

SCORE DROWNED IN STORM

Mississippi Steamer Capsized by Sudden Squall.

TWENTY LOSE THEIR LIVES.

Passengers, Captain and All Crew Except Nine Members Go Down. Among the Victims Are Prominent Men of the South.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 13.—The steamer Providence, plying between this port and Lake Palmyra, was overturned by a sudden squall at Lone Landing, and 21 of her passengers and crew were drowned.

The dead: Captain William Cassidy, Vicksburg, master; Charles Roup of Vicksburg, engineer; Clyde Scott of Vicksburg, cotton seed buyer; Dr. N. A. Lancaster, a prominent physician and planter of Palmyra; George Lamb, cook; Harrison Gelber, cabin boy; Bettie Hunter, chamber maid; Joe Neal, Mike Lewis, Tom Scott, Whit Burns, six unknown roustabouts; Minnie Taylor, Joe Christian, Ben Richardson.

The ill-fated boat left here at noon on her regular trip, carrying a large miscellaneous cargo of freight and a large number of passengers. At 2 a. m. just as the steamer was entering Lake Palmyra, a sudden wind and rain-storm of cyclonic proportions came out of the west, catching the Providence broadside on. The little vessel was lifted almost entirely out of the water, her upper works blown away and the hull turned bottom up in 40 feet of water. Most of the crew and passengers were asleep at the time and had absolutely no chance of escape. Only nine of the boat's entire party were saved. The property loss will amount to several thousands of dollars. A steamer carrying caskets and divers left for the scene immediately and will attempt to recover the bodies.

CYCLONE KILLS SEVEN PERSONS.

Fierce Wind Levels Buildings and Trees in Mississippi.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 13.—A cyclone swept through the southern section of Copiah and the northern section of Lincoln counties this morning, killing at least seven persons and leveling buildings, trees and fences. Montgomery, a village in Copiah county, on the Illinois Central railroad, was the worst sufferer and four bodies are known to be under debris of collapsed buildings there. Three miles further south, a railroad camp was wrecked and three negroes killed.

A passenger train on the Illinois Central was struck by the storm and every window in every coach was blown in. At Hazellhurst considerable damage was done. Wires are down in all directions and it is impossible to hear from outlying districts.

EXPLOSION WRECKS HOMES.

Six People Injured, One Fatally by Natural Gas Used in Dwellings.

Peru, Ind., March 13.—Two natural gas explosions yesterday wrecked two buildings and injured six people. Frank Kiley, Sr., is supposed to be fatally injured. Others injured are: Frank Kiley, Jr. James Kiley, Bridget Kiley, Mrs. John Hayes and baby.

The first building wrecked was occupied by Mrs. Hayes. The explosion awakened the Kiley family and they rushed to the porch. While standing there another explosion wrecked their house and hurled the Kileys into the yard. The elder Kiley was found buried in the debris.

Tornado in Mississippi.

Rock Haven, Miss., March 13.—A windstorm, amounting almost to a tornado, passed through here yesterday afternoon. The residence of William Melville, two miles west, was unroofed. Mrs. Melville was badly hurt and the negro cook dangerously. Four miles north of here, at Montgomery, a negro woman was killed by a falling tree. The residences of Mrs. Isaac Smith and L. W. Bouchillon were demolished. The school house was blown from its foundation and several other buildings damaged.

Indiana Swept by Gale.

Indianapolis, March 13.—A gale has been blowing over the entire state and many reports of minor damage have come in. The greatest damage seems to have been done in the oil fields. Near Marion \$25,000 damage was caused. A dwelling house in West Marion and a school building in West Marion were unroofed and at least 75 derricks in the oil field were wrecked.

Four Bodies Are Recovered.

Negaunee, Mich., March 13.—The bodies of four of the ten victims of the Negaunee mine disaster of Jan. 7 were recovered yesterday. Some of the other bodies are in view of the workmen. The bodies are mutilated beyond recognition. The drift where the bodies are is in a treacherous condition owing to quicksand.

To Report Exclusion Bill.

Washington, March 13.—The senate committee on immigration agreed to report the Chinese exclusion bill known as the Mitchell-Kahn measure. It is substantially the same as the modified bill submitted by the Pacific coast committee, only a few verbal corrections having been made.

Chiriqui Captured by Liberals.

Colon, Colombia, March 13.—Information was received here yesterday that Chiriqui has just been captured by liberal forces.

BOSTON STRIKE GROWS.

Several Thousand More Men Go Out and Situation is Alarming.

Boston, March 13.—With 20,000 men idle, their ranks likely to be greatly swelled by sympathetic votes of the building trades council and the Boston Central Labor union, which meet tonight, and the city beginning to suffer from congested traffic, the only ray of light is the hope that the conference arranged for this afternoon may lead to a settlement of the strike.

Freight business at the various railroads, wharves and docks has been almost at a standstill and the moving of accumulated merchandise is becoming a most serious matter to merchants.

The strike of the coal teamsters was one of the most aggravating features of the day, and its effect was quickly felt in hotels, restaurants and places having accommodations for only a limited supply of coal.

The effect of the strike is being felt severely in nearby manufacturing towns. At Lynn, shoe factories, employing in the aggregate 3,000 hands, have been forced to shut down, because of the failure to receive consignments of leather, and some other establishments are running on half time.

Noddle Island assembly and O'Connell assembly of Charlestown, the two remaining 'longshoremen's unions, voted to join the strikers. The action of these two bodies ties up the entire water front of the city.

FATHER KIDNAPS HIS CHILD.

Assard George, Separated From His Wife, Takes Daughter and Escapes.

St. Louis, Mo., March 13.—Mrs. Maggie George has called upon the officers to recover her 6-year-old daughter, Mamie, who was boldly kidnaped last evening by Assard George, the little girl's father.

Little Mamie had stepped out to buy some candy and the father, who lay in waiting, seized the child and ran down the alley. It is believed he is now on his way to his home at Grand Rapids, Mich. An unsuccessful effort was made to intercept at Blair, Neb.

The Georges were married seven years ago. Mrs. George says George would not support her, and on that ground she secured a divorce last October, at Cadillac, Mich. George recently located her at St. Louis City and had been waiting around for the last few days for an opportunity to capture the child.

State Records Destroyed.

Lincoln, March 13.—The complete manuscript of all rulings of the department of public instructions for 20 years were destroyed in the Fremont Tribune fire Tuesday. Unless some of the proofs and plates were saved the loss will be almost incalculable. Deputy Superintendent McBrien left for Fremont yesterday, and there will endeavor to recover some portion of the book. The compilation included all official decisions given by the department.

Strikers Gain Their Point.

South Bend, Ind., March 13.—The Malleable Iron works' strike, involving about 200 men, ended yesterday by the men returning to work with an increase of wages to those last paid. This is the third strike here in a little over three weeks. The 1,800 Singer works' employes are still out, with small apparent prospects of an early settlement.

Schwab Visits Chicago.

Chicago, March 13.—Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel corporation, paid an unexpected and brief visit to Chicago yesterday and neither he nor his attorney, who came to Chicago with him, would divulge the object of their trip. Mr. Schwab left last night for New York.

Kansas Conference Opens.

Washington, Kan., March 13.—The Kansas conference of the Methodist church began its 47th annual session here yesterday. Dr. T. B. Noly of Philadelphia delivered an address on the Sunday school and Dr. Homer Stuntz lectured on the work in the Philippine islands.

Advocates Government Ownership.

New York, March 13.—Martin Knapp, chairman of the Interstate commerce commission, delivered a lecture last night in Cooper Union on "Transportation," in which he advocated the government ownership of railroads.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Two hundred bricklayers are out on a strike at Columbus, O., for 55 cents an hour.

The 12-months-old child of Gustav Brown, a traveling salesman of Denver, was suffocated to death by a large cat, which inhaled the infant's breath.

Neal Stanbeck, a young negro, who attempted a criminal assault upon 60-year-old Miss Preuffer, a missionary to the negroes, was hanged at Portsmouth, Va.

Dow & King's elevator at Pittsfield, Ill., was destroyed by fire Wednesday, together with 40,000 bushels of wheat and 5,000 bushels of corn. Insurance, \$28,000.

The five-story building at 23-25 Randolph street, Chicago, occupied by Sidney Shepard & Co., dealers in tin plate and metals, was destroyed by fire Wednesday. Loss, \$80,000.

Union machinery molders of Cleveland to the number of 500, went on strike Wednesday to enforce their demand for a minimum wage scale of \$3 per day. Eleven shops are idle.

President Search of the National Association of Manufacturers announced that the 7th annual convention of that organization will be held in Indianapolis, April 15, 16 and 17.

