

TORNADO KILLS FIFTEEN

Destructive Wind Sweeps Over Narrow Strip in Minnesota.

FARM BUILDINGS DESTROYED.

Property Loss is Estimated at \$100,000—Track of the Storm is Mile and a Half Wide and Fifty Miles Long—Tornado in Iowa.

St. Paul, June 11.—A tornado of marked severity prevailed yesterday evening over sections of Clay and Becker counties and across the southern portions of the White Earth Indian reservation. It is reported that fifteen lives were lost, many people injured and great damage done to farm property, many dwellings, barns and outbuildings being destroyed. The region throughout which the storm prevailed is comparatively sparsely settled, and remote from telegraphic communication and details of the storm are therefore meager.

The list of dead includes the following: Mrs. O. A. Berg, wife of a farmer living near Voss, killed by falling timbers; four children of Andrew Hoin, living north of Ulen, killed by collapse of their home.

The storm seems to have first struck northwest of the town of Ulen, in Clay county, whence it traveled southeasterly across the northern part of Becker county, striking the towns of Foss, Atlanta and Walworth, along the lower edge of the White Earth reservation.

At Atlanta, a large Norwegian Lutheran church was completely demolished and a number of other buildings partially wrecked. The path of the storm was about a mile and a half wide and from thirty to fifty miles in length. A great deal of live stock was killed by the collapse of buildings. The property damage from the effects of the storm is estimated at \$100,000.

Lake Park, Minn., June 11.—A tornado struck twelve miles north of here sweeping a strip of land two miles wide and three miles long. It destroyed nine frame houses and killed ten persons. The church at Spangle was demolished.

WIND WORKS HAVOC IN IOWA.

Houses and Telegraph Wires are Destroyed, but no Lives Lost.

Des Moines, June 11.—A tornado last night struck the Northwestern railway line one mile east of Jordan, forty miles northeast of Des Moines. Over a mile of telegraph wire was blown down. The storm is said to have been terrific in character, but no details are obtainable as to loss of life.

At Grinnell a miniature repetition of the cyclone of 1882 occurred, blowing the roofs off the new and old opera houses and a livery stable and doing minor damage to other property. No one was injured.

At Oskaloosa an electric and wind storm did considerable damage to property, practically annihilating a business block, blowing down one house and prostrating telephone and telegraph wires. No one was injured.

The Chicago Great Western reports that it has lost communication east, on account of the wires being blown down at Reinbeck. Officials are unable to get any information.

ONLY ONE PASSENGER HURT.

Entire Train is Ditched and Coaches Badly Splintered.

St. Joseph, Mo., June 11.—A Chicago Great Western passenger train, due here at noon, was wrecked at Dean, a small station about seven miles north of the city. Only one passenger was injured. He is Henry Vanderburgh, a traveling man, with headquarters in New York city. The entire train, consisting of seven coaches, left the track and rolled down a twelve-foot embankment. Nearly every car was badly splintered. It is believed the accident was due to the spreading of rails. The sleeping car was completely demolished, but by the queer shifting of fate not a single occupant was hurt.

Flood in Neosho River.

Iola, Kan., June 11.—The flood in the Neosho river reached its highest mark yesterday. The river here is a mile wide and many acres of wheat and corn have been destroyed. Several hundred feet of Missouri Pacific track went out yesterday and passengers and baggage are being transferred across the miniature lake in boats. The city waterworks and electric light plants are surrounded, but are still safe.

Two Killed in Southern Wreck.

Macon, Ga., June 11.—The south-bound passenger train on the Southern railway collided with a north-bound freight train near Juliette, twenty-three miles north of Macon, yesterday afternoon. Engineer Pittman and Fireman West of the passenger train were instantly killed and nineteen of the passengers were more or less severely injured.

Town is Almost Wiped Out.

Fort Dodge, Ia., June 11.—The entire business section of the town of Barnum, twelve miles west of this city, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday. The town is without fire protection of any kind and the flames made rapid headway. Ten buildings were destroyed and the total loss is \$25,000. Insurance one-half.

Tornado Reported in Illinois.

Chicago, June 11.—Reports of a tornado near Bloomington are current. No wires are working into that city. Communication was lost suddenly.

U. P. EXPECTS HOLDUP.

Guards Waiting on Special Train to Foll Any Attempt at Robbery.

