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GUTHRIE, Okl., March 31.—Chandler, an interior town, fifty miles southeast from Guthrie, is a mass of ruins. At 6 o'clock last evening a cyclone, dealing death and destruction to everything in its path, swept down on the town and almost completely swept it off the face of the earth.

Of its 1,600 inhabitants twenty-six were killed outright or burned to death and fully 170 were injured. Of these latter it is thought fourteen will die. Twenty-four others are in a dangerous condition. The remainder of the population is homeless.

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STORM BREAKS SUDDENLY. The storm broke upon the city suddenly. The sky was clear an hour before. Shortly before 6 o'clock a mass of dark clouds gathered in the southeast and then whirled north.

Chandler is situated on a hill overlooking the Cow creek valley, and one half mile north of the town and the other turned west. Before escape was possible, the wind had passed through the town, tearing through the business district and stores were hurled right and left or lifted high in the air and tossed in every direction.

Chief Justice Dale of the Oklahoma supreme court was holding court in the court house, which was crowded. He ran with his wife to a hollow in the wall, but she was not protected by a hollow and she and her husband were hurled into the air and landed in a mass of ruins.

One of the occupants was killed outright and a dozen others injured. Further down Main street, the Lincoln County bank building was toppled over and was soon enveloped in flames. Here, before aid could reach them, five unfortunates were burned to death, plucked down by heavy timbers. Still further down the street three children suffered a like fate. A mass of injured people, dead and injured horses, wrecked wagons and bugles and debris of all kinds from the buildings transformed Main street into a funeral rite.

Passing on into the residence district, the cyclone toppled over dwelling after dwelling, turned houses on their tops and made the streets unrecognizable, plunging them high with debris. A 2-days-old babe was carried four blocks and not injured, while the mother was crushed in her bed.

ARKANSAS TOWN IS WRECKED. Cyclone Lays Waste a Village and Kills Four Women. ST. LOUIS, March 31.—A special to the Republic from Pine Bluff, Ark., says: A cyclone passed over Grady, twenty-one miles south of here, this afternoon. It almost laid waste the whole village, killing four colored women and wounding several others, among them the agent's wife. There was not a house left at the siding on Hall place and the action house cannot be found. Hailstones were so large that trainmen reported they had to find a place of safety. Trains are late and wires down.

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HORRORS OF THE FLOOD

Heavy Rainfall Complicates Situation on Lower Mississippi.

FOUR GREAT GAPS EXIST IN THE LEVEES

Large Streams of Water Rush Through Crevasse, Covering Immense Areas, and the End is Not Yet.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 31.—A heavy rainfall, accompanied by a strong gale from the west, is adding to the horrors of the flood situation. One hundred and fifty miles below Memphis, in the Mississippi delta, there are four breaks and each is letting in a stream as large as the Ohio river at Cincinnati or the Hudson at Albany, and this tremendous outflow has caused a fall of only one-tenth of a foot at Vicksburg, immediately below the last crevasse. The wind will probably cause more breaks. The river is now like an inland sea, and this afternoon a telegram from a point below Rosedale, Miss., announced that great waves were pounding against the levee and that at frequent intervals the water tore itself loose from the main channel and dashed over the embankment. This being true there will in all probability be more crevasse before morning. All the levees of nature are now being broken. The rainfall increases as the wind intensifies the danger.

On the Arkansas side the levee from Helena to Arkansas City tonight is full of holes as the water waits at a fortification after a siege. There is a break at Westover, which occurred at an early hour this morning. A thousand men were at work on the levee when the crash came. For a moment a thin thread of water began to trickle from the inner wall of the embankment. Experienced men, with their axes and pickets, rushed back, but in five minutes a gap fifty feet wide and six feet deep was made in the levee. The water is still rising and it is now several hundred feet wide. This crevasse is ten miles below Helena and the water rushing through it will destroy a dozen splendid plantations, and may break up Helena.

The Laconia circle country, a few miles below Westover, is under water. This circle is surrounded by the levee. The water is rear went to pieces at a late hour on Monday and the water rushed in and spread itself over 30,000 acres of the most fertile land in Arkansas, cut up into plantations, giving support to no less than 5,000 people.

LOSS IS ENORMOUS. Tonight Gunnison, Reddale and other small towns are under water. The whole country, as predicted last night, will be inundated. The water is rising over the territory from Perthshire, Miss., to a point ten miles north of Vicksburg and back from the river thirty or forty miles. Already the loss of cattle has been estimated at \$1,000,000. The loss of crops and property is incalculable. The water is still rising and it is now several hundred feet wide. This crevasse is ten miles below Helena and the water rushing through it will destroy a dozen splendid plantations, and may break up Helena.

WIND DAMAGE IN KANSAS TOWNS. No Lives Lost, but Considerable Property Destroyed. KANSAS CITY, March 31.—The taste of the wind storm, which in some places seemed to be of a cyclonic nature, was felt in central and southern Kansas last night. It was a heavy rain, and the wind was from the west and south. The damage done to crops and property is incalculable. The water is still rising and it is now several hundred feet wide. This crevasse is ten miles below Helena and the water rushing through it will destroy a dozen splendid plantations, and may break up Helena.