CUT IN TARIFF FOR CUBA

Republicans to Compromise on 20 Per Cent Reduction.

CONFEREES WILL HOLD MEETING

Every Indication That a Settlement Will Be Effected—Overtures for Compromise Made by Supporters of the Administration.

Washington, March 13.—Overtures have been made for compromise of the conflict over tariff concessions to Cuba and there are evidences that the elements will come together probably on a proposition to have the 20 per cent reciprocal duty apply for one year from next December and covering the sugar crop. It is understood that Chairman Payne and Representative Dalzell made the overtures toward an agreement. One of the leaders of the opposition said that Messrs. Payne and Dalzell had made the proposition to him and had asked for an answer. This was followed by a hasty conference, which developed difference of views. William Alden Smith said no compromise would be accepted until after a meeting at which it could be considered deliberately. Mr. Tawney said the limitation of time would be material, but that no compromise would be accepted affecting agricultural products without similarly affecting manufactured products.

Soon after the overtures of compromise were made the element opposed to the ways and means committee plan called a meeting in the committee room of William Alden Smith. Some 30 members were present and the discussion lasted about two hours. The sentiment was rather unfavorable to accepting the plan of 20 per cent reduction for the year from next December and some of those present favored rejecting the plan. But it was urged against this course that so long as overtures for adjustment had been made in good faith it was only proper to meet the committee and Mr. Payne and his associates were advised that they would be met by a committee from the other side.

During the meeting the statement was made that one of the best sugar advocates had been assured by representatives of the ways and means committee that the plan of compromise would not cover this year's sugar crop and would apply only to the crop of next year, harvested prior to December, 1902. Some doubt existed, however, as to these assurances and it was considered quite vital to learn with definiteness whether the 20 per cent reduction would apply to two crops or to one. It was stated after ward by ways and means committee members that the compromise plan would affect two crops—that of this year and next—allowing 20 per cent off on each. There was no purpose, it was stated, to limit the reduction to a single crop.

This matter probably will be left to the arbitrating committee, with the indications that the beet sugar conferees will insist on limiting the reduction to one crop, that of next year, and with that limitation will be inclined to accept the compromise plan.

DEPEW URGES SHIP SUBSIDY.

Delivers Elaborate Speech in Support of the Measure.

Washington, March 13.—Again yesterday the ship subsidy bill occupied practically the entire time of the senate. McCumber (N. D.) presented a carefully prepared argument, in which, as a representative of an agricultural state, he favored the bill on account of its protective features. Dewey (N. Y.), one of the committee on commerce, delivered an elaborate speech, in which he analyzed the arguments both for and against the proposition to pay subsidies to the shipping industries. Both as an argument and as an oratorical effort, the speech was brilliant and was listened to attentively by senators and by throngs in the galleries. His peroration, in which he pictured in glowing language the results of the operation of the bill, elicited hearty applause from the galleries. A few bills were passed, including one providing for the redemption of Hawaiian silver coins and the substitution thereof of American silver coins.

CLASH OVER PACIFIC CABLE.

Corliss and Richardson Lock Horns in the House.

Washington, March 13.—General debate on the postoffice appropriation bill continued today, a number of topics being discussed. The proceedings yesterday were enlivened by a clash between Corliss (Mich.) and Richardson (Ala.) on the subject of the Pacific cable. This is the second time these two members have locked horns on the cable question.

Sims (Tenn.) devoted some time to showing how the house had been hoodwinked in connection with the permanent census bill.

Dougherty (Mo.) discussed rural free delivery. Jackson (Kan.) the government ownership of telegraphs, and Greene (Pa.) the Philippine situation. The latter argued that if we would proclaim our purpose to grant independence to the Filipino the insurrection would cease instantly. The house adjourned at 4:30 out of memory to Doorkeeper Glenn, who died yesterday.

Favors Hepburn Bill.

Washington, March 13.—The senate committee on isthmian canals has decided, by a vote of 7 to 0, to report the Hepburn bill, providing for the construction of an isthmian canal via the Nicaraguan route.

ALTGELD PASSES AWAY.

Seized With Fatal Illness at Cloze of Address for Boers.

Joliet, Ill., March 13.—Former Governor John P. Altgeld died at the Hotel Munroe at 7 a. m. yesterday. He had been unconscious since midnight.