Cheyenne, June 11.—Officials of the Union Pacific were advised that a gang of outlaws would attempt to hold up one of the Overland Flyers somewhere between Rawlins and Green River and immediately took steps to frustrate the plans of the robbers. Assistant Superintendent Whitney, who was at Rawlins, was instructed to organize a large posse and equip a special train with arms, ammunition, horses and saddles and provisions and be in readiness to go after the outlaws.

Armed guards were at once placed on all trains and other precautions taken to prevent a hold-up. The armed train is at Rawlins and will be off the moment an attempt is made to hold up a train.

FOUND GUILTY OF BRIBERY.

Amanuensis of Minneapolis' Mayor is Convicted of Accepting Bribes.

Minneapolis, June 11.—Irwin A. Gardner was found guilty of having accepted a bribe as special officer to procure police protection for shark gaming establishments. Gardner, however, is lost sight of in the scandal that his conviction unfolds. He was the amanuensis of Mayor Ames and the prosecution sought to show that such bribes as he accepted were taken with at least the connivance of executive members of the city administration. Police Chief Ames, brother of the mayor, is now under indictment and will be placed on trial soon.

ATTORNEY MCGARRY CONVICTED.

Found Guilty in Water Supply Scandal at Grand Rapids.

Grand Rapids, Mich., June 11.—Attorney Thomas F. McGarry was convicted by a jury in the Allegan circuit court at Allegan of the charge of bribery in connection with the Lake Michigan water supply scandal. He was granted a change of venue on the ground that he could not secure a fair trial in this city. The trial has been in progress for four weeks and the conviction was practically on the same testimony that convicted former City Attorney L. K. Salisbury and H. A. Taylor, the eastern capitalist, who furnished the funds.

Parade of Shriners.

San Francisco, June 11.—The nobles of the Mystic Shrine closed the festivities of yesterday with a parade, both grotesque and picturesque. There were Bashu Bazouks, cowboys, Indians, ox teams, Arab patrols in rich Turkish costumes, and floats representing various scenes. The incongruous procession marched down Market street under a canopy of light, made by thousands of incandescent lamps suspended across the street. It is estimated that 10,000 men were in line. At an executive session of the imperial council, Saratoga, N. Y., was chosen as the place for holding the next annual meeting in 1903.

Jessie Morrison Again on Trial.

Eldorado, Kan., June 11.—The third trial of Jessie Morrison, who killed Mrs. Olin Castle, at the latter's home here in June, 1900, by cutting her throat with a razor, was begun here yesterday. The prisoner cried when Judge Alkman refused a change of venue. Attorneys for the defendant alleged prejudice. Miss Morrison, who was given a ten years' sentence at her second trial, secured a reversal of the verdict on a technicality.

Strother Gets Fifteen Years.

St. Louis, June 11.—By agreement of counsel, William Strother, the negro Turkish bath attendant who was arrested last January for the murder of A. N. Cooper, the millionaire proprietor, pleaded guilty yesterday and will serve fifteen years in the Missouri state penitentiary. Formal sentence will be pronounced later.

Wealthy Farmer Shot by His Son.

Princeton, Mo., June 11.—Daniel Porter, a wealthy farmer, was shot and fatally wounded here yesterday by his eighteen-year-old son. A dispute arose as to which would use the buggy. As the elder Porter was climbing into the buggy the son appeared with a shotgun and fired both barrels at him.

Abbott Held for Trial.

Kansas City, June 11.—R. S. Abbott, arrested ten days ago at Duluth, on a charge of securing \$1,200 from Philip E. Burroughs, former British consul here, on alleged forged bills of lading, was arraigned yesterday. He pleaded not guilty and was held under bond of \$2,000.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

The German Atlantic Cable company has decided to lay another cable from Germany to the United States.

Brigadier General Sumner H. Lincoln and Samuel M. Whitside, recently promoted, have been retired.

J. L. Cannon and C. N. Brooks were instantly killed at Wildman, Okla., by the premature explosion of a blast.

President Palma has signed the bill fixing the salary of the members of the Cuban senate and house of representatives at \$3,000 a year.

Isaac Ryan, Thomas Johns and Arthur Tregembo were killed Tuesday by an explosion of dynamite in the Aurora mine at Ironwood, Mich.

