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IOWA CITY DAMAGED

STORM DEMOLISHES SCORES OF HOMES AT CHARLES CITY.

Tornado Strikes Residence District and Wrecks Everything in Its Course—People Had Warning and Fled to Cellars—Much Live Stock Killed.

At 5 o'clock Sunday morning a tornado struck Charles City, Ia., demolishing about 200 residences and barns. One man, W. R. Beck, is known to have been killed and four children are reported missing.

The path of the tornado was about ten rods wide. It started about three miles southwest of the city, tearing down many farm houses, barns, and killing many head of stock. It struck the city in the southwest part, ploughing a path ten rods wide to a point in the northeast part of town. It crossed the river at a point a quarter of a mile east of the bridge, across the river on the main street and lifted the water almost clean from the river bed. It passed in a northeasterly direction, just missing Charles City college building and spent itself a few miles northeast of the city.

Several barns were tipped over while stock were inside and in some cases the animals were killed and in others passed through without injury. Big trees were torn from their roots and in some cases heaved through buildings.

While the storm was at its worst there was a loud roaring noise. Many had warning of the approaching storm and fully 3,000 people sought shelter in cellars. The path of the tornado included no business buildings or institutions and most of the houses destroyed were one and two stories. The scene in the path of the storm is a desolate one. Handsome homes are a mass of ruins and debris. Household goods are scattered all over town. Barns were picked up, carried several blocks and set down again. The length of the storm's path is about ten miles. All telephone wires are down and details from the country are meager.

IN MURDEROUS HOLDUP.

Business Man Slain and Girl Fatally Wounded by Negro Footpads.

At 8:30 o'clock Saturday night a holdup occurred in Rossville avenue, in the southern outskirts of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Joseph Knight, a business man, was instantly killed and Miss Sadie Pool was probably fatally wounded.

Knight and Miss Pool started for a drive, going in the direction of Rossville. When they reached a point just south of the city limits three negroes suddenly stepped to the middle of the road and commanded the driver to halt. This Knight declined to do. One of the negroes sprang to the horses' heads while the other two covered Knight with pistols. Knight resisted the attack and the negroes opened fire, killing Knight instantly.

Miss Pool was struck by two bullets, and there is little chance of her recovery. After the shooting the negroes took to their heels. Immediate assistance came and a posse started in pursuit of the negroes.

PRODIGY IN NEW YORK SCHOOL

Youthful Foreigner Makes Remarkable Progress in Three Months.

Hyman Fenster, who is just 13 years old, is one of the wonder boys at public school No. 110 of New York. He has now a scholarship offered to students by the child labor committee. It pays him \$1.50 a week, which helps support his family. He is one of two sons of Gazella Fenster, a widow who came to this country some three months ago from Austria, the other son being Solomon, 15 years old. Solomon and his mother work. Hyman started to school as soon as he arrived. From the foreign class he was quickly promoted from class to class, until now, after three months, he is in grade 6 A and is able to speak the English language so that anyone can understand him. The message he carried to his home telling his mother that not only he could keep on going to school free of charge, but that he would be paid \$1.50 a week made her weep for joy.

No Objection to Spuries.
President Amador, of Panama, has cabled the Panama legation at Washington through Arias, his secretary of foreign affairs, to deny for him newspaper reports that Minister Squiers is persona non grata.

Saints City Live Stock Market.
Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$7.25. Top hogs, 5.25.

Decision Favors Liquor Dealers.
The Missouri supreme court has handed down an opinion deciding that liquor dealers have a right to ship intoxicating liquors into local option counties C. O. D. when sale is made where shipment is made.

Bishop Potter Ill Again.
Bishop Henry C. Potter is at his home in Cooperstown, N. Y., suffering from nervous breakdown. He has been sick for a month or more.

STEAM PIPE BURSTS.

Six Lives Lost in Explosion on Cruiser Tennessee.

