

MARCH TURNS LION

Far-Reaching Storm Exceeds Month's Lamb-Like Beginning.

FROM MICHIGAN TO THE GULF

Nebraska, Iowa, Arkansas, Kentucky and Missouri Visited.

LIST OF FATALITIES

Probably Nine Killed in Texas.

MANY CHICAGO WIRES ARE DOWN

Main Snow, Sleet and Wind Combine to Impair Telegraph and Telephone Service from There On to West.

CHICAGO, March 10.—One of the worst

storms of the season struck Chicago early today and during the two hours it was at its height, damaged property throughout the city to the extent of \$75,000.

Many heavy plate glass windows were blown in. Telegraph and telephone companies were the worst sufferers and it will be some time before order can be restored.

Thousands of poles were blown down and Chicago was practically isolated from the west and northwest by telephone and telegraph all day and tonight.

The long-distance telephone service was crippled so badly that it was not until after midnight that a late hour tonight neither Milwaukee nor Minneapolis could be reached by long-distance telephone.

The storm is believed to have been most severe in southern Wisconsin. Along a long stretch of the Milwaukee road in southern Wisconsin 500 telegraph poles are down. Reports from many points in Indiana and Kentucky also indicate heavy damage from the storm.

Telegraph Companies Lose Heavily. The Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies suffered severely by fallen poles. It was estimated that there were not fewer than 5,000 poles in the city thrown down by the fury of the wind and storm. Telegraph service almost as far west as Omaha was stopped until late this evening.

Trains entering Chicago were delayed from ten minutes to an hour. The Burlington and Milwaukee & St. Paul companies were the worst sufferers in this respect. All the roads suffered damage to their tracks and switch yards.

At the life-saving station at the mouth of the Chicago river it was considered the worst gale that has struck Chicago harbor since 1834. The water, lashed into fury, came up to the life-saving station and flooded the floor for the first time in twelve years. Most of the shipping was protected in winter quarters, so that the damage done to it was slight.

The passenger steamers Indiana and City of Grand Rapids, plying between here and Milwaukee, were caught squarely in the gale.

After many attempts the City of Grand Rapids managed to get inside the harbor at Kenosha, where she remained until the storm had abated. The Indiana put into port in Chicago in the middle of the storm with all her passengers rescued and unharmed. They described it as the wildest eight lake Michigan has known in years.

Racine and Kenosha Dark. Southern Wisconsin suffered severely from the storm. The Wisconsin Telephone company reports that the entire system of the company has been paralyzed and that Racine, Kenosha and most of the other lake shore cities are entirely cut off. Racine is reported to have suffered more heavily than any other town in the state. The principal streets are covered with wreckage and telephone and telegraph wires and poles are scattered about in great heaps in many of the thoroughfares. The damage to the electric light wires was so great that the city was left in darkness tonight to avoid danger from loose live wires.

Iowa Towns Not Exempt. Burlington, Cedar Rapids, Indianola and Creton bore the brunt of the storm in Iowa. In Indianola all the electric lights were destroyed and the Mutual Telephone company suffered \$20,000 damage in the destruction of its wires and operating apparatus. There was a heavy snow at Cedar Rapids all day today, trains being delayed and telegraph and telephone wires and poles being forced to abandon all business.

OWENSBORO IS UNDERMINED

Cloudburst Results in Kentucky Town's Streets to Whirl and Water Main Breaking Loose.

OWENSBORO, Ky., March 10.—A cloudburst here last night did great damage. The sewer well and a big water main at Main and Davis streets burst and a hole twenty-five feet deep and about fifty feet wide was torn in the street for some distance.

The streets were undermined so badly that today parts of them caved in. The Temple theater and Anderson's apartment store nearby are both undermined and are in danger.

Last night the city was in total darkness. Electric light poles in many places were down and as a gas main burst on Main street all gas had to be turned off. A big force of men has been at work all day trying to repair the damage done and to prevent other and more serious damage.

