Jeff Hill, his wife and five children were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home.

## WILL EDIT PAPER IN PRISON

### Convicted Indiana Publisher Will Not Abandon War on Political Foes.

George M. Ray, editor and publisher of the Shelbyville, Ind., Daily Democrat, who recently entered upon a penitentiary sentence, will soon begin the editorial conduct of his newspaper as a convict in stripes. He is firm in the determination to continue the same line of policy in his newspaper as he had pursued prior to his conviction, and says he will continue to war on his political foes, who, he charges, are responsible for his conviction on the charges of defrauding Shelby county on printing contracts.

Ray is under an intermediate sentence of from two to fourteen years. Ray will perform manual toil in his prison during the day and in the evening will prepare the editorial matter for his paper in the solitude of his cell.

## SULTAN IS SOLE MASTER.

### Philippine Commission Can Make No Laws for His Islands.

A Manila dispatch says that the municipal code provides that all in rebellion after April 1 shall be ineligible henceforth to vote or hold office.

Upon the report of General Trias, who is winding up the remnants of the insurrection, the Philippine commission has extended the date to May 1. The Philippine commission has sailed from Iloilo to Jolo to make a three days' visit and to endeavor to come to an understanding with the sultan regarding certain matters. There will be no legislation, for according to the treaty the sultan's government controls the Sulu group.

## ACCUSED OF KIDNAPING.

### Child at Harvard Disappears Simultaneously With Father.

A case of kidnaping is reported to have taken place at Harvard, Neb. A few years ago a young man named Lee, from Inland, married a young lady named Stone of Harvard. The venture did not prove happy for either and after a couple of years they separated. A child, a daughter, was born to them and was left in the custody of the mother. The latter has been away for some time past leaving the child with her parents, where its father was permitted to call and see it. The mother is now at home on a visit and Lee called to see his child. Playing with it, he succeeded in getting it to the door and at a favorable opportunity, it is alleged, grabbed the child and made off.

## KOHLSAAT GETS RECORD.

### Publisher of the Chicago Times-Herald Makes Important Changes.

The Chicago Record will print the signature of Victor F. Lawson the announcement that Mr. Lawson has sold the Chicago Record to Mr. Herman H. Kohlsaat, who will hereafter issue it in conjunction with the Times-Herald under the title of the Chicago Record-Herald. The Times-Herald will become the Record-Herald. Frank B. Noyes, publisher of the Washington Star and President of the Associated Press, has acquired an interest in the Record-Herald, and will be its publisher. H. H. Kohlsaat devoting his entire time to the editorial conduct of the Record-Herald.

## Kick of Horse Proves Fatal.

The funeral of Joel Hedman occurred at Stromburg, Neb., from the mission church, conducted by Revs. Hattman and Mr. Hedblom. Mr. Hedman was nineteen years old and was kicked by a horse and died later. He was a son of Paret Hedman, and was an industrious and bright young man. His remains were interred in the city cemetery.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

James A. Cruikshank of Lincoln, has been appointed a railway mail clerk.

The Duke and Duchess of York arrived at Malta and were received with due honor.

Chadron, Neb., sends advices that cattle perished from exposure during the recent storm.

Jerry Crouse of Oseola, Neb., may lose an eye as the result of trying to force a shell into a rifle.

Jewelry to the value of \$12,000 was recently stolen from the house of Nathan Brill in New York.

Wausa, Neb., will become a presidential office April 1, with the postmaster's salary at \$1,000.

The president has sent for Mr. P. C. Knox of Pittsburg, Pa., and will offer him the attorney-generalship.

Harold Hansen, of the firm of Harold Hansen & Co., Atlantic, Ia., committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver. The cause ascribed for the deed is that he has been drinking heavily for some time past.

Heavy rains and thaw throughout Wisconsin have caused high water in many places throughout the state, and several business firms have been compelled to temporarily suspend operations, owing to their factories being inundated.

Fred and Claude Morford and Howard Miller, Sharpville, Pa., boys, were poisoned by partaking of wintergreen berries. They died in great agony.