A terrible accident occurred on board the United States armored cruiser Tennessee at 11:08 o'clock Friday morning while the ship was steaming at the rate of nineteen knots on a speed trial of Point Huene, Cal. A steam pipe in the starboard engine room burst under 235 pounds pressure, killing four men in the compartment at the time. The explosion, the cause of which is unknown, occurred only a few minutes after Admiral Uriel Sebree, Capt. F. B. Howard and Chief Engineer Robertson had left the engine room on a tour of inspection.

Four of the men were killed instantly and two more are expected to die. The dead: George Wood, water tender, Scranton, Pa.; E. C. Boggs, second class fireman, Woodlawn, Ala.; A. Reinhold, machinist's mate, second class, Germany; George W. Meek, first class fireman, Skidmore, Kan.

The fatally injured: S. Stetmattos, first class fireman, Norfolk, Va.; F. S. Maxfield, second class fireman, Toukhkina, Chester county, Pa.

The seriously injured: F. J. Burns, coal passer, New York; Walter W. Burns, coal passer, Brooklyn, N. Y.; J. P. A. Carroll, second class fireman, Hartford, Conn.

There were fourteen men in the fire room when the tube, which is four inches in diameter and enclosed with water inside the boiler, blew out, driving a torrent of scalding steam, coal dust, cinders and hot ashes through the ash pit and showered the half naked men.

PRIZE TO DERBY WINNER.

Signorinetta Captures Rich Oaks Stake—Favorite Has Hard Luck.

A dispatch from London says: "The Oaks" was won by the Italian filly Signorinetta, winner of the derby.

Courtesy, second; Saneteve, third. Thirteen horses ran, including Richard Croker's Rhodora.

Signorinetta won with almost as much ease as she captured the derby Wednesday. It is impossible to say, however, what would have been the result had not Rhodora fallen three-quarters of a length in front of the winner.

The horses got a good start. French Partridge soon forged to the front and led the field to the mile. Near Tattenham corner French Partridge stumbled and fell in a heap. Rhodora and Signorinetta were close up. Lucien Lyne, who was riding Rhodora, was unable to pull his mount aside and the American-Irish filly rolled over French Partridge. Signorinetta managed to clear the struggling horses and then took up the running and won easily. The betting was 3 to 1 against Signorinetta, 100 to 7 against Courtesy and Saneteve. Rhodora started the favorite at 6 to 4 against.

THREW BODY INTO RIVER.

Unknown Writer Says They Had No Way to Bury Her.

What may be the solution of the mystery surrounding the death and the identity of a woman found in the Mississippi river at Alton, Ill., on May 29, with her skull crushed, is contained in a letter postmarked St. Charles, Mo., and signed Ruth Edmunds, received by the police Friday.

The woman found in the river, according to the letter, was the writer's sister, Mary Edmunds, and she met her death by being kicked in the face by a mule.

The letter in part says:

"On May 3 she was kicked by a mule in the face and died instantly. We had no way to bury her and he and me threw her into the river. The clothes she wore were made by she and me. Leave the jewelry on her. Buy the cross with her. It will help to take her through."

The jewelry and the cross referred to in the letter were found sewed up in the woman's dress. The police authorities are trying to find the writer and the man mentioned as "he."

Eric to Increase Force.

President Underwood, of the Erie railroad, has issued instructions that all the road's locomotive and car shops be placed on a ten-hour basis. It is the intention of the company to immediately begin repairing all equipment which has been idle by reason of lack of business. The resumption of work will give employment to several thousand men.

Grocers Thank Roosevelt.

The National Wholesale Grocers' association, at its final meeting Friday, at Atlantic City, N. J., passed a resolution thanking President Roosevelt for his assistance in securing national pure food legislation, in securing uniform state pure food laws.

Root Not to "Sit on Lid."

Secretary Root when asked if he was to "sit on the lid" in Washington during the summer, replied that his plans were so arranged that he should leave Washington June 20 and remain away during the warm season.

To Complete Continental Hall.

Continental hall, the home of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, D. C., will be rushed through to completion, a loan of \$200,000 having been negotiated to carry on the work.

More Men Are at Work.

Disparities to Dun's Review indicate further progress in the right direction, especially as to the number of hands employed in mills and factories.