ARKANSAS BOY IS KILLED

Young Lad Named Turner Is Struck by Storm at Pine Prairie.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 10.—A heavy rain, wind and thunderstorm, accompanied by lightning, visited Arkansas yesterday. At Van Buren lightning struck the residence of James Morrell, rendering his wife in the street.

At Conway fifteen business houses were unroofed, many others blown down and others unroofed. In Pine Prairie the storm struck there wrecking everything in its path. A boy named Turner was killed.

GULF TOO ROUGH FOR START

Battleship Alabama at Pensacola Decides to Delay Making Final Trial Trip.

PENSACOLA, Fla., March 10.—There was a severe storm on the gulf last night and as a result of the high seas today the battleship Alabama did not sail on its final trial trip.

WORSE REPORTS IN ST. LOUIS

There It Is Told That Eight Are Dead, One Hundred Homeless and Aid Needed.

ST. LOUIS, March 10.—A special to the Globe from St. Louis, Mo., says: Up to tonight eight deaths are reported from the Wills Point tornado.

Beniah Johnson died last night from fright. She was at the home of her father, O. L. Johnson, when the storm struck the town. R. W. Garretts' Benjamin Walters and two of J. W. Williams' children are reported to be dying.

The property loss in Wills Point is estimated at \$70,000, and in Vansant and surrounding county districts at \$100,000. The storm section extended from Kansas to Louisiana and up the Mississippi valley nearly to Memphis, in regions almost without wire or rail. Telegraph companies are finding it difficult to gather details of the storm, but enough is known on which to base estimates of property losses amounting to \$1,000,000 to the southeastern farming and other interests, and at least a score of persons dead.

Two Deaths Expected. The storm at New Boston was not so severe as reported last night. About twenty houses were partly wrecked and 41. Paul and Jasper Phillips so badly hurt that they are expected to die. Railroad trains to Dallas from the storm section have been badly delayed today and tonight. Passengers report extensive destruction of property along the line.

Mayor Wilson tonight issued a statement on the Wills Point situation. He says nearly 100 persons are entirely destitute and are being cared for by the local authorities. A relief committee has been formed. At present contributions are being asked for from Texas only. If the condition in the country districts developed badly the request for aid may be extended.

WIRES IN MICHIGAN SUFFER

Telephone Companies Crippled in a Way That Hurts the Pocket-book Badly.

DETROIT, Mich., March 10.—Over 1,000 telephones were rendered useless today by the rain which fell and froze during the entire morning. The thirty-mile-an-hour wind which accompanied the rain raised havoc with the wires, weighted down as they were with the ice. Officials of the Michigan Telephone company tonight estimated the loss to the city at \$20,000.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 10.—Today's wind, sleet and rainstorm has almost paralyzed the state telephone service. The line of the Michigan Telephone company about Ionia in a mass of tangled wires and broken poles. The Citizens' company is also badly crippled. The loss will amount to several thousand dollars. At St. Joseph 400 telephones were burned out by contact with trolley wires. In Benton harbor, the wires of the company are all down.

THREE DEATHS NOW REPORTED

Latest Bulletin from Arkansas Adds Two More Names to List of Dead.

PARAGOULD, Ark., March 11.—Saturday night's storm killed three persons in this (Greene) county, and wrought much property damage.

At Hill, Mrs. Millie Davis and a 12-year-old boy, named Omar Roberts, were killed by falling timbers.

At Jackson, Commissary Charles Bowling, a well known young business man, was killed outright by the roof of his house falling in. Several persons are reported injured.

Much damage to small buildings, fences and fruit trees is reported.

FAMILIES IN EMERY INJURED

Mrs. Muller and Daughter of W. T. Lewis May Survive Storm's Wounds.

