

OVER FORTY DEAD

GREAT DAMAGE TO LIFE AND PROPERTY IN WAKE OF OKLAHOMA TWISTER.

MORE THAN 100 ARE INJURED

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Oklahoma City, Okla.—As detailed reports come in the extent of the devastation and loss of life and property from Saturday's tornado increases and news from many places now inaccessible on account of high water and destruction of telephone lines probably will add to the losses already tabulated.

It is now known that twenty towns were struck by the storm which swept northward from Texas, through portions of southwestern and central Oklahoma; that two of them, Butler and Foss, were literally wiped out and forty-one dead and more than a hundred injured are accounted for. Other deaths are reported, but cannot be verified because torrential rains swelled streams out of their banks in the wake of the tornado, preventing rescue parties exploring whole sections.

Following is a summary of the damage to life and property in Oklahoma:

Foss—Ten killed, twenty or thirty injured; town badly torn up.

Butler—Nine killed; many injured. Sentinel—Two killed; fifty houses blown down.

Hinton—One killed, many injured; score of buildings blown down.

Hobart—Two known dead, four others reported dead, several injured; great damage to property.

Lugert—Two killed, five fatally hurt; one store building left standing. Rocky—One killed; half the town blown away.

Calumet—Three killed, six or eight injured; heavy property loss.

Eldorado—No news since Saturday afternoon, when it was reported many killed and injured.

Kirkland, Tex.—Seven dead; great damage to property.

Reports of numerous smaller tornadoes have been received from Minco, Yukon, Mulhall and points in Garfield county.

RIGID ORDER ISSUED.

Madero Declares Coal to Be Contraband of War.

El Paso, Tex.—An order which if rigidly adhered to will entail serious consequences to all industries of northern Mexico, has been issued by President Madero, and was served on General Manager Ferris, of the Mexico Northwestern railway.

The order, which declares coal to be contraband of war, and which demands that the railroads decline to handle a "single lump" of it, was received by the Mexican consul and by him given to Mr. Ferris. It is said President Madero also has notified the government at Washington.

The Mexico Northwestern, which runs from El Paso through Juarez, Pearson and Madera to Chihuahua, is the only line now operating through Chihuahua which has a terminus in El Paso.

The Mexican Central is under rebel control and its northern terminus is at Juarez. Much of the coal which has been brought in for the use of the smelters and other industries is said to have fallen into the hands of the rebels, who have used it to run trains and for other purposes. It is said that many of the largest industries of the state of Chihuahua will have to close within two weeks if new supplies of fuel are not forthcoming.

Debts Will Be Liquidated.

Chicago.—Steps toward the liquidation of the obligations of the Wabash Railroad company were taken when Federal Judge Geo. A. Carpenter entered an order directing the receivers to raise \$1,500,000. The money will be raised by means of certificates of indebtedness and will be utilized in the settlement of interest on bonded debts and other obligations.

Live Stock Market.

Sioux City.—Cattle—Good to choice corn fed steers, \$7.25@8.25; medium to good, \$6.25@7.25; good to choice fat cows and heifers, \$5.75@7.00; grass cows, \$3.50@5.00; canners and cutters, \$2.50@3.75; bulls, \$3.75@6.00, veals, \$3.50@7.50. Hogs—Prices range from \$7.45@7.75, with a bulk of the saues at \$7.60@7.70. Sheep—Lambs, \$6.25@7.50, yearlings \$5.75@6.50; ewes, \$4.00@5.50.

Acquitted of Murder.

Bloomington, Ill.—Ray and Edward Stibbins, on trial here for the murder of their father, George Stibbins, last October, were acquitted by a jury here.

Fire at Joplin, Mo.

Joplin, Mo.—A fire of unknown origin broke out at midnight in a department store and caused a damage of \$100,000 before placed under control. Guests of a hotel next door escaped with their belongings.

IOWA IS FOR TAFT

PRESIDENT WINS WHEN REGULAR REPUBLICANS CONTROL STATE MEET BY 761 TO 720.