A rumor that Great Britain intends to purchase the district of Lourenço Marques, in Portuguese East Africa, has caused great excitement in Portugal.

Theodore Rosa, for twenty-seven years grand secretary of the sovereign grand lodge of the I. O. O. F., was found dead in bed at his home in East Orange, N. J., Tuesday.

LESS ACREAGE OF WHEAT

Reduction of 2,511,000 Acres in Spring Crop.

NORTHWEST SHOWS A DECLINE

Present Average Condition Has Been Exceeded Only Three Times in the Last Fifteen Years—Oats Better Than Last Year.

Washington, June 11.—Preliminary reports of the spring wheat acreage indicate a reduction of about 2,511,000 acres, or 12.8 per cent. Of the nineteen states reporting spring wheat, thirteen report a reduced acreage, Washington being the only state having 100,000 acres or upward in this product that reports an increase. There is a reduction of 100,000 acres in South Dakota, resulting in the main from an increasing tendency towards a greater diversification of crops, and a reduction of 340,000 acres in Nebraska, consequent upon the gradual yielding of spring wheat to winter wheat, which is going on in almost every section of the state.

The average condition of spring wheat on June 1 was 95.4 as compared with 92 at the corresponding date last year, and a ten year average of 92.5. The present reported average condition has been exceeded only three times in the last fifteen years. Of the states having one million acres or upwards in spring wheat, South Dakota reports a condition of 100, North Dakota 96 and Minnesota and Iowa 95.

The average condition of winter wheat on June 1 was 76.1, as compared with 76.4 on May 1, 1902.

The total reported acreage in oats is about four-tenths of 1 per cent in excess of the acreage harvested last year. Pennsylvania, Indiana, Iowa and Nebraska report a decrease, which only in the last mentioned state exceeds 1 per cent. The average condition is 90.6, against 85.3 on June 1, 1901, and a ten year average of 90. Of the states having 1,000 acres or upwards in oats, Michigan reports 2, Iowa 3, Illinois 5, and Wisconsin 6 points above and Nebraska 1 point below its respective ten year average. There has been a marked improvement in the condition of spring pasture during the past month. An improvement of two points is noted in Ohio, 15 in Missouri, 17 in Iowa, 19 in Kansas, 20 in South Dakota, 22 in Nebraska and 26 in Minnesota.

NEBRASKA CROP CONDITIONS.

Favorable Outlook Much Improved by Rains and Warm Weather.

Lincoln, June 11.—The heavy rains of the past week have injured crops somewhat on low and on rolling land, but on the whole have been exceedingly favorable for the general crop outlook in the state. Corn has been washed out some; in a few instances wheat and oats have been lodged some by the wind, hail and rain. Winter wheat is filling well and continues to improve in condition. Oats have materially improved during the past week, and in some localities are making a rank growth and promise a full crop. Corn cultivation has been delayed; cultivation, however, had made such good progress just preceding the rains that few fields are weedy; very little replanting of corn has been necessary. Grass has grown well. Potatoes continue in fine condition and the early planted are large enough to eat. The first crop of alfalfa is being cut and was somewhat damaged by the rains of the week.

WATER SLOWLY FILLS MINES.

Condition is Gradually Becoming Bad Since Strike of Pumphens.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 11.—The mining superintendents in this valley said there was no change in the conditions at their collieries. Water is slowly accumulating in many of the mines throughout the entire region. Notwithstanding reports to the contrary, it is stated on authority that the mines are not in as good condition as when the strike of the engineers, firemen and pumphens began.

About twenty-five men who were engaged in fighting fire at the Jersey mine of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company deserted their posts. This is said to be a serious matter for the company, which is short of men.

Wright Hears Both Sides.

New York, June 11.—Commissioner of Labor Wright had a two hours' conference with President Baer of the Philadelphia and Reading, President Oilphant of the Delaware and Hudson and President Treadwell of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railway yesterday. Mr. Wright said that the books had been opened and he had secured all the facts and figures and now had sufficient information of both sides, which would probably not necessitate his going to the coal fields. He declared the investigation was practically over.

Strike Situation at Denver.

Denver, June 11.—The contractors and material men's convention last night proposed to the labor unions to go out of existence as an organization if the unions would dissolve the building trades council. This matter will have to be acted upon by the unions so that several days will have to elapse before an answer can be made. There are no other developments in the strike situation.