EMERY, Tex., March 10.—The storm which passed over Wills Point yesterday killed one man near the Sabine river. In Rakas Mrs. Muller was seriously injured and W. T. Lewis, together with his entire family of six, were injured, two fatally. The little boy reported injured was freed today. The attending physician says the boy's 16-year-old sister cannot live. Lewis' house was completely destroyed and the buildings of Miller and Foreman, Holder, Buchanan and Cochran were badly damaged. The fences in the path of the storm are all in ruins.

CORNING IS IN DARKNESS

Electric Light Company's Boiler Springs a Leak in Midst of Blizzard.

CORNING, Ia., March 10.—(Special.)—A blizzard is raging here. The storm started with rain and sleet and the frozen branches of trees in the middle of the storm many have done a good deal of damage to electric light and telephone wires, which are broken down badly. The electric light engine's boiler sprung a leak and the town is in darkness.

THREE CHURCHES DESTROYED

PADUCAH, Ky., March 10.—A storm struck the neighborhood of the river last night and overturned three houses filled with negroes. Twenty stables were blown down and many horses killed. Tobacco barns were razed and their contents blown away. The Catholic, Cumberland Presbyterian and Baptist churches were destroyed. Loss, \$50,000.

MISSOURI PACIFIC SUFFERS

Severity of the Storm Partially Blocks Traffic and Communication in Kansas.

KANSAS CITY, March 10.—Last night's snowstorm was one of the severest of the winter in western Missouri and northern Kansas. While the fall was not heavy it drifted badly.

The Missouri Pacific had a passenger train stuck in a drift for six hours near Jamestown, Kan. There are bad drifts on a number of Missouri Pacific branches, but they have no Sunday trains. Two engines were run on all trains today. Wind and sleet at some points caked on the wires and caused more or less interruption of telephone and telegraphic communications.

TORNADO HITS PRINCETON

Indiana Town Has One Dwelling Wrecked and Many Others Unroofed.

PRINCETON, Ind., March 10.—A tornado last night struck one dwelling and moved several others from their foundations. Hundreds of outbuildings were demolished. No lives were lost. The courthouse and High school building were much damaged.

RAISES OHIO RIVER

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 10.—The Ohio river is at cobalt stage, with fifteen and one-half feet of water at the dam at midnight and rising. Reports from up-river show rain and rivers rising at all points. Some river men think the river here will reach twenty-six feet, the flood mark, but others believe it will not go above twenty feet.

PLATTSBROUGH'S WHITE COAT

PLATTSBROUGH, N. Y., March 10.—(Special.)—Snow has been falling in this vicinity more than twenty-four hours.

PLENTY OF WIND AND SNOW

Blustery March Sunday Is Followed by a Night of Calmness.

TELEGRAPH WIRES GO DOWN IN GALE

Omaha Feels the Edge of a Nor'-wester That Does Much Damage Further East—Doing Effort of the Groundhog.

This is the last week of the season over which the groundhog exerts an influence. Thirty-eight days ago—February 2—he emerged from his burrow and saw his shadow, and this, according to the ancient tradition, meant six weeks more of winter. It has lacked considerable of making his prophecy good, as there has been a great deal of warm weather since then, but now that the period of his reign is drawing to a close he makes a somewhat spasmodic attempt to assert his authority. The flurry of wind and snow of Sunday evening under the head of "groundhog weather," as described in the ancient blue-backed almanacs. It was a feeble makeshift, no doubt, but the best the badger could muster in this time of profane weather bureau and improved forecasting devices.

Although there was a generous snowfall, the conditions were not favorable for sleighing, because of the blustering nor'-wester that accompanied the precipitation. It was a good day to stay indoors. The attendance at churches was appreciably below the average.

To the women who are having Easter gowns and bonnets made there was comfort in the thought that old Boreas was exerting his energies so early in the Lenten season and the hope was general that he might exhaust himself before the day of glad tidings and great joy.