LEVEES SAFE AT NEW ORLEANS. NEW ORLEANS, March 31.—In the vicinity of this city the levees are in good condition, the water being high and steady. The small break reported opposite Chalmette was promptly closed and no further trouble is apprehended. A rain this morning, accompanied by high wind, the trouble reported in the levee at Bayou Thibodaux, forty miles below Thibodaux, will do but little damage. The water will flow into the lake after passing over a few small farms. The river at Lake Providence Monday morning marked 44.00 on the gauge, and one-half foot higher than ever known before. Yesterday the water began to recede and has fallen 0.6 all along Lake Providence. The fall was caused by the crevasse on the Mississippi side of the river.

NATCHEZ, Miss., March 31.—The critical time with the levees of the Missouri is now passing rapidly. For the last two weeks the water has been rising steadily at the rate of half a foot daily until the stage now is 46.5, 2 1/2 feet above the danger line, and has shown but little perceptible decrease. The water has gotten over the banks all along the Louisiana front and is coming up high against the levees. The citizens of New Orleans and Texas cherish appear to have confidence in the strength of their big line of embankment, and feel that the attention to the levee receiving it will withstand the pressure successfully. The fifth district levee board has ordered several thousand sacks to be distributed along the levee in case of toppling the levee in case the water begins to run over it, or to be used in strengthening the embankment if necessary.

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GENERAL RIVERA BETRAYED

Weyler's Peace Envoy is Suspected of Acting as a Spy.

CUBANS IN HAVANA GREATLY EXCITED

Prisoners Will Probably Be Shot by the Spaniards Very Soon—General Rolofo the New Insurgent Leader.

HAVANA (via Key West), March 31.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Treachery is charged in the capture of General Riva Rivero, Colonel Bacallao, his chief of staff, and Lieutenant Terry, also of his staff. The suspected betrayer is Gonzalo Jorin, a lawyer of Havana.

Senor Jorin, Emilio Cerezo and Jose Maria Paz were sent to General Weyler not very long ago to see if General Rivera would accept the Canovas scheme of reforms. General Gomez had ordered all his chiefs not to receive such commissioners, but General Rivera let this end go into his camp on the foot hills near San Cristobal. It is asserted now that Senor Jorin disclosed the location of the camp and its approaches, but he denies the charge.

The Cubans are so excited that the authorities are guarding Senor Jorin's house on Cerro street.

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General Rivera is said to be an American citizen, but he is not registered at the consular office. He is said to have been an American citizen also. General Rivera probably will be shot soon, as General Weyler has given orders that he be shot by court martial on the spot immediately. He may be put to death Saturday in spite of his wounds, or the Spanish may cure him and then shoot him. The certain fact is that he is a prisoner of war, and he will be shot.

The Cubans are not disheartened at the loss of General Rivera. They say General Rolofo is in Havana, and will become the new commander in chief. He is said to have plenty of ammunition and good cavalry. A word is said that Senor Clara reports seeing one column of 1,500 well-mounted, well-armed insurgents passing west toward Matanzas. This same courier says a large expedition is in progress toward Matanzas and that most of the arms are for the western provinces.

General Weyler remains in Cienfuegos. He is said to be still sick and is doing nothing effective.

The Cubans are very active around Havana. At Punta Brava, seventeen miles from Havana, a detachment of 500 men, under Captain Ruz and the Third company of San Juan battalion. Twenty-five of the seventy Spanish soldiers were killed in the attack. The rest were wounded. The captain lost one hand, which was cut off. This was the company that killed General Maceo.

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Senator Thurston having chosen to ally himself with the anti-recount legislation in favor of the suppression of the ballot, it was necessary for the governor to make a public statement in regard to the recount of the ballots cast at the last election. His statement was a historical statement which the distinguished gentleman has evidently overlooked in his recent utterances. The recount of the ballots cast at the last election is a matter of common knowledge that no adequate provisions have been made for counting the ballots cast at the last election. The recount of the ballots cast at the last election is a matter of common knowledge that no adequate provisions have been made for counting the ballots cast at the last election.

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CRUISE DISCIPLINES A GRANDSON. Dismisses Him for a Disrespectful Reference to Queen Victoria. CAPE TOWN, March 31.—President Kruger, it is announced from Pretoria, has suspended his grandson, Eloff, from office for making a speech in which he insulted Queen Victoria and Great Britain. The president in his order of suspension says that Eloff's irreverent reference to the queen and to Great Britain was a disgraceful and disrespectful reference to the queen and to Great Britain.

HEAVY BANK FAILURE IN ENGLAND. Suspends Payment with Liabilities of £500,000. LONDON, March 31.—A long established banking house at Weymouth, one of the oldest financial institutions in Dorsetshire, has suspended payment, with liabilities amounting to £500,000.

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DEMOCRATS GETTING TOGETHER. Proposal to Unite Silver and Sound Money Voters in Kentucky. FRANKFORT, Ky., March 31.—The first ballot this morning for United States senator resulted as follows: Hunter, 60; Blackburn, 43; Davis, 13; Stone, 1; Present, 12; absent, 2.

SMALPOX IN PINAR DEL RIO. Municipal Authorities Afford Some Relief for the Sufferers. HAVANA, March 31.—Great misery is being experienced at San Cristobal and other parts of the province of Pinar del Rio, owing to the prevalence of smallpox. The mortality is great. The municipal authorities are distributing relief when they are able to do so, that is to say when the troops succeed in driving in the cattle from the surrounding country.

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