

# MISSOURI TOWN SMITTEN

## Village of Elmo is Wrecked by a Tornado.

### NINE DEATHS IN ONE BUILDING.

Five Other Persons Are Injured by Being Buried Beneath the Debris of Masonic Temple—Three Tornadoes Smit Six Lives in Iowa.

Blanchard, Ia., May 27.—A most destructive and fatal tornado struck the town of Elmo, Mo., eight miles south of Blanchard, and just across the Missouri state line, at 9 o'clock last evening. Nine persons were killed outright and five were injured, some of whom may die.

The dead: C. C. Calhoun, Cashius Bell, J. J. Alvis, Leonard Bradley, Milton Huff, Gust Huff, Oren Stangier, D. L. Starker, George Perry.

The injured: Ed Atterton, George Huff, A. L. McFeivan, Harry Moss, Elmer Morgan.

The storm came from the northeast and first struck the Wauash depot. The Masonic temple was the next building in its path, and it was demolished. On the lower floor of the temple was located a general merchandise store, and in the store was gathered a number of the citizens of the town. The building was torn to pieces before any warning was received, and the victims were buried beneath the wreckage. Of the fourteen persons in the store, only five escaped death, and these received injuries which in two or three cases may prove fatal.

The storm passed on through the town, leaving but a few buildings standing. A relief party at once began the rescue of those in the ruins of the temple and nine bodies were removed to an improvised morgue. Five others were taken out, some with broken legs and arms, and in each case serious, if not fatal, injuries.

The storm came with great suddenness and had destroyed the town almost before the people realized what had happened. After leaving Elmore, it continued into the country in a southwest direction, and it is feared more fatalities have occurred. Several dwellings are known to have been blown to pieces, but the fate of their occupants is unknown. A deluge of rain added its share to the misfortune of the stricken people and the homeless inhabitants are being cared for at the few remaining homes that escaped the fury of the wind.

Elmo is a small town on the Wabash railroad, running from Omaha to Brunswick, Mo., and has about 200 inhabitants.

Buildings Demolished and Crops Ruined by Wind and Rain.

Des Moines, May 27.—Three tornadoes in Iowa caused the loss of six lives, the fatal injury of three persons and the serious injury of a score more, besides great property loss.

The dead at Glenwood: Maggie Blettner of Adaza, Ia.; Hazel Wright of Adaza, Ia.

The dead near Buxton: Georgia Blakeley, Herbert Rhodes.

The dead at South Des Moines: Russell A. Knauff, aged thirty; Lloyd Knauff, his eight-month-old son.

Injured at Glenwood: Mary Eckert, Annie Delaney, Myrtle Dickinson, Etta Newton, Harrison Johnson, Rolla Rathbone.

The injured near Buxton: Molietas Rhodes, fatally; Mollie Rhodes, fatally; Eliza Blakeley, fatally; Amphyl and Minnie Blakeley, Seward, Lucy, George and Addison Rhodes, Buddie Reasby, Mary Walker.

The injured at South Des Moines: Mrs. Knauff, bruised and cut; Mrs. Margaret Barston, skull injured by falling brick; Charles McNutt, hurt by falling tree; Mrs. John McCoy, breast and head cut by flying glass.

Hospital for Feeble Minded Wrecked.

The victims at Glenwood were all inmates of the school for the feeble minded. The tornado struck the girl's dormitory first. The roof was torn off and with a terrible crash fell back again upon the wrecked building. All the buildings of the group, including the hospital, boys' building, custodian's building, farm colleges and the boiler room were more or less damaged by the storm. The superintendent estimates that the loss will be at least \$75,000. The buildings of the institution are situated on a slight rise and were a mark for the heavy wind which swept down on them with terrible fury. The eleven girls who were injured are being cared for in the hospital, which is practically intact.

The tornado near Buxton struck at about 9:30 p. m. near what is known as No. 10 Junction, a mining settlement. All the victims were colored. The storm came from the southwest and the destructive wind seemed to descend suddenly from a great bank of clouds which was sweeping toward the northwest. The houses occupied by the Rhodes and Blakeleys were smashed to kindling wood.

Tornado at South Des Moines.