TELEGRAPH WIRES GO DOWN

The storm had no very serious effect on the railroads. Most of the trains arrived here Sunday morning within half an hour of their regular time, the Wabash being an exception. It was delayed about two hours. During the day traffic was restored to its normal condition.

Telegraphic service, however, did not escape so easily. Both telegraph companies reported their wires down at many points directly east of Omaha, and all messages were taken subject to delay, as they had to be sent around the long-winded portions of the country by north or south routes. The brunt of the storm seems to have fallen in Illinois, Iowa, Ohio, Missouri and other states of the middle west. Omaha, so far as can be gathered from limited dispatches, appears to have been on the western edge of the storm and to have escaped the heaviest portions of it.

In consequence of the damage to telegraph wires the Associated Press service was somewhat hampered. At New York, with the setting of the sun the wind subsided and by 9 o'clock the only evidence that there had been a storm approaching a blizzard in severity was seen in the streets, which were clogged with spongy, half-melted snow. Mechanical street sweepers, forced along the tracks between two trolley cars, were in use until well into the night, freeing the rails of their accumulation of snow, which had seriously retarded traffic during the day.

FOUR ALL THE KNOWN DEAD

Wills Point Reports No Additional Victims of Tornado—Property Loss Very Heavy.

DALLAS, Tex., March 10.—Further reports from yesterday's tornado at Wills Point have made no additions to the death list. As stated in last night's dispatches from this city, the property loss at Wills Point is estimated at \$50,000.

From Wills Point the course of the storm's fury, dotted with wreckage, can be followed to the Adams house at New Boston and at Texarkana houses were considerably damaged. In Collin county, about thirty miles north of Dallas, the wind was very strong, but it did not attain the strength of a tornado. The wind was followed by torrents of rain. At one place 1.51 inches of rain fell in forty minutes.

GIVES THE NEGROES A SCARE

Terrific Wind Demolishes Twenty of Their Cabins in a Kentucky Town.

FULTON, Ky., March 10.—In the terrific storm that swept this section last night the damage was greatest at Clinton and Hickman.

At Clinton twenty negro cabins were demolished, two negroes were hurt, and many others badly bruised. Part of Marvin college was unroofed, the waterworks plant was destroyed and eight freight cars were blown from their tracks.

The Baptist church at Hickman and houses and barns were blown down in Fulton and Hickman counties. The loss of property is large.

COLLEGE MEN AND BUNCO

Low, James and Gilman Appear Against Ross Raymond to Prove Him a Forger.

NEW YORK, March 10.—President Seth Low of Columbia university, General T. L. James, president of the Lincoln National Bank, President Daniel C. Gilman of Johns Hopkins university of Baltimore and Secretary William Leitch of Columbia university were in police court this morning before Magistrate Poole to prosecute Ross Raymond for swindling.

President Low and James and Secretary Beebe told how Raymond, under the name of the old quack, had played a confidence game on them by which he obtained \$200 from the bank. President Gilman testified that the letter which Raymond presented to President Low was forged. The technical changes of date which Raymond was held were the forging of the check and the Gilman letter and he was held in \$3,000 bond on each of these charges. Raymond was arrested in New Haven last week for trying to swindle President Hadley of Yale college.

TROUBLE NOT OVER AT LISBON

Anti-Jesuit Demonstrations Necessitate Special Police Service and Imposition of Censorship.

MADRID, March 10.—El Horado says there have been further anti-Jesuit manifestations in Lisbon and the Jesuit is now patrolling the city. Strict censorship is enforced.

LISBON, March 10.—Upon a manifesto against the Jesuits by the students of the Polytechnic school the police entered the school and struck many with swords. The wounded are some infantry and cavalry cadets. The students have addressed resolutions to the House of Peers and Chamber of Deputies denouncing the police.

NO CARLIST BANDS THERE

Spanish Officials Deny That Pretender's Allies Are Becoming Active in Catalonia.

MADRID, March 10.—At the next council of the ministry the dates for the dissolution of Parliament and the general election will be fixed.