Hottest of the Year.

Des Moines, June 11.—Yesterday was the hottest day in Des Moines this year. At 3 p. m. the government thermometer touched 93.

DIVIDING THE STONE RANSOM.

Bandits Hold Congress to Parcel Out Proceeds of Kidnaping.

Salonica, Roumelia, June 11.—The Strouma, a newspaper published at Kostendit, Bulgaria, says it has transpired that a secret congress of delegates from Kostendit, Dubnitza and elsewhere met in Sofia at the end of March and arranged for the disposition of the money received as ransom for Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, and her companion, Mme. Tsilka. Karapoff, alias Tchernerpoff, the leader of the brigands which captured the missionaries, was among the delegates who decided to send bands into Macedonia on a secret mission.

German Warships Off for Venezuela.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., June 11.—The German cruiser Falke sailed for LaGuayra, Venezuela, yesterday, and the German cruiser Gazelle sailed for the same port today, under hurried orders from Berlin.

Washington, June 11.—In the absence of any official advices on the subject the officials here are in the dark as to the reasons for the hurried departure of German warships for Venezuela, as reported in the St. Thomas dispatch. Germany has a big claim against Venezuela—that of the Berlin company of discount for the non-performance of engagements which the Venezuelan government has undertaken in connection with the great Venezuelan railway built by the government. One inference is that Germany has sent her vessels to LaGuayra to force the payment of the claim, as Venezuela has not attempted to meet the obligation.

Gaulois Reaches Lisbon.

Lisbon, Portugal, June 11.—The battleship Gaulois, with some members of the French mission which went to the United States to attend the unveiling in Washington of the statue of Count Rochambeau, arrived here yesterday. General Brugere, the commander-in-chief of the French army, called at the American legation here, and Francis B. Loomis, the American minister, handed him a most cordially worded cablegram, which had been received from President Roosevelt. General Brugere spoke enthusiastically about America and the Americans and expressed himself as greatly pleased at the way in which the French mission had been received.

Baseball Scores Yesterday.

National League—Philadelphia, 1; Cincinnati, 19; Pittsburgh, 4; Brooklyn, 5; New York, 2; St. Louis, 3. American League—St. Louis, 4; Boston, 5; Chicago, 4; Washington, 3; Detroit, 8; Philadelphia, 4; Cleveland, 10; Baltimore, 7. American Association—Kansas City, 11; Minneapolis, 12; Toledo, 8; Louisville, 11; Columbus, 6; Indianapolis, 6. Western League—Milwaukee, 6; Peoria, 3; Kansas City, 1; St. Joseph, 2; Des Moines, 2; Omaha, 3; Denver, 7; Colorado Springs, 4.

Independence Bell Home Again.

Philadelphia, June 11.—The liberty bell, which has been on exhibition at Charleston, was brought back to this city yesterday and replaced in its position in Independence hall. The train bearing the famous relic reached here from Washington at 9 o'clock and half an hour later it was hauled through the streets to its old resting place, escorted by troops and bands of music. Thousands of people stood along the route of march and cheered as the precious bit of metal passed. At Independence hall Mayor Ashbridge welcomed the bell home on behalf of the city.

Boers and British Fraternize.

Pretoria, June 11.—Boer commandoes arriving here bring reports of fresh instances of fraternization between the Boer and British troops. The surrender of a commando at Balmoral, Transvaal, was followed by a big "sing song." The British soldiers stationed at the block houses between Balmoral and Pretoria in some instances held up the trains and proffered coffee and tobacco to their late enemies. The Boers generally hold unfavorable estimates of their foreign allies, except the Americans, whom they declare to be crafty and great fighters.

Young American Demented.

London, June 11.—A dispatch to a news agency from Rome, published yesterday, says that Paul Easeltine, a young American, became suddenly demented on returning from a hunting trip last night, presumably as the result of being bitten by one of his dogs. Mr. Easeltine rode into the court yard of the Altieri palace, surrounded by his dogs and persistently attempted to ride his horse upstairs. He was eventually overpowered.

England to Borrow More Money.

London, June 11.—A parliamentary paper issued yesterday presents the revised financial statements for 1902-03. It is estimated that the expenditures will total £176,359,000, and that the revenue will amount to £152,435,000. The deficit will be met out of the proceeds of a consols loan of £29,920,000.