The tornado struck South Des Moines at 6 p. m. The property damage will reach \$50,000. The Knauff home and the Christian church were wrecked and about forty other buildings were badly injured. About the same time what was apparently another storm struck the packing house section of the town, a mile to the northeast of the scene of the South Des Moines disaster. In this locality the Agar Packing company, the Des Moines elevator and the Des Moines malt house plants suffered the great-

est damage. The loss in that section can not be estimated.

A tornado passed through Butler county, doing considerable damage at Shellock and Allison. At the former place an elevator was blown down and four railroad workers, who had sought refuge therein, were badly injured, one of them fatally. The bridge spanning Shellock river was wrecked and several dwellings and barns were blown down. Meager reports indicate that still greater damage was done in other parts of the county.

During the past twenty-four hours heavy rains have been general in Iowa. A cloudburst at Adel caused a precipitation of more than five inches in a few hours. Heavy rains are reported from Webster City and other points. The upper Des Moines river is rising rapidly and a repetition of the flood conditions of last June are feared.

Iowa railroads suffered greatly from the excessive rainfall and trains into Des Moines are from three to five hours late on all lines. Superintendent Horton of the Des Moines and Sioux City branch of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul suspended all traffic until the roadbed can be examined. A landslide occurred north of Howell station, on the Wabash, and the engine of a passenger train rolled down a twenty-five foot embankment. The airbrakes stopped the train before the passenger coaches reached the sunken section of the track and both the engineer and fireman escaped by jumping. The Rock Island tracks are washed out near Menlo.

MARTIAL LAW IN JACKSON.

Grand Jury Begins Investigation of Cockrill Assassination.

Jackson, Ky., May 28.—The special grand jury began its investigation of the assassination of City Marshal James Cockrill here last July. As in the Marcus case, the assassin was stationed in the court house, shooting Cockrill with a Winchester rifle from the court room window as Cockrill stood in the street. It was immediately after this that the Cockrill brothers had to flee the country for safety. The assassination of Dr. Cox, uncle of the Cockrill boys, will be taken up next. It seems certain now that to avoid a mistrial the trial of Curtis Jett and Tom White, accused of the assassination of J. B. Marcus, will not be entered into until next week, when the regular term begins.

In the court room when their cases were called Jett and White were guarded by twenty soldiers. The prisoners were not ironed. Judge Redwine issued an order for every one who enters the court room to be searched for weapons. He also gave Colonel Williams authority to make arrests in town for disorderly conduct or any misdemeanor, which makes martial law in Jackson practically absolute.

A detail of soldiers was sent into the interior of Breathitt county to bring in as witnesses Captain Ned Strong and Henry Back. It is believed that when once started, testimony which will uncover the ring from which the numerous assassinations have emanated will be freely given and ample.

GUARD KILLED BY STRIKERS.

Serious Trouble is Now Looked for in West Virginia Coal Mines.

Thurmond, W. Va., May 28.—The first serious outbreak since the late strike order was issued occurred at the big Q mines on Laurel creek. For several days the strikers at that point have been making an effort to induce the nonunion men to join their ranks. Last evening the strikers began marching in a body toward the mines. The guards on duty, half a dozen in number, at sight of the marching body opened fire. The strikers quickly returned the fire, but as they were yet at long range the shooting was not effective, and only one person, Marshall Brown, a guard, was killed. Several received minor injuries. Brown was shot through the stomach, the bullet being from a Winchester. More than 100 shots were fired before the strikers retreated. More trouble is anticipated.

Noted Bank Burglar Killed by Train.

New York, May 28.—James Brady, aged eighty-eight, noted bank burglar of thirty years ago, the pal of Johnny Hope, Frank McCoy and the greatest criminals of the day, was killed on the New York Central tracks near Rochelle by a passing train. That the ruling passion of his criminal life was strong in the hour of death was shown by the contents of a bag upon which the dead fingers were rigidly clinched when his body was picked up. It contained a complete set of burglar tools, including a dark lantern and a small electric torch. The lock picks and saws were the handiwork of Brady, made in secret last winter at the poor house, where the unsuspecting officials looked upon the old man as repentant.

Crops Under Water.

Topeka, Kan., May 28.—All the principal Kansas streams are as high as at any time during the floods of a year ago, but clear weather and falling water is expected. The Kansas river is overflowing its banks. The street car bridge at Topeka is in danger of being swept away by the flood. Manhattan, Salina, Emporia, Florence, Atchison, Junction City, Abilene and Hutchinson all report very high water, which has destroyed much valuable property. Crops in some instances are under water.