Mr. Altgeld was the principal speaker at a pro-Boer mass meeting Tuesday night in the Joliet theater. Just at the close of his speech a sudden dizziness seized him and he was assisted from the stage.

Mr. Altgeld came to Joliet Tuesday afternoon, having been advertised as the special orator for the big Will county pro-Boer meeting. He confessed that he was not in the best of health, having been troubled with some apparently simple stomach ailment.

He was not willing to allow that to interfere with his speech, however, his great interest in the South African struggle having been heightened by the announcement of the Boer success in the capture of General Methuen.

It was noticed during the address that the former governor threw an unusual amount of energy and feeling into his words, and the collapse, the physicians think, resulted from overstraining his already weakened physical powers.

Clarence Darrow, a lifelong friend and later a law partner of the former governor, said that the governor died as he had lived, pleading the cause of the lowly. Mr. Altgeld, in the speech which was fated to be his last, declared that all friends of humanity owed a debt of gratitude to Governor Yates for issuing a proclamation soliciting assistance for the Boer women and children in their concentration camps which the British are maintaining in South Africa.

Remains Reach Chicago.

Chicago, March 13.—The remains of former Governor Altgeld arrived at Chicago last night and now lie at his late home, 3225 Madden avenue. The body was accompanied on a special train by a few of his old friends, by his business partners and a delegation of business men.

KRUGER'S FAITH IS STRONG.

Has Confidence That Great Britain Can Never Subdue the Boers.

New York, March 13.—A dispatch from Utrecht, over the signature of President Kruger, to the Journal, says: "There will be more good news yet from Delarey. This victory of his reminds me of General Botha's allusion a year ago to the miracle of faith which saved Daniel out of the lions' den. My faith in the ultimate triumph of the Boer cause could not be greater than it is now, and, indeed, it never has been shaken. I hope England will show that she sees her folly of attempting to subdue the Boer race, by recognizing it now and by restoring independence to the Transvaal republics. By doing this she will spare herself as well as the Boers further bloodshed and expense, and will retain the republics as friendly neighbors."

King Cancels Visit to Ireland.

London, March 13.—King Edward has cancelled his visit to Ireland. There are several reasons for this decision. The first is that the coronation festivities, which involve fatiguing obligations and needful rest, would postpone the visit until autumn; secondly, the fears that the present temper of the Irish nationalists and the United Irish league agitation might lead to some offensive demonstrations; thirdly, it is said that several of the leaders of Catholic opinion in Ireland have warned the government that it would be inexpedient for the king to visit Ireland so soon after his accession to the throne and his declaration against Roman doctrines in England. The announcement evokes mingled feelings of regret and approval.

Funston Puts in a Busy Day.

Chicago, March 13.—General Fred Funston was a busy man yesterday. The entertainers had him rounded up at 9:30 in the morning and it was midnight before he gained his hotel again. A decidedly interesting feature was General Funston's reception at the Press club.

Marshal Su Defeats Rebels.

Hong Kong, March 13.—Marshal Su, who recently arrived at the scene of the Kwang Si rebellion and took command of the imperial forces, has defeated the rebels at Lung Chow. Su expects to suppress the rising in a month.

Lieutenant Hagedorn in Custody.

Manila, March 13.—Lieutenant Hagedorn, quartermaster of the Fifteenth infantry, has been placed in confinement, charged with embezzlement.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

W. J. Glenn, the doorkeeper of the house of representatives, died in Washington Wednesday from pneumonia following an attack of grip.

P. S. Adams, Jr., cashier of the Commercial bank of Fulton, Mo., which failed two months ago, after he disappeared, has been located in Honolulu.

The Illinois Central depot at Dyersburg, Tenn., and five cars loaded with merchandise were burned Wednesday. The loss to the railroad company is about \$50,000.

Governor Van Sant of Minnesota has instructed Attorney General Douglas to begin proceedings in the state courts against the alleged merger of the iron range railroads.

George P. Welch, proprietor of the Taylor hotel at Pleasant Hill, Mo., committed suicide at the Hotel Crosby, Kansas City, Wednesday. Dependent over business reverses.

ADMITTS BLOODY DEEDS

Woman Confesses Leadership of Gang of Vampires.

COMMITTED BEAUMONT MURDERS

Says Unsuspecting Victims Were Lured Into Her House, Robbed and Often Beaten to Death and Their Bodies Thrown in River.