26 DELEGATES FOR PRESIDENT

Rhode Island Adds Ten to Western State's 16—Senator Cummins Gets Ten—Cedar Rapids Man Heads Iowa Delegation.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., April 26.—The regular Republicans controlled the Iowa state convention last Wednesday by a vote of 761 to 720, and elected delegates-at-large to the national convention, instructed them for Taft and took revenge for the rebuff of two years ago to the president by refusing to mention the name of Senator A. B. Cummins in the resolutions.

But two roll calls were taken, one on permanent organization and the other on resolutions. The insurgents offered a minority resolution report which praised Roosevelt and Cummins in the same sentence and endorsed the Sherwood pension bill.

Delegates at large selected are: Governor H. F. Carroll of Davis county, George D. Perkins of Sioux City, Luther Brewer of Cedar Rapids and James Bryan of Creston, the latter being the former secretary of ex-Congressman William P. Hepburn, and the proxy may be given to the latter.

Iowa now sends to the national convention 16 votes for Taft and ten for Cummins.

At a meeting of the delegates, Col. William G. Dows of Cedar Rapids, Fifth district, was named chairman of the delegation, and United States Marshal Clark of Ottumwa, Sixth district, sergeant-at-arms.

The address of the temporary chairman, insurgent, was an appeal for harmony. It was the Taft men's day and they ruled after the method taught them by the insurgents. John Adams of Dubuque, state manager for Taft, will be made the national committeeman from Iowa.

Providence, R. I., April 26.—The state Republican convention here Wednesday adopted resolutions instructing the delegates to Chicago to support President Taft's candidacy for the nomination "until released," after which the following delegates at large were chosen without opposition: United States Senator Henry F. Lippitt, R. H. I. Goddard, Jr., Herbert A. Rice of Providence, George R. Lawton of Tiverton.

Besides instructing for Taft the state platform indorses the president and his policies and opposes the recall of judges and judicial decisions. Resolutions of similar import were carried at the district conventions. The following district delegates were elected: First, R. Livingston Beechman and Ezra Dixon; Second, George H. Waterhouse and Frank W. Tillinghast; Third, Harry Cutler and Volney M. Wilson, Jr.

Theodore Roosevelt was vigorously scored by Chairman Utter, chairman of the convention.

Concord, N. H., April 25.—Indications Wednesday were that President Taft has buried Col. Roosevelt in the state primaries. It is believed that the president has captured nearly all of the state delegates to the national convention. With considerable more than half the state heard from the vote is about 5 to 3 for Taft delegates. Two hundred of the 290 cities and towns heard from give Taft 350 delegates and Roosevelt 234 out of the total of 511 in the state convention.

ROOSEVELT LEADS IN KANSAS

Colonel Carries Two Congressional Districts and Probably Will Control the State Convention.

Topeka, Kan., April 24.—Theodore Roosevelt carried every county that held a convention or primary in Kansas. He now has 398 delegates—with in fifty-two votes of enough to control the state convention at Independence May 8. Taft's total is 92.

The colonel carried the Fourth and Eighth congressional districts and was assured control of the Fifth district, which means he will get the six delegates to the national convention from these districts. The Second already had been carried for Roosevelt, thus giving him eight of the twenty votes from Kansas.

Lincoln, Neb., April 24.—Corrected tabulations of the Nebraska presidential preference vote, including returns from 880 precincts, give Roosevelt 31,242; Taft, 10,692; La Follette, 10,279; Clark, 14,031; Harmon, 11,241; Wilson, 9,860. It is believed that this includes 80 per cent of the vote of the state.

Repays Ten Cents After Forty Years.

Washington, April 26.—A conscience-stricken citizen of Shepherdstown, W. Va., who forty years ago used some canceled postage stamps, has sent ten cents to the federal treasury to pay the debt.

Plant Tree Where King's Tree Died.

New York, April 26.—A royal English oak tree has been set out in Central park as the official successor of the one planted by the late King Edward VII, when he was here in 1860. The king's tree died in 1908.