In accordance with President McKinley's recent order that the treasurer of Cuba should be a citizen of that island, Governor General Wood has cabled to the war department that he had appointed Carlos Rolos as treasurer of Cuba. Mr. Rolos previously has been connected with the fiscal branch, and is considered well qualified for this important post. Secretary Root confirmed the appointment.

# ONLY A BIG FLUKE

## The Congressional Apportionment Goes Glimmering.

### HOUSE SETS A VERY RAPID PACE

### Crowds All Appropriation Bills Through Time—Fusionists Kill a Constitutional Amendment.

One of the great things which the present legislature was expected to do regardless of which political party had a majority, was the apportionment of the state into congressional, legislative and judicial districts. March 26 the republicans of the senate split on the question of congressional apportionment and that issue is dead so far as this legislature is concerned. The bill made no shoe-string districts, but provided for five republican and one fusion district. Senators Allen of Furnas, McCarger of Saline and Newell of Cass were three republicans who voted with the fusionists and defeated the bill.

Later the judicial and legislative apportionment bills were passed and sent to the house. As it is now too late to pass another bill, the congressional apportionment at this session of the legislature is a dead issue. Ten years ago the legislature passed both a congressional and judicial apportionment bill. The last legislative apportionment bill was passed in 1887. The constitution provides that such bills shall be passed at the session following the government census, or five years thereafter, following the state census. As the state does not take a census a strict interpretation of the constitution will prevent another attempt until ten years from now.

The fusionists of the senate defeated a constitutional amendment providing for six judges of the supreme court. Twenty votes being required in the senate to submit a constitutional amendment to the people, the fusionists with fourteen votes are able to defeat any measure of that nature. Their action yesterday is construed to mean that they are exceedingly well satisfied with the court commission bill, which provides for appointment by a fusion court and do not want to go to the root of the matter by increasing the number of judges by submitting a constitutional amendment.

The house bill providing for traveling libraries was passed by the senate and will soon be sent to the governor for his approval.

The day was spent in the house passing bills. The sifting committee reported early, but there was no opportunity to get the measures they recommended any further.

Only one, the measure making an appropriation for the penitentiary, was passed. All the appropriation bills were transmitted to the senate in due time. The penitentiary bill was considered in committee of the whole in the afternoon for a long time, when it was discovered that amendments proposed would have to be printed before the bill could be passed. As the measure had to be passed yesterday the house decided to reconsider its action on amendments and pass the bill in its original form.

The legislative and judicial apportionment bills had a very close call in the house. They were brought over from the senate just before the adjournment of the house and the fusionists having been warned that they were to be read the first time, moved an adjournment till this morning. Had this passed the bills would have been killed, as no bill not read yesterday in either house can get through. Repeated calls of the house were resorted to to bring back the republicans who had left the hall. For a long time the fusionists had a majority, and had it not been for the calls of the house they would have adjourned.

The republicans finally succeeded in getting a majority of the members present to vote not to adjourn and then the speaker ordered the two bills read for the first time. This was a change in the order of business, the house having immediately before been on third reading of bills. Taylor of Custer raised the point of order that it is not permissible to order business out of the regular order unless by consent of the house. The speaker held that the bills were properly read and was sustained on an appeal by a tie vote. The bills were then read and the house adjourned.

Considerable opposition is manifest among some of the republicans against the bills and when they are considered in committee of the whole the discussion will be extended. Laffin and Horton are two who openly declare the bill to be wrong as affecting their portions of the state.

## New Way to Catch Fish.

The latest scheme for taking fish from the Delaware river is to sink logs that are hollow, which are known to be resorts for all kinds of fish in winter. The fish fill the logs and when they are raised to the surface the lucky fisherman is rewarded with a big haul.

## Finds Strong Box Empty.

George Graham of Berrien Springs, Mich., who went to Niles, Mich., for the purpose of applying to the receiver of the suspended First National bank for \$30,000 of negotiable United States bonds, which he had placed in a strong box in the vault of the bank, found the bonds missing and they appear to have gone with Cashier Johnson. The bank is not responsible.

## Kid Sly, a Lincoln, Neb., Crook, has

been sentenced by Judge Frost to six years in the penitentiary for robbing a grocery store.