Beaumont, Tex., March 13.—Mattie Bennett confessed to Sheriff Lindley that she was at the head of a gang of negro women and white men who had for months been luring men into her house, drugging them, beating them and robbing them. If they died, the victims were dragged to the river and thrown in. If they were only stunned, they were taken out of the house to a remote part of some street and left for pedestrians or policemen to find.

A fear is felt that more than 12 men, among these who have come to Beaumont and were afterward reported as "missing," have been murdered, and that their bodies are now at the bottom of the river. In the last three months at least 50 inquiries for missing men have been received, and, while no one supposes that the gang has murdered so many as 50, there is a fear that some of the disappearances are due to their work.

Five bodies have been found in the river since the first of the year. The Bennett woman was arrested Sunday on suspicion of being connected with the murder of Benjamin Pearson. She denies being guilty of this crime, but admits that one of the gang of which she is a member discussed the commission of the deed. On the strength of her confession a white man, "Punch" Prim, and a negro woman, "Mary Jane," have been arrested. All of them have been "sweated" and Sheriff Lindley says he expects a full confession, not only of the murder of Pearson, but of others within a short while. Sheriff Lindley is looking for two more negro women and six or eight white men, some of whom are wanted as witnesses.

ANOTHER WITNESS MISSING.

Woman Expected to Testify to Confession of Fife Vanishes.

Savannah, Mo., March 13.—Lydia Brinkman, a witness for the state in the trial of Stewart Fife, for the murder of Frank Richardson, was not on hand when wanted yesterday. It was this woman, who is alleged to have said that Fife made a confession to her. E. E. Norris, who was expected to swear that Fife had threatened to kill Richardson, has not yet been found. Mrs. Richardson was in court when the state resumed the examination of witnesses.

L. C. Caldwell testified that last summer before Fife left for Washington, where he was arrested, the defendant had told him he believed he would commit suicide. Fife had said if he (Caldwell) had had as much trouble as he had he too would kill himself.

Charles F. Booher, who is conducting the prosecution, became ill suddenly during the morning and court adjourned.

Dobson Must Hang.

Helena, Mont., March 13.—Governor Toole refused to commute the death penalty passed upon Clinton Dobson, now awaiting execution at Deer Lodge. Dobson, while serving a 99-year sentence in the penitentiary for murder, induced another convict to murder his father, Captain Oliver Dobson, and leave with him a confession purporting to assume the crime for which his son was being punished. Captain Dobson was murdered in accordance with the plot and his assassin was afterward executed.

Social Amenities in Kentucky.

Hopkinsville, Ky., March 13.—At an entertainment given near Cadiz, Albert Bridges, an influential planter, was shot and killed by Scott Thomas, aged 22, and a member of a leading family in this region. Thomas had gone to the function under the influence of liquor and Bridges was trying to lead him from the room when he was shot. Thomas escaped.

Dr. Gray in Court.

Chicago, March 13.—Dr. Robert E. Gray of Garden City, Kan., appeared in Judge Ball's court yesterday to answer to the charge of being responsible for the death of Miss Irma Brown. When court adjourned not a juror had been sworn to try the case. More than a score of them had been excused, the greater number by the defense.

Burglars Rob Indiana Bank.

Earl Park, Ind., March 13.—Burglars entered the private bank of Hawkins & Dillon at this place, using a crowbar taken from the section house, with which to force the door and then resorting to dynamite in forcing the vault door and money chest. Only about \$500 was secured.

Thompson is Under Arrest.

Port Huron, Mich., March 13.—Charles D. Thompson, ex-supreme finance keeper of the supreme tent Knights of the Maccabees, who some time ago confessed to a shortage of \$57,000, was arrested yesterday on a complaint sworn out by Sheriff Maines.

Had Enough of Life.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 13.—Edward Singleton, son of millionaire John Singleton, owner of the Yellow Aster mine at Randsburg, committed suicide last night by shooting himself through the head.

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Advertisement for Diamond 'C' Soap, featuring a diamond logo and text: "DIAMOND 'C' SOAP MAKES A LIGHT WASHING ANY WAY YOU USE IT, BUT THE BEST RESULTS CAN BE OBTAINED BY ALLOWING THE CLOTHES TO SOAK OVER NIGHT."

Advertisement for Salzer's Seeds, featuring a corn cob illustration and text: "SALZER'S SEEDS WILL MAKE YOU RICH! This is a daring statement, but Salzer's seeds bear it out every time."