Many Killed in Battle.

Lisbon, Portugal, April 26.—Many soldiers and civilians were killed Wednesday in an encounter between the striking textile workers and a detachment of troops at Villa Nova de Gaia, a suburb of Oporto.

IN THE WAKE OF THE CYCLONE



Scene of Ruin After the Storm Had Passed, in the Vicinity of Morris, Ill.

MURDER AMERICANS FEZ WOMEN TORTURE

MEXICANS ASSASSINATE AND TORTURE MEN AND WOMEN FROM UNITED STATES.

AWFUL STORIES BY STEAMER

Refugees From Vera Cruz Arriving at Galveston Say They Were Forced to Leave Lands, Homes, Furniture, and All Else.

Galveston, Tex., April 25.—The steamer Texas arrived here Tuesday from Vera Cruz with forty-seven passengers, all but one citizens of the United States. They told of torture and assassination of Americans in Mexico. All the refugees had left their lands and homes in a flight for life.

H. H. Ish, one of the refugees, told of the murder of an American citizen named Wait.

"Mr. Wait was a neighbor to me," said Mr. Ish. "He had sold several head of cattle and hidden the money. Desperadoes came to his hacienda and demanded money. Failing to get it they beheaded him with machetes, herded his cattle together and drove them away. There are many instances like this.

"We lived where eleven American families had founded the town of Sanburn. All eleven families left because we were afraid to remain longer, knowing we would all be killed or tortured."

Sanburn is in the state of Vera Cruz, 13 miles north of Santa Lucrécia. It is on the Vera Cruz and Isthmus railway.

John T. McGee, a wealthy planter, who went to Mexico two years ago, told of alleged cruelties practiced on an American woman, who is now in a hospital at Mexico City.

"The bandits visited the home of Mr. Shay, one of my neighbors, about a week before I left the settlement," said Mr. McGee, "and demanded money and guns. Being refused, they took Mrs. Shay, tied her down and began beating her feet. Mr. Shay and his son, to stop the torture, gave four guns and \$800 to the desperadoes, who left the place. At the hospital in Mexico City it was found that nearly every bone in Mrs. Shay's feet had been broken.

"What is true of the Shay family has been true of scores of other Americans. The bandits are everywhere.

"Many Americans believe the Madero military forces so dislike the Americans that they would rather permit the brigandage than try to stop it. Whenever rurales are near the bandits disperse, but there is rarely a shot fired."

San Antonio, Tex., April 25.—One hundred engineers and conductors, formerly employes of the National lines of Mexico, called at Fort Sam Houston Tuesday and offered their services to the United States government should it be necessary to send troops into Mexico. They told of cruelty to men, insults to women, pillage and robbery perpetrated by bands of guerrillas. They also told of hatred in Mexico for all Americans and said the American flag was bisected in Mexico City. In other parts of the republic they had seen the same flag pulled off its staff, torn to pieces and trampled in the dust.

RECALL DEFEATED IN OHIO

Constitutional Convention Rejects Proposal to Place Names of Objectionable Officials on Ballot.

Columbus, O., April 26.—The Ohio constitutional convention defeated a proposal to incorporate a provision for the recall of public officials in the constitution by a vote of 57 to 45.

It provided for the recall of all public officials, including the judiciary, on a majority vote at regular November elections.

The canal is one of the five big channels by which some four million acres of the Everglades is to be reclaimed.

After the exercises the entire party embarked on launches for a trip through the canal to its eastern terminus at Fort Lauderdale, with stops at Citrus Center and Okeechobee City.

\$140,000 Fire at Omaha, Neb.

Omaha, Neb., April 26.—Fire destroyed the First regiment armory of Nebraska National Guard with all equipment Wednesday. Thirty-three automobiles were burned in an adjoining garage. Total loss is \$140,000.

Death Won't Halt Rail Plans.

Boston, April 26.—The plans providing for the extension of the Grand Trunk railroad to Boston and Providence will not be affected by the death of President Charles H. Hays, one of the Titanic wreck victims.