In official circles it is denied that two bands of Carlists have made their appearance in Catalonia.

CARRIE'S NOTES FROM HADES

Mrs. Nation Prints Them as a Feature of the New Smasher's Mail.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 10.—The initial number of Mrs. Carrie Nation's newspaper, the Smasher's Mail, is a four-column sixteen-page paper containing several half-tone illustrations of various scenes during the late quiet crusade. Mrs. Nation says in her salutatory:

"I have no apologies to make in having Nick Chiles for the publisher of the Smasher's Mail. Our savior ate with publicans and sinners to do them good. The servant is not above his Lord. This paper shall be as His name, the Smasher's Mail. I shall put into the columns the letters I get from all over, even those I get from across the water. Those wishing to say anything through the columns of the Smasher's Mail must put it in the form of a letter and use briefly—the soul of wit—for I refuse to have any editorial matter. I have had a severe lesson in Peoria from allowing someone else to attend to what I ought to, therefore I alone am responsible for what goes in."

On the fourth page is found a picture of the negro, Nick Chiles, the publisher. Underneath are the lines: "Business manager of the Smasher's Mail and the Plain Dealer, who went to the relief of Mrs. Nation when deserted by the Law and Order people."

PRINTS HER OWN PICTURE

The first page contains a halftone of Mrs. Nation. The departments under which the letters are published in the Smasher's Mail are: "Letters from Hell," "Letters from Honest People," "Appeals for Help," "Some Forgery," "Notes and Comments," "Intemperance and Invitations," "Snap Shots" and "Answers to Correspondents."

Some of the paragraphs in the paper are:

"We solicit advertisements of all that is useful and beautiful and that will be to the glory of God."

"Why didn't the legislature pass a law prohibiting prisoners the use of tobacco, whiskey or to play cards in jail? Why build again the things which they destroy?"

"I was glad to notice that anarchy was not endorsed by McFarland and Sheldon."

"You want to be in the band wagon with the preachers and good women? Verily, I say unto you, Mr. Lindsay, you must be born again."

"In justice to Mr. Cook and family I will say my confinement was almost pleasant, if it had not been for the cigarette smoke. I have three male a day and a good deal. It is a first-class hotel beside the Wichita jail house, with its maniacs, cigarettes and green persimmons. The turkey, Mr. Dodd, was kind to me."

LOOKS DARK FOR AUNT CARRIE

Jury's Sealed Verdict Thought to Convince Her of Wrecking the Wichita Boomtown.

WICHITA, Kan., March 10.—A sealed verdict was returned this afternoon in the case of the State against Mrs. Carrie Nation, Lucy Whitlock, Julia Evans and Lydia Muntz, charged with wrecking a saloon here on Jan. 21.

The verdict will be read in the district court in the morning. It is thought that the verdict finds her guilty as charged, as eleven of the jury members are said to have favored conviction at midnight last night. The jury had deliberated twenty-four hours.

STEADY MAN FOR STARGAZING

Secretaries Favor Securing Best Available Astronomical Service Permanently at Observatory.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—It appears that the trouble at the naval observatory is not altogether of a personal nature. It involves the old question of whether the observatory should be under the superintendency of a line officer of the navy or of a professional astronomer. The latter view has been held by the astronomical profession since the days of the late Secretary of the Navy, and also by such secretaries as Secretary Tracy and Secretary Long.

This is not founded upon the finding of persons qualified in the line of the navy or upon any dissatisfaction with the present incumbent, but upon the fact that the present restriction to civilian and naval officers are subject at short intervals to prevent continuity of administration, and also upon the principle that the appointment of superintendent should be made from persons in or out of the naval service.

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AMERICANS MOST MERCIFUL

All Other Foreigners in Peking Have Done Some Kicking on Their Own Account.

