

TORNADO IN ALABAMA

Sweeps Jones Valley Leaving Broad Path of Death and Rain.

WORST AT BIRMINGHAM AND IRONDALE

Twenty Negroes and Five White Persons Reported Killed.

PROPERTY LOSS IS PROBABLY \$350,000

Churches, Stores, Residences and Railroad Buildings Are Destroyed.

EIGHTEEN BODIES SO FAR RECOVERED

Five and Police Departments Are Still at Work Among the Ruins, Finding Many Seriously Injured.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 25.—Shortly before 10 o'clock this morning a fearful tornado swept Jones valley and the southern part of this city. The number of killed is tonight estimated at twenty-five, of whom five are white. The destruction of property is placed at \$350,000. Eighteen bodies had been recovered up to 7 p. m. and scores of injured have been removed to the hospitals.

Among the dead are Dr. G. C. Chapman of the firm of Tally & Chapman, who conducted a private infirmary in this city, and the late and infirm child of Robert J. Lowe, chairman of the democratic state executive committee. Following is the list of identified dead and known injured:

- The dead: DR. G. C. CHAPMAN. MRS. ROBERT J. LOWE. INFANT CHILD OF MRS. LOWE. J. ALEXANDER. LITTLE DAUGHTER OF B. B. HUDSON. F. MYRO, colored, collector Union Mutual association of Mobile. CARRIE HUDSON, colored. MAGGIE BLVINGS, colored. CARRIE HENRY, colored. LIZZIE GLEN, colored. COOK FOR B. B. HUDSON, colored. UNKNOWN CARPENTER, struck by flying lumber.

- List of injured: Fatally injured: Mrs. E. H. Thomas. Mrs. W. H. Thomas. Mrs. D. D. McLaughlin. Mrs. J. Ferguson. Mrs. Mylum. Carrie Elm, colored. Injured: John Dillon. Ham Bright, Detroit, back of head cut. Child of Mrs. McLaughlin. Mrs. Stevens. L. L. Holtan, arm broken. Sarah Adams, colored, arm broken. Albert Glenn, colored. Jerusha Glenn, colored. Green Curry, colored. Carrie Elmore, colored, not expected to live. Mary Goodlaw, colored, arm and leg broken. Sarah Thwaitt, colored, arm broken. Dave Elmore, colored, serious internal injury. Sarah Elmore, colored, serious internal injury. Mrs. Lynch and daughter, internal injuries. Frank Krimsey, arm broken and head bruised. Louisa Martin, colored, struck by flying timber. Rhea Curry, colored, arm broken and head bruised. Mrs. F. G. Schaffer and baby, slight injuries. Mrs. Kates and daughter, slight injuries. Mr. and Mrs. Doercker, slightly injured. W. W. Doercker, bruised and badly cut. W. P. Dickerson, scalp wound and concussion, serious. Mrs. Joel E. Macapocan, badly bruised. Mrs. Jane Lane, injured about head. Jim Wilson, colored, sick in bed with pneumonia; was badly bruised. Mrs. Calloway, colored, badly fractured arm. Will Calloway, colored, scalp wounds. Ned Thomas, colored, face cut slightly. Lee Richardson, arm bruised and finger broken.

FROM GREEN SPRINGS TO AVONDALE.

The storm struck the city in the extreme southwestern corner and plowed its way eastward, leaving a path 150 feet wide through the entire southern section, and tearing from Green Springs on the west to Avondale on the east, and continued its course until its fury was spent in the mountains beyond Irondale, a small town, six miles east of the city.

MAKES EVEN MORE TREMBLE

Rain and Hail Beat in Glass Fronts, Kill Stock and Ruin Fruit Trees.

URNS WARM AFTER THE STORM

Storm Has Abated and Trains Moving as Usual—Live Stock All Right.

DENVER, March 25.—The storm which raged in Colorado and Wyoming yesterday and last night has passed away and almost raised it to the ground. The 11-year-old daughter of John Krusner was caught under the debris and severely injured. A house occupied by Taylor Hansen, nearby, was unroofed and three small negro houses near there were demolished.

STRIKES NEGRO SETTLEMENT. Beyond the grove the storm cloud swooped down upon a negro settlement and the cabins were crushed, not one being left in its pathway. Carrie Elm, a negro woman, was buried beneath the debris, but most of the negroes escaped with slight injuries and, after the storm had passed, gathered around the wreckage, thankful that they had escaped with their lives.