RAP AT ROOSEVELT

LETTERS FROM COLONEL AND KNOX SENT TO SENATE.

Ex-President's Letter Concerning Dissolution of Trust Read: Do Not File Suit Until Later.

Washington, April 26.—The senate received on Wednesday, in response to a resolution, photographic copies from the official records of the department of justice and the department of commerce and labor of correspondence which refuted certain statements which Colonel Roosevelt has made in reply to charges made by Representative Gardner of Massachusetts. The correspondence shows that Colonel Roosevelt while president in 1907 directed Attorney General Bonaparte not to file suit against the International Harvester company until he received further instructions from him. This action was taken by Colonel Roosevelt after conferring with George W. Perkins.

The senate adopted early in the day a resolution offered by Senator Johnson of Alabama, Democrat, calling for the correspondence. The attorney general submitted the photographic copies within three hours.

Aside from the instructions from Colonel Roosevelt, which forbade prosecution pending a conference between Attorney General Bonaparte and Herbert Knox Smith, chief of the bureau of corporations, and Mr. Perkins, the most striking feature of the correspondence is the report subsequently made to the president by Mr. Smith. In it, as all through the correspondence, emphasis is given to the desire of the International Harvester company to bring itself within the law.

1,000 BATTLE WITH FLOOD

Water From Overflowed Sections Is Coming Back—Bodies Found Daily in Mississippi Valley.

Memphis, Tenn., April 24.—One thousand men are battling with the high water near the mouth of Red river, forty miles below Natchez, Miss., where breaks are threatening at a dozen places. Water from the overflowed sections of southern Arkansas and north Louisiana is coming back into Mississippi valley. The total death list from this flood probably will never be known. Bodies are found every day. Conditions in Arkansas opposite Memphis are greatly improved. Fully two thousand refugees are at the fair grounds being cared for by the flood committee.

ITALY SEIZES AEGEAN BASE

Naval Station on Turkish Island Near Entrance to Dardanelles Is Established.

Rome, April 26.—The squadron of Italian warships which has been operating recently in the Aegean sea and near the entrance of the Dardanelles has seized the Turkish island of Stampalia and has established its base there. The island has an area of about fifty square miles and a population of nearly 2,000.

Constantinople, April 26.—The Turkish government has replied to the offer of mediation by the powers in the hostilities with Italy by thanking them and accepting their offer as in the best interests of both belligerents.

The acceptance, however, the Porte points out, must be conditional on the maintenance of the effective and integral sovereignty of Turkey in Tripoli and the evacuation of that country by the Italians.

CALLS FOR ARCHBALD REPORT

House Resolution Asks Taft to Transmit Copy of Charges Against Commerce Court Judge.

Washington, April 26.—Representative Norris of Nebraska introduced a resolution which would direct the president to transmit to the house a copy of any charges made against Judge Robert W. Archbald of the court of commerce.

The resolution referred to charges that Judge Archbald figured in recent negotiations with the Erie railroad, over which he had judicial supervision.

The resolution was referred to the judiciary committee.

SENATOR C. M. DEPEW IS 78

Announces His Ambition to Reach Century Milestone—Receives Hundreds Congratulatory Messages.

New York, April 26.—Senator Chauncey M. Depew celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday Tuesday and was the recipient of hundreds of congratulatory messages. In replying to them, he announced that it was his ambition to live to be a hundred years old. He attributes his splendid health to careful dieting and a judicious mixture of work and play.

Found Guilty of Killing Husband.

Davenport, Ia., April 26.—Mrs. Anna Kilduff, charged with murdering her husband, John Kilduff, was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury here Wednesday after about twelve hours' deliberation.

Use Wireless Phone 20 Miles.

Tokyo, Japan, April 26.—Experiments made here on Wednesday with the wireless telephone have been successful. It has been found possible to converse at a distance of twenty miles.

ALL OVER NEBRASKA.

