

FIFTEENTH YEAR.

DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

A Destructive and Fatal Tornado Strikes Kansas City at Noon Yesterday.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS BLOWN DOWN.

The Court House and Lathrop Public School Levelled to the Ground.

A HOLOCAUST OF CHILDREN.

Collapse of a Factory—Firemen and Police at Work on the Ruins—Old and Young Killed and Wounded—Heroic Sufferers.

A Tornado in Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, May 11.—A fearful storm of wind and rain swept over this city today, from 11 to 12. The court house was totally demolished above the second story. A number of persons were hurt there, but none killed, so far as known.

The Lathrop school building was partially wrecked and many children caught in the ruins. Seven are said to have been killed. The full extent of the disaster is not yet known.

At 3:20 p. m.—A span on the bridge next to Harlan was blown down, and it is reported forty persons were killed at the bridge.

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streets. It consisted of the main building, to which a wing had been added. The building was surrounded by a tower, which for some time has been considered unsafe.

The general character of the work of rescuing was undertaken by eager hands. Owing to the prevailing excitement the first arrivals were very active, but the fire department and the police arrived and an organized search was commenced.

At the overall factory, No. 110 West Third street, search is still in progress and several persons are still missing.

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SHAKING UP MONOPOLY.

Senator Van Wyck Exposes One of the Disgraceful Methods.

MILLIONAIRE STANFORD KICKS.

Tweedledee and Tweedledum—The Difference Between "Ruinous Competition" and "Combinations to Beat the Public."

Senator Van Wyck on Monopoly. WASHINGTON, May 11.—[Special Telegram.]—During a speech in the senate today by Mr. Stanford on the interstate commerce bill Mr. Van Wyck exposed one of the disgraceful methods.

Mr. Van Wyck—"I understood the senator from California to say that San Francisco has been a competitive city in traffic. I should like to know, first, which, if any, railroad he had in mind."

Mr. Stanford—"The gentleman from New York and San Francisco at the point of view referred to by the senator from Kentucky; when was the competition then between New York and San Francisco, and who fixed the rates there?"

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STATION AGENTS.

They Hold an Annual Meeting and Want to be Exclusive.

DRY MOSES, Ia., May 11.—[Special Telegram.]—The station agents of Iowa began the annual meeting of their association in this city today, with the president, E. L. Hobart, of Cedar Rapids, presiding, and C. M. Simpson, of Fairfield, secretary. The president in his annual address reviewed the growth of the Iowa division, and recommended that the members confine their work to such matters only as concerned them in their business, strictly avoiding matters of a general character.

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NEW ORLEANS PORT.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—In view of the necessity for the shippers of flour from St. Louis and other places on the Mississippi and Missouri rivers to make use of the Morgan line of steamers from New Orleans to Havana, via Key West, in exportation of that commodity, the collector of customs at New Orleans has been authorized to consider New Orleans as a port of exportation in such cases within the meaning of the regulations, and allow drawbacks on bags which may be shipped in future by the said line, provided exporters produce in addition to the requisite bill of lading and return of official inspection, a certificate from the collector at Key West that no flour has been shipped by any vessel, and an average certified in the preliminary drawback entry filed at New Orleans.

THE DRIVE-WEEL CASES.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The supreme court has refused to grant the motion made by Henderson of Iowa some time ago to consolidate the drive-wheel cases. This decision is not regarded as in any degree an indication of the opinion of the supreme court on the merits of the cases. Had the decision, however, been favorable, it would probably have guaranteed a more speedy termination of the cases which will come up singly and consume more time than otherwise.

Refuting English Lies.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Representative Ward of Chicago sent the following telegram to Hon. Edward Gray, Freeman's Journal, Dublin, Ireland:—"As a representative in the American congress from a Chicago district, where the recent riot took place, I subscribe to the editorial in your issue of the 11th inst. relative to the English newspapers that not a single person of Irish birth or Irish extraction was the author of the violence in the streets of Chicago on the 4th of May. On the contrary several of the brave Irish-Americans were lost in protecting the lives and interests of our fellow citizens. JAMES H. WADE."

Pension Matters.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The senate committee on pensions today adopted a resolution calling upon the commissioner of pensions for an estimate of the outlay required under the bill for the removal of the limitation of age for the pensioners. The committee on military and militia affairs also reported a bill for the equalization of bounties.

The Mexican Reciprocity Treaty.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The ways and means committee received the report of the joint committee on reciprocity with Mexico, which was favorably received by the committee in session. No action was taken.

The Telephone Scandal.

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New Iowa Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—[Special Telegram.]—Seth D. Hoagland has been commissioned postmaster at Douglas, Iowa, and Lewis J. Kennedy at Des Moines, Iowa. Susan H. Flint has been designated acting postmistress at Bowen, Iowa. Joseph Satchel, of Montezuma, Iowa, is here.

He Will Return.

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Base Ball Games Yesterday.

The following is the result of the various games of base ball played by the leading clubs of the country:

Table with columns for City and Score. Includes Boston (4-0), Cincinnati (0-3), Philadelphia (0-10), etc.

STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK.

Many Railroad Companies, However, Refuse to Discharge New Hands.

"THE CURSED BOHEMIANS."

An Ominous Quiet Prevails in the Chicago Lumber Yards—Most of the Anarchists, in Jail—Employers Combining Against Strikers.

Chicago Again Alive.

Chicago, May 11.—[Special Telegram.]—Business has resumed its usual aspect at all the freight depots to-day, and is moving along as smoothly as before the strike began. New men who were brought here to fill the places of the strikers are still retained by the majority of the roads.

A ride through the southwest lumber districts with a full force of new ones and are now as they were for several days before the strike collapsed, taking and delivering all freight offered them.

These "cursed Bohemian socialists," said one man who would not allow his name to be used for fear of fire in his shingles, "are the ones who are blocking, all our business."

The committee directed their witness to give the name of his informant, but he still refused. Thereupon Mr. Runney moved that the witness be presented to the house for contempt.

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