Eastward the storm swept, cutting its way through another strip of woods, striking...

SHEBOYGAN RIVER OVERFLOWS

Loosening of the Ice Results in Flooding in Factories Along the Banks.

SHEBOYGAN, Wis., March 25.—The ice in the Sheboygan river has loosened up and today began its downward course. The water is about three or four feet above the banks, the Sheboygan Pea Cannery and an American Folding Bed company water about four feet.

MILWAUKEE, March 25.—Sawville, a village fifteen miles north of the city is under water today as a result of the ice gorge formed in the Milwaukee river at that point. Two bridges have been swept away.

FLOODS IN MANY PLACES. MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 25.—The heavy rains and the thaw throughout Wisconsin for the last three days have caused high water marks in Sheboygan, Oshkosh, Fond Du Lac, Saukville and other cities are having the worst experiences.

At Watwatosa the river is threateningly high. At Black River falls the Black river is on a rampage. It rose about eight feet today and is still rising. The ice is going out and damage to property will be heavy unless the water recedes.

At La Crosse dynamite was used this afternoon to break up the gorge in the La Crosse river within the city limits, which has formed a barrier to carry away the bridge between the north and south sides.

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MANCHURIAN CRISIS TODAY

Russia-China Agreement, if Still Unsigned, Will Lapse Tonight.

JAPAN PREPARES FOR PROMPT ACTION

If Czar's Diplomats Succeed the Island Empire Will Not Hesitate to Strike, Confidence of Winning.

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MONARCHIST PLOT IN BRAZIL

Admiral Mello Under Arrest and Others in Army and Navy Watched.

NEW YORK, March 25.—A dispatch to the Herald from Rio Janeiro says: Great excitement prevails here over the arrest of Admiral Custodio Jose Mello and others on account of the revelations of a monarchist plot, through the office of Brazil's Admiral, Admiral Mello, being the executioner taken by the government to prevent any outbreak. Apprehension centers about the navy. The war vessels are being closely guarded, as it is believed the officers are not trustworthy.

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ABANDONS ITS GREAT WORK

Legislature Decides to Leave Its Task Mostly Uncompleted.

EARLY ADJOURNMENT DEATH TO BILLS

Laws Needed and Promoted Left in All Stages of Preparation by the Decision to Quit on Thursday.

LINCOLN, March 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The vote in the senate, adopting the report of the joint committee on adjournment, fixed the close of the session for Thursday next. While the last day of the session may be protracted by turning back the clock the constitutional requirement that every bill be read on three different days in each branch of the legislature before its passage makes this early adjournment tantamount to killing all the measures that have not passed one house or the other by noon tomorrow.

It may as well be understood now as later that this early adjournment is brought about by the co-operation of railroad corporations that are fighting the election of D. E. Thompson and at the same time trying to stave off adverse legislation and the fusionists who are willing to put the onus on the republicans for failing to legislate and also failing to break the senatorial deadlock. The vote in the senate was 15 to 14, four republicans voting with the fusionists, two of them being leaders of the so-called anti's.

Deaths of Party Pledges. The worst feature of the move is its probable effect on the party measures, pledged by the republicans in the platform on which the state was carried for McKinley and the state ticket. No appropriation bill has yet been put through, although every one knows that one of the present factors in making the legislature republican was a desire to have the state restricted for congressional and legislative purposes in a way that would not go to the disadvantage of the republican party and insure the state against populism for years to come. It is said that Senator Van Hook, voided with the fusionists on the adjournment proposition with the idea that it would force an extra session for the purpose of considering appropriation, in which he is especially interested. An examination of the constitution shows that the provision relating to appropriation imposes that duty on the regular legislative session directly after the census enumeration and at no other time. If an appropriation were had at an extra session its constitutionality would be open to question and with the supreme court constituted as it is, with a majority fusion, it would be running great chances of being knocked out if attacked in the courts.

No New Ballot Law. As with the appropriation bill the same with the ballot legislation. One bill designed to require candidates to appear by more than one party to choose which party designation they wish to appear under on the official ballot has passed the senate, but has been stalled in the house. The ballot law reported from the elections committee of the house was ordered engrossed for a third reading in the house this afternoon, and will be put on its passage tomorrow, but it will have to make fast tracks to reach the senate and go through the regular course there, even if it had no opposition to encounter.