Two Trainmen Crushed to Death.

Anacosta, Mont., May 28.—An engine and four cars on the Air Line, at the new works of the Anaconda Copper company, jumped the track and two of the crew, John O'Mara and John Logan, were crushed to death.

# MEET NEXT AT BUFFALO

## Presbyterian General Assembly Selects Conference City.

### BAR RICHTER FROM CHURCH.

Minnesota Preacher Who Acted as Agent for Breweries and Distributed Advertisements Among His Flock is Dismissed.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 28.—Rapid progress was made by the Presbyterian general assembly in the disposition of reports of special committees and standing boards. Buffalo was selected as the next place of meeting, and the way was cleared for the hearing of the most important subjects that are on the program, namely, the reports on the revision of faith, divorce and remarriage, and the consideration of the Tennessee ordinance on the question of separate presbyteries for colored people. These three reports have been set for hearing today, and the day promises to be the biggest day of the present assembly. Many speeches were made, the most remarkable of which was the eloquent plea of Rev. Dr. A. W. Halsey, secretary of the board of foreign missions.

The assembly finally disposed of the case of Rev. Louis Richter of the synod of Minnesota. This case had caused much interest in Presbyterian circles. Rev. Mr. Richter was charged with having acted as agent for breweries in the distribution of literature and was suspended by his synod and forbidden the practice of clerical duties. The committee on judiciary reported adversely on the case and the assembly unanimously approved the committee's decision.

PRESIDENT IS AT BUTTE.

Montana City Dressed in Its Best to Honor Chief Executive.

Butte, Mont., May 28.—President Roosevelt was met at the station here by Mayor Mullins and escorted by a company of militia, a platoon of police and the Spanish War Veterans, who are holding their state convention in Butte. United States Senator W. A. Clark of Montana was one of the first to greet President Roosevelt. They then entered a carriage, in which the senator, Mr. Mullins and a secret service man were seated. The drive through the streets of Butte was one long ovation. Such a crowd has never been seen in the history of the city. The neighboring towns for fifty miles around had poured in their crowds and the streets were crowded. During the trip to his train immense bonfires flamed on every mountain point, illuminating the way. The president left for the south at 10 p. m.

ABSTAINERS IN SESSION.

State Convention of Iowa Prohibitionists Meets at Marshalltown.

Marshalltown, Ia., May 28.—The state convention of the Prohibitionists of Iowa is in session here. Rev. J. G. Van Ness, D. D., of Mount Vernon, presiding elder of the Cedar Rapids district, temporary chairman, delivered an address on "Party Prohibition," advocating the abolishment of the saloon in Iowa. Rev. John A. Earl of Blackhawk county, one of the most prominently mentioned candidates for governor, positively prohibited the use of his name. Rev. S. S. Scull of Marshall county and Rev. J. C. Willetts of Mahaska county are spoken of as possible candidates. The platform is likely to demand annihilation of the liquor traffic, placing the responsibility for enforcement of the law with the party in power.

No Action in Rhea Case.

Indianapolis, May 28.—A telegram from Governor John H. Mickey of Nebraska to Governor Durbin announced that there would be no action this week in the case of William Rhea, the Mount Vernon, Ind., young man now under sentence to be hanged for murder in that state. Congressman Hemenway of the First Indiana district, Major G. V. Mensies of Mount Vernon and Governor Durbin interceded in behalf of young Rhea, and Governor Mickey has promised to make a thorough investigation of the case before allowing the execution to proceed.

Four Suffocated to Death.

New York, May 28.—Four persons were suffocated to death and three so badly burned that it is feared they will die in a fire in the five-story apartment house at 306 West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street. The fire is said to have been of incendiary origin. The dead: Mrs. Julia Wandling and three children. Those believed to have been fatally burned are: George Wandling and Victor Johnson.

Declare for Roosevelt.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 28.—The Republican state convention endorsed President Roosevelt for renomination and declared against any change in the present tariff schedules. Senator W. P. Snyder was nominated for auditor general, W. L. Matheus for state treasurer and Judge Thomas A. Morrison and J. J. Henderson for supreme court judges.

Heer Wins First Place.

Dubuque, May 28.—William Heer, Concordia, Kan., won first place in the last day of the Dubuque Gun club's tournament, with 174 out of a possible 180. Fred Gilbert of Spirit Lake, Ia., and A. C. Connor of Pekin, Ill., tied for second place, with 168.