American Polo Players Lose.

London, June 11.—Large crowds visited Ranelagh yesterday to see King Edward, Queen Alexandra and the American polo players. It was a sort of exhibition game and was won by the Britishers by the score of 6 goals to 5.

Two Boys Drown at Red Oak.

Red Oak, Ia., June 11.—Fred Beaver and Arthur Nelson, nine-year-old boys, were drowned yesterday while in swimming.

CLARKE IS THE NOMINEE

Arkansas Democrats Formally Turn Down Senator Jones.

GOV. DAVIS IS RENOMINATED.

Little Rock Convention Indorses Kansas City Platform—Pennypacker's Nomination for Governor in Pennsylvania Conceded by Opponents.

Little Rock, Ark., June 11.—The feature of the Democratic state convention, which opened at noon yesterday, was the ovation to former Governor James P. Clark, who was declared by the convention to be the Democratic nominee for United States senator to succeed Senator J. K. Jones. The friends of Senator Jones opposed the resolution and it was stated that Senator Jones demurred to the action of the convention. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 420 to 73, and the formal declaration was then given, on the basis of the vote in the Democratic primary elections of March 29 last, making Clarke the nominee for senator. Governor Jefferson Davis was unanimously renominated, the name of Colonel E. W. Rector of Hot Springs being withdrawn. Governor Davis, in addressing the convention and accepting the nomination, announced himself a candidate for United States senator to succeed Senator James H. Berry, whose term expires in 1905.

The platform says: "We recognize the Kansas City platform as the declaration of the national Democratic party on national questions until supplanted by action of a succeeding national convention and as such we hereby declare a general endorsement of the same."

Hepburn is Renominated.

Creston, Ia., June 11.—Congressman W. P. Hepburn was renominated for congress yesterday by the Eighth congressional district convention without opposition. He delivered an address which was largely in support of the administration. The resolutions were in support of the national and state administrations and an endorsement of Mr. Hepburn's congressional career. The judicial convention was held at the opera house and Judge M. M. Towner of Corning and Judge J. L. Parish of Leon were renominated by acclamation.

Pennypacker for Governor.

Harrisburg, Pa., June 11.—Judge Samuel W. Pennypacker of Philadelphia will likely be the nominee for governor of the Republican state convention today. Senator Quay expects to succeed General Frank Reeder of Easton as chairman of the Republican state central committee and conduct the campaign this fall. Attorney General John P. Elkin is still battling for the nomination for governor, but his most sanguine adherents concede Pennypacker's nomination.

Ohio Democrats to Meet.

Columbus, O., June 11.—The Democratic state central committee decided yesterday to hold the state convention at Sandusky Sept. 2 and 3. Mayor Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland was elected temporary chairman of the convention.

Norris Named for Congress.

Hastings, Neb., June 11.—The Fifth district Republican convention last night nominated Judge G. W. Norris of McCook for congress.

Relieve for Taylor Women.

Columbus, O., June 11.—Governor Nash yesterday extended the relieve of Mrs. Frances Langworthy Taylor and her daughter until Oct. 10. This action is to give them the benefit of any light that may be thrown on their case by the trial of Clara Taylor, now under arrest in Italy. The charge against all three women is the kidnaping of Baby Margaret Taylor.

Washburn's New President.

Topeka, Kan., June 11.—At a special meeting of the trustees of Washburn college yesterday Norman D. Plass of Worthington, Mass., was selected to succeed George M. Herrick as president of that institution. M. A. Low, general counsel of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific system, was chosen as director, to succeed B. V. Brinkman of Great Bend, Kan.

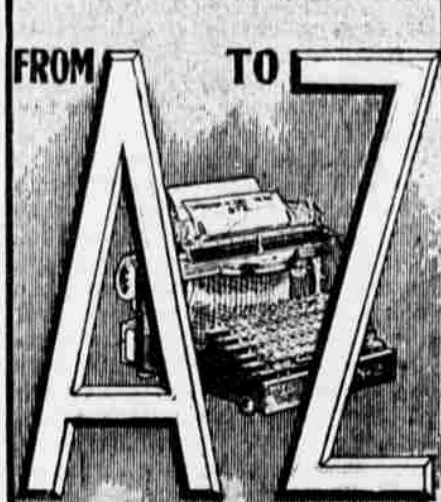


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