Saves Lee Herdman's Grant. Another beneficiary of adjournment is the salary of Lee Herdman, who has been in relief from the downfall of bills to cut off his absorption of supreme court fees. Governor Dietrich has been after Herdman pretty hard, and sent in a message today with another bill intended to clip his wings, but the senate has not yet taken up the bill, and Herdman will shake hands with himself for having killed off three bills already, to say nothing of opening the safety valve on his exchequer.

At to Omaha measures, a large bunch have been caught hanging in midair and it would take a miracle to land them. The paving bill, and the salary increase bill, and the real estate abstractors' bill and a lot of other measures, to push which delegations have been making the trains heavy between Omaha and Lincoln, are quite likely to be sidetracked.

Sentiments of the Governor. The effect of adjournment and all its consequences upon the party naturally excites considerable discussion. Governor Dietrich, when asked what he thought of it, replied: "You can say I am deeply disappointed. Not only are a great many measures that deserve consideration cut off, but in the time remaining it will be impossible to give the attention that ought to be given to the appropriation bills providing for the expenses of the state government."

What about an extra session? I don't want to talk about it. Unless I change my mind there will be no extra session. An extra session would cost the taxpayers from \$20,000 upwards. The legislature should do its work in its regular session. I am disappointed, that's all.

State Chairman Harry Lindsey was present during this interview and lent his endorsement to it. Its effect on the senatorial situation, by being put in an impossible position by adjournment in joint session after Thursday, has not yet been fully realized, but will certainly be a chief topic of talk from now on.

Callahan Wants Benefit. Asks That Henderson Confess That He is Not One of the Cuddey Kidnappers.

DALLAS, Tex., March 25.—Sheriff Johnson received a letter from Charles W. Haller of Omaha, attorney for James Callahan, who is charged with being one of the Cuddey kidnapers, in which Haller asks if H. C. Henderson, who accused himself of this crime, will give a deposition for the benefit of Callahan. Henderson declined to give an answer for publication, but maintains that he is the guilty party.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Tuesday; Rising Temperature; Winds Becoming Southerly; Wednesday Fair.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour. Deg. Hour. Deg. 5 a. m. 34 11 a. m. 38 6 a. m. 37 12 m. 37 7 a. m. 37 1 p. m. 37 8 a. m. 36 2 p. m. 35 9 a. m. 34 3 p. m. 35 10 a. m. 34 4 p. m. 35 11 a. m. 37 5 p. m. 35 12 m. 37 6 p. m. 33

HANNA'S VIEW OF NEBRASKA

Says Such a Deadlock is an Argument in Favor of Popular Vote for Senators.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The Times says: United States Senator Hanna was interviewed last night on matters of public interest. He said: "So far as I am personally concerned, I am opposed to the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. Still, I can see that an amendment to the constitution providing for the popular election of senators will be a desirable measure. Deadlocks in legislatures, as in Nebraska and Delaware. We should be very conservative in tinkering with the constitution. The trouble with the present method is that the will of the people, as expressed at the polls, is sometimes done or held up indefinitely. Why, after the last national election, there was delay in choosing United States senators in accordance with the expressed will of the people in five or six states. And here we have two states each carried by the republicans, each with a republican legislature, deprived of representation in the United States senate—Delaware and Nebraska.

"The deadlock in Nebraska makes every republican legislator. The party there is clearly divided into two camps. The victory, all that I have done as chairman of the national committee in both Delaware and Nebraska has been to favor the election of two republican senators. It has been stated in the Philadelphia papers that it was using my influence in favor of Mr. Adkins in Delaware. The statement was untrue. I have said no word in favor of any person or faction as against another. As my action was in Delaware so it has been and still is in Nebraska. "The time for the election in Nebraska will expire during this week and I hope something will develop tomorrow favorable to breaking the deadlock."

AGAINST GRAIN COMBINE

Farmers of Kansas Intend to Run Elevators of Their Own.

KANSAS CITY, March 25.—The farmers of central Kansas are organizing against what they call the grain combine. It is now the center of working opposition to the so-called grain combine is at Solomon, but farmers around Abilene, Salina and McPherson are getting ready to join. A Solomon forty-three farmers have organized a stock company and will run an elevator of their own. At Salina a similar scheme is on foot, though the company is not ready, like the one at Solomon, to incorporate and actually go into business. A. T. Collins, vice president