BOILERMAKERS GO TO WORK.

Old Union Pacific Employees Return to the Shops at Omaha.

Omaha, May 28.—After being out on strike for over eleven months, Union Pacific boilermakers returned to work this morning, at least some of them. This was the ultimate result of the conference in New York with President Burt whereby a settlement was effected and the immediate outcome of a conference with Superintendent McKeen of the motive power department, when minor differences arising since the New York conference were disposed of.

Forty-five boilermakers and their helpers went out of the local shops June 18 of last year. Today thirty-six reported to Master Mechanic Thompson and re-entered the company's employ. Monday President Burt is expected to meet the representatives of the machinists and blacksmiths and it is believed settlements will be made with them and the long controversy brought to a final termination.

Some talk was indulged in over a notice which was posted at the company's shops respecting the return of the old men. It was interpreted by some of the union men to be unfavorable to them and the matter was taken up at the conference with Superintendent McKeen and according to Martin Douglas, secretary of the local lodge of boilermakers, satisfactorily adjusted. "The company promised that all the old men who desire may return to work," said Mr. Douglas. "Nothing final has been done about the men now at work in the shops, but that matter is left to work itself out and it will do it, we think."

PASSENGRERS GO TO THE BOTTOM

Twenty Lose Their Lives in a Collision Near Antwerp.

Antwerp, May 28.—The British steamer Huddersfield collided with the Norwegian steamer Uto. The Huddersfield is reported to have foundered. Twenty of its passengers are said to have lost their lives. The crew were saved. The passengers were mostly seamen returning to England. The survivors of the Huddersfield passengers and crew were picked up by the Uto, which landed them here. The survivors say the dead were nearly all crushed while asleep in their berths. The collision was so sudden that there was no time to launch the Huddersfield's boats. The disaster is attributed to the electric lights of a dredger, anchored in mid-river, which dazzled the pilots of the colliding steamers, who were thus unable to see the danger of collision in time to avoid the crash. The Uto was struck on the port side by the Huddersfield, whose immigrants were asleep in the fore cabin.

FREIGHT TRAINS IN A WRECK.

Come Together With Fatal Results near Bryan, Ala.

Birmingham, Ala., May 28.—A disastrous head-end collision on the Southern railway near Bryan resulted in the death of three engineers, two firemen and one brakeman, the destruction by fire of twelve loaded freight cars and eight empty cars, and great damage to the colliding engines.

The dead: Henry Acton, engineer; L. G. Chester, engineer; Sam Johnson, engineer; Roland Madison, colored, fireman; Otto Wood, fireman; Bob Hancock, fireman; J. D. Hill, colored, brakeman.

All were instantly killed except Engineers Acton and Johnson. They were brought to Birmingham, Acton dying on the way and Johnson dying at the hospital.

Strikers Disclaim Responsibility.

Kansas City, May 28.—George Becker, the night watchman of the Union Pacific railway shops at Kansas City, Kan., was seriously wounded while attempting to disperse a crowd of idlers who had hissed several nonunion men as they were entering the building. Stones were thrown and several shots were fired. Becker was knocked down by a stone that struck him on the head and rendered him unconscious. The assailants escaped before the police arrived. None of the shots were effective. The strikers disclaim responsibility.

Angry Mob Surrounds Jail.

Topeka, May 28.—A telegram for Governor Bailey was received from the sheriff at Yates Center, Kan., requesting him to order out a company of the state militia at once to protect J. M. Woods, a negro in jail there, charged with assaulting Mrs. J. G. Lind, the wife of a farmer at Yates Center. An angry mob surrounds the jail with the avowed intention of lynching the negro. The sheriff and his deputies say they can not protect Woods much longer from the crowd.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

The Supreme Court of Honor at Kansas City voted to hold the next national convention of the order, three years hence, at Detroit.

The Ohio state prohibition convention nominated a complete state ticket headed by the Rev. Dr. N. D. Creamer of Columbus for governor.

Savings deposits in Chicago banks have passed the \$100,000,000 mark. In the past year they have increased upward of \$22,000,000, or more than 26 per cent.

Three men were killed by a caving bank in a mine near Cecilville, Cal. The victims were Will Luddy, a newspaper man, and two miners, named Booth and Cady.

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