AN ATTEMPT TO KILL DREYFUS.

Assassin Fires Two Shots at Famous Soldier.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Thursday morning in connection with the placing of the remains of M. Emile Zola in the Pantheon, a member of the staff of the France Militaire, who gave his name as Pater Gregori, fired two shots point blank at Maj. Alfred Dreyfus, wounding him in the arm. His assailant was arrested.

A bulletin issued Thursday afternoon by the physician attending Dreyfus says:

"The bullet penetrated deep into the forearm, but without reaching the bone. The patient is calm and with out fever. Absolute rest is necessary."

Pater Gregori was committed to the detention prison charged with attempted assassination. He narrowly escaped being mobbed when taken from the police station to the prison.

The incident occurred at the foot of the catafalque and directly in front of the tribune, from which Minister of Public Instruction Doumergue delivered a eulogy on Zola's matchless courage in arousing the conscience of the nation the necessity of doing justice to Dreyfus.

HOKO SMITH BEATEN.

Brown is Choice for Governor of Georgia.

Returns up to midnight Thursday indicate the nomination of Joseph M. Brown as governor of Georgia in the general democratic primary held Thursday by a majority of about 15,000.

The Atlanta Constitution estimates that Brown has won with from 15,000 to 25,000. Brown's managers claim the plurality is larger.

Gov. Smith's campaign managers decline to make a statement, and the governor himself says that he cannot comment on the result.

In all the eleven congressional districts indications are that the present democratic congressmen will be returned, the only doubt being in the Fifth, where James L. Mayson may contest the election with Congressman J. W. Livingston.

There was no contest over the United States senatorship, W. S. Clay being the popular choice.

Primary results mean election in Georgia, the other parties in the state making no contest.

LONG BIKE IN SEALED BOX CAR.

Railroad Men Find 16 Half Starved Chinamen in Frisco Yards.

When a sealed box car which had apparently come intact from Galveston, Tex., was opened in the yards at San Francisco, Cal., sixteen half starved Chinese were found in addition to half a load of heavy steel. The car was ten days on the road and had been in the yards for 48 hours. The Chinese had a little water and a few crackers left, but were weak and hollow eyed. One of them showed a certificate entitling him to admission to the country, but the others were turned over to the immigration authorities.

It is supposed by the officials that the men were smuggled across the Mexican border and placed in the car at El Paso, Tex., the seals of the car being replaced with others. There evidently was an arrangement for their release at San Francisco, but it is supposed they miscarried.

NEARLY 300 PERISHED.

News of Disaster to a Pearling Fleet is Brought to Vancouver.

The Canadian-Australian liner Manqua, arrived at Victoria, B. C., bringing news of the destruction of a pearling fleet in a typhoon off west Australia, involving a loss of forty luggers and 270 lives, twenty being white.

The disaster occurred near Thursday island, the typhoon striking the fleet just as it was starting for the pearling grounds, scattering the vessel, complete wrecking some and driving others ashore. About twenty Australian pearlmen were lost. The other victims were Malays, Mandarins, Japanese and Kanakas.

German Steamer Lost.

All hope has been abandoned for the German steamer Europa which sailed from Hamburg, Germany, forty-five days ago, bound for Norfolk, Va., loaded with fertilizer. The trip should have been made in twenty-one days. Nothing has been heard of the ship for forty days. She carried a crew of twenty-one men.

Jeff Davis' Anniversary Observed.

The 100th anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis was celebrated in Birmingham, Ala., Wednesday. All the banks were closed, and holiday hours were observed at the postoffice.

Echo of Bank Failure.

Congressman J. F. Lanning, James P. Gibbs, F. W. Christian and William Perrin, former officers of the defunct Ohio Trust company which failed in January, were Thursday indicted on charges of embezzlement and misappropriation of funds of the bank.

Student Suddenly Insane.

P. C. V. Canfield, of Waterloo, Ia., a student in the Leland Stanford Jr. university at San Francisco, went suddenly insane while in the university library. He was overpowered and taken to San Jose by the lunacy commission.

Bank Robbers Very Busy.

Robbers cracked the safe in the bank at Fairfield, Okla., thirty miles east of Tulsa, Okla., early Thursday, and escaped with \$10,000.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS

From Day to Day Condensed

FOR OUR BUSY READERS

LUMBER BUSINESS SOLD.

Blenkiron Bros. Dispose of Large Interests at Randolph.

The lumber and coal business of Blenkiron Bros. at Randolph was formally transferred to Pagie, Renard & Co. Thursday. The latter firm has purchased the Blenkiron yards at Bloomfield, Magnet, Randolph, sholes and Carroll. This transaction closes out the Blenkiron interests in northeast Nebraska, where they have been identified with the lumber business for 27 years. The first step of Blenkiron Bros. toward closing out was a few months ago, when they sold a line of elevators on the Burlington road to the McCaul-Webster people. At that time they had business enterprises at 22 stations in Nebraska. The selling represents a total of \$275,000. For the present at least Blenkiron Bros. will continue their residence in Sioux City and rest from active business.

STORM HITS THREE TOWNS.

Series of Tornadoes in Central Nebraska.

Three Nebraska towns were struck by tornadoes Thursday evening and while there are no fatalities so far as known a number of persons were injured and the property loss is considerable. A whirling wind of great velocity descended on Kearney shortly before 6 o'clock. Several houses were blown down and a woman, Mrs. Jenkins, and her child, were injured. Among the houses damaged was that of United States Senator Norris Brown. Across the Platte river a school house, unoccupied, was demolished.

News came Thursday night that the town of Minden, in Kearney county, had been wrecked by a storm. The town of Axtell, 18 miles from Kearney, is the third town visited.

TO JAIL FOR THREE MONTHS.

Judge Munger Sentences a Nebraska Stockman.

Perry A. Yeast, a former politician and stockman of northwest Nebraska, must serve three months in the Hall County jail at Grand Island and pay a fine of \$1,000 for conspiracy to defraud the government out of land in Grant county by means of fictitious filings. This was the sentence imposed by Judge T. C. Munger in United States district court Thursday afternoon.

Yeast's attorney gave notice of an appeal to the circuit court of appeals, and a supersedeas bond was fixed at \$5,000. Sentence was imposed following a verdict of guilty returned by a jury in February, an appeal for a new trial being heard in the meantime.

GIVES EXHIBITION HANGING.

Workman Makes a Gallows and Kills Himself Before Fellow.

C. F. Wilbur, a Beatrice butcher, improvised a gallows in the presence of workmen and hanged himself. The deed was done in the building he formerly occupied as a store. He paraded questions while attaching a rope to a ceiling hook, and when attention was diverted drew a noose over his head, leaped from his ladder and was instantly killed. His neck was broken by a fall of seven feet. He left a widow and several children. It is supposed he was demented.

EAGLES ELECT OFFICERS.

Benson Chosen as Next Place of Meeting for State Aerie.

The state aerie of Eagles adjourned Thursday afternoon after Benson had secured the 1909 convention over McCook and Grand Island. T. T. Ryder, of Lincoln, deputy labor commissioner, was elected state president over H. B. Flehardt, a South Omaha attorney.

The Nebraska aerie declared against reducing the membership age limit to 18 years and in favor of a new system of national deputies. A banquet was given in honor of the delegates.

Huntington's Last Chapel.

Wednesday morning at convocation hour, the main floor of the auditorium in the White memorial building of Nebraska Wesleyan university, at University Place, was thronged with students, alumnae, and visitors to hear Chancellor D. W. C. Huntington conduct both the last chapel exercise of the year and the last chapel exercise of his administration. The large gathering hung on the words as they fell from his lips, and many eyes were filled when it was realized that he was closing ten years of administrative service, during which time the institution has made marked progress. Chancellor Huntington is well known throughout the state of Nebraska.

Drowned in Swollen Creek.

John Peterson, of Friend, was drowned Wednesday while fording Johnson creek, which had been swollen to a torrent by the late rains.