Winter Wheat in Fair Condition. Douglas County.—Farmers of Nebraska, who have planted winter wheat and which is affected by the cracking of the ground should not be too fast to plow it under," says Prof. C. W. Pugsley of the Nebraska Experiment Station. Prof. Pugsley has authorized the Publicity Bureau of the Commercial club of Omaha to spread the information throughout the state that the condition of the ground is not as critical as some might think. However, he advises the rolling of the ground with a corrugated roller, if possible.

Not only will this procedure increase the yield but it will prevent loss from cracking of the ground wherever such condition exists. Winter wheat is in fairly good condition, he says. However, it can be much improved by a little judicious rolling. But he insists that the farmers should not be too quick to plow wheat under, which looks as if it might be damaged by the cracking and baking of the ground, which has resulted from the excessive snows of the winter.

Peculiar Marriage Mixture.

Johnson County.—Charles B. Morrison and Miss Bernice Lewis, well known people of Sterling, secured a license to wed and have since been married. In this marriage the conditions are peculiarly mixed. Miss Lewis is the daughter by his first wife of Rev. John Lewis, Methodist minister at Sterling. Miss Lewis' mother is dead. Mr. Morrison is the son of the present Mrs. Lewis, wife of the preacher named. His father is dead and Rev. Mr. Lewis and his present wife have been married for some twelve years. There is no relationship between the bride and groom, and yet they have been members of the same family. Rev. Mr. Lewis by marriage, is his own daughter's father-in-law. He is also her stepfather.

Flour Thieves Busy.

Custer County.—A gang of thieves operating in Broken Bow seems to be specializing on flour. Twice within the past few days warehouses belonging to two grocery firms have been broken into during the night and a quantity of flour taken, probably 1,800 pounds in all. A streak of flour leading from the warehouse through the alley east to Eighth avenue showed the direction taken by the thieves on their last marauding expedition, but at this point all traces were lost.

They Beared "Lion" in Den.

Johnson County.—William Glasson and Fred Jacka captured seven young wolves in a drainage tube under a road east of Tecumseh. The animals were driven into the tube and the men stopped one end of the cylinder, crawled into the other and captured the game.

Heeded Plea and Saved Life.

Box Butte County.—A most remarkable premonition of something dire going to happen the steamship Titanic developed in Alliance when it became known that Mrs. B. U. Shepherd, wife of a well known business man, warned her father, John Sampy, not to return on the Titanic. He heeded her warnings and thus no doubt saved his life.

State Supreme Court.

Lancaster County.—The state supreme court will convene for a sitting on May 6, and will remain in session until May 10. At that time several important cases will come up for argument, among them the Enterprise Irrigation company vs. the Tri-State Land company.

Discovered Old Letter.

York County.—Harry Martin, deputy sheriff, has discovered a sealed letter that was addressed to him in February, 1896. The letter is a business one and was sent to him from Woodbine, Ia. He had never seen it before.

Expense of State Institutions.

The expenses for the operation of all of the state charitable reformatory institutions for the month of February totaled 375,988.86, while the total for the month of March reached only \$65,776.41. A change in food allowances for the state penitentiary brought the total up higher at that institution, but at the other places was on an average with the same month of other years.

To Gasoline Dealers.

Effort to compel gasoline dealers over the state to place their supply tanks under ground to insure safer handling of this liquid have been started by Fire Commissioner Randall. Names of dealers have been collected and Mr. Randall is now engaged in mailing letters out to the merchants. In connection with the campaign the commissioner has experienced some trouble at Superior with an oil company which has been allowed by the city to build a more or less pretentious central distributing station within the city limits and which Mr. Randall says is dangerously near to several residences.

Dog Saves Farmer's Life.

Lancaster County.—John Rothmann, a hired man on the farm of Arthur Deibert, in all probability owes his life to the big shepherd dog which attacked and drove off a large bull which had thrown Rothmann to the ground and almost killed him. Rothmann received a broken collar bone, a dislocated shoulder blade, several fractured ribs and a badly lacerated face. He was brought to Lincoln where he received treatment and was hurried to a hospital. It is believed that he will recover.