LONDON, March 11.—It is not likely that the powers will oppose the schemes of Russia. The Peking correspondent of the Morning Post, writing Saturday, says: "The situation is regarded as very gloomy. Even the Chinese plenipotentiaries declare openly that intervention by the powers is not desirable unless they are prepared to back up their protests."

"There are reports from the province of Shan Si that the Chinese are constructing large bodies of troops to resist an advance of the allies."

"General Chaffee refuses to allow the deportation of several notorious Boxer chiefs, guilty of murder, whom a Chinese judge has condemned. The Americans are the only foreigners who have carried out no executions in Peking."

STORMS GATE OF GREAT WALL

Ledburg's Column Reported by Von Waldersee to Have Captured Four Guns.

BERLIN, March 11.—The War office has received the following dispatch from Count von Waldersee:

"PEKING, March 10.—Colonel Ledburg's column stormed a gate of the great wall sixteen miles west of Pao Ting Fu Friday, March 8, capturing four guns."

ROBBERS GET CASH AND BONDS

Successfully Use Section Hands' Tools in Gaining Access to Springer's Bank at Argonia.

ARGONIA, Kan., March 10.—The private bank of J. H. Springer was robbed here last night by three men and \$2,000 in cash and \$4,000 in registered government 3 per cent bonds were secured. About \$10 in gold and \$5,000 in bonds were left untouched.

The robbers secured their tools from the Santa Fe section house nearby. The vault was entered through the brick wall and the safe was blown open with nitroglycerine. The robbery was not known until this morning.

SPANISH GUNBOAT ASHORE

MADRID, March 11.—The Spanish gunboat Leon is ashore near Huelva, about fifty miles southwest of Seville.

THIRTY THOUSAND RESIST

General Fu Hsiang and Prince Tuan Prepare to Oppose Arrest.

JAPANESE SHOW GREAT ACTIVITY

Order New Battleship to Hasten to Yokohama to Back Demand for Advantages in Korea.

SHANGHAI, March 10.—Dispatches from Lau Chai assert that General Tung Fu Hsiang, with 20,000 men, and Prince Tuan, with 10,000 men, are at Ning Hui prepared to resist arrest.

The China Gazette announces that Sheng, the viceroy, has memorialized the throne in favor of the abolition of the Bkin duties and that all the viceroys and governors support him.

LONDON, March 10.—"The Japanese battleship Hatake, just completed in England, has been ordered to proceed hither with all possible speed," says the Yokohama correspondent of the Daily Mail. Other orders given to the Japanese navy indicate the seriousness with which the Japanese government views the situation in the far east.

Well informed Japanese regard Russia's action in Manchuria as a gigantic bluff, inspired by the notion that England's hands are tied to South Africa, and that Germany is only half-hearted in the maintenance of Chinese integrity a coalition with Japan is improbable and Japan is too much embarrassed in her finances to do more than protest and endeavor to secure compensation advantages in Korea.

"China's signature of the Manchurian convention is practically assured," says the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, "because Russia last August sent to the emperor-dowager 7,500 pounds of bar silver."

LI HUNG CHANG VERY SICK

Physician Says Life Hangs Only by a Thread—Court Anxious to Return.

PEKIN, March 11.—Li Hung Chang is said seriously ill and his physician says his life hangs by a thread.

Li attributes the action of the emperor by spreading rumors of the court's unwillingness to return to Peking unless that thing is done, that can influence the deliberations of the ministers of the power.

As a matter of fact, according to reliable reports from Sian Fu, the imperial palace are extremely uncomfortable at Sian Fu, where they live in the house of the governor, which is only a small structure.

French missionaries who have just returned from Sian Fu believe the emperor-dowager would bring the court back to Peking on the first offer of the allies, having as a basis the removal of the troops except the legation guards.

The United States signal corps will be required to leave in a week, according to instructions. No transport has been announced, however.

JOHN BULL LOSING HIS GRIP

Yang Tse Country No Longer Under Single Control, But Fast Becoming Cosmopolitan.

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