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## GALE DOES BIG HAVOC

Lives Lost, Property Destroyed and Many People Badly Injured.

### CHURCHES STRICKEN BY FIERCE GALE

Minister Seriously Hurt and Two Worshippers Are Killed.

### ANOTHER CONGREGATION ALSO SUFFERS

People of Edifice Blown into Ruins of Worship.

### OHIO VALLEY IS SCENE OF DISASTERS

Terrific Wind Sweeps Through Portions of Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, Doing Great Damage.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 30.—One of the fiercest wind storms ever known in this section struck the city today just before noon and did almost incalculable damage to property and injured many people, many of whom will die as a result. Scores of houses were wrecked, many trees were blown down, mill stacks toppled over and telegraph and telephone wires were generally demolished.

The most serious accident was the overthrowing of the Knoxville Presbyterian church in Knoxville. The church at the time was filled with an Easter congregation numbering about 600 persons. While the minister was in the midst of his sermon, a particularly strong gust of wind blew over the large chimney and lifted a portion of the roof of the building. The bricks from the chimney crashed through the roof and carried a huge piece of the hardwood ceiling, measuring about 40x20 feet, down upon the worshippers in the pews.

### Panic Among Worshippers.

An indescribable panic ensued and a frantic rush was made for the doors and windows. At least forty persons were caught by the wreckage and more or less hurt. Of this number five may not recover. The most seriously injured are: Dr. R. J. Phillips, 40 years of age, may die.

Curtis Ray Knight, probably fatal. Clarence McNulty, may die. F. Byron, serious.

David Smith, 32, serious. Joseph Adams, 21, badly crushed. Albert Schmidt, 14, both arms broken and head cut.

John Mayer, 17, head and face cut. Thomas Mechin, 15, arms and head cut. Ryan Jones, 22, serious.

Mrs. Rachel Schuler, 35, arms broken. The tow boat Belle McGowan was blown over in the Ohio river and completely wrecked. Its crew was rescued.

Jones & Laughlins had fourteen of their furnace stacks blown down, necessitating the shut down of a portion of their plant for weeks.

### Crash Interrupts Benediction.

At Rev. J. W. English, pastor of the Robinson Run United Presbyterian church, near McDonald, was raising his arms to pronounce the benediction, lightning struck the church spire and it toppled upon the roof, crushing the pastor and carrying a number of worshippers, two of whom will die.

The injured are: Robert Patterson, aged 10 years, will die. Leon Averill, aged 11 years, will die. Mrs. John Patterson, mother of Robert. Mrs. Mary G. Wallace. Mrs. J. B. Smith. Mrs. A. B. Smith. Mrs. C. D. Smith. Mrs. E. F. Smith. Mrs. G. H. Smith. Mrs. I. J. Smith. Mrs. K. L. Smith. Mrs. M. N. Smith. Mrs. O. P. Smith. Mrs. Q. R. Smith. Mrs. S. T. Smith. Mrs. U. V. Smith. Mrs. W. X. Smith. Mrs. Y. Z. Smith.

### Have All Along the Line.

Belated reports from nearby towns up to midnight show that the wind played havoc in every town in its track.

At Mingo Junction, O., the wind caught the big structural steel bridge of the National Steel construction plant and carried it along the tracks until it was stopped by another ore bridge, which was sent spinning to the end of the track, where it fell, a shapeless mass of iron. The bridges cost \$20,000 and will take five months to rebuild.

At Belle Vernon, Pa., thousands of dollars will be required to repair the storm damage. The American Window Glass company's plant was unroofed, several smokestacks being blown down and a wall blown in. Several of the houses belonging to the company were wrecked.

At Greensburg, Pa., the damage was considerable. Nearly 9,000 feet of roof of the Keeley & Jones plant was carried away and cast into a fish pond a third of a mile distant.

The churches dismissed their congregations and while many of the congregations were lingering about the First Presbyterian church doors, waiting for the storm to abate, the great coils of the edifice was caught by the wind and toppled into the street. Curiously, a heavy fragment of the steeple was carried over several houses and across a vacant lot and cast through a window of Zion's Lutheran church. Fortunately, no one was hurt.

At Jeanette, LaSalle and New Alexandria, a number of houses were unroofed, but no great damage done.

Mill Is Blown Down. At Washington, Pa., the new bar mill of the Griffith Tin Plate company was blown down, entailing a loss of \$10,000. The plant was completely wrecked.

Five houses owned by William Campbell were blown down and the Roman Catholic and the Third United Presbyterian churches were considerably damaged. Many private residences lost roofs and windows. It is expected greater losses will be reported tomorrow when the country districts can be heard from.

More than 2,000 lights of glass in the Phelps conservatory of Schenley park were broken and much of the gorgeous Easter flower display ruined.

The Montana apartment house and the Idaho building, which adjoins it, were partially destroyed. The roof of the big forge plant at Rankin was lifted off and carried many yards away.

The damage in the Monongahela and Tur-

## BRITISH VESSEL IS SUNK

Wrecked in Collision with an American Ship in English Waters.

LONDON, March 30.—The British steamer Holyrod, Captain Benton, from Portland, Me., March 15, for London, has sunk after colliding March 27, with the Leyland line steamer, the F. F. Houston, from Liverpool, March 25, for Barbadoes, Trinidad and Galveston, Tex. The crew of Holyrod, numbering twenty-eight men, boarded Bernard Hall, which has arrived at Queenstown, with its bows stove in.

The collision occurred at 8 o'clock in the evening in a dense fog, at a point 75 miles west of Fastnet. Both vessels were going slowly at the time. Captain Benton and Captain Cassentine were on the bridges of their respective steamers and a careful lookout was being kept. The approaching steamer, the F. Houston, until it was

Bernard Hall struck Holyrod broad on the port side, and ripped a gash in the latter steamer, which extended into its engine rooms.

Boats were quickly lowered from both vessels. The crew of Holyrod scrambled out of their steamer, which sank twenty minutes after being struck.

Holyrod was owned by the Holyrod Steamship company, limited, (Raebarux and Vere), Glasgow. It was of 1,735 tons net register.

## CUPID DOES QUICK WORK

Effects an Engagement After but Four Days of Acquaintance.

NEW YORK, March 30.—J. E. Oglesby, son of the late Richard J. Oglesby, once governor of Illinois, arrived on the American liner, Paul. When he stepped ashore he announced his engagement to Miss Ida Rogers, daughter of Thomas Rogers of this city.

The two were introduced to each other when the steamer was two days' out from Southampton and the engagement was made on the fourth. The announcement was made at a dinner given on board the steamer Saturday by Mrs. George S. Wheelock.

The guests at the dinner were: General McCoskey Butt, W. J. Adams, W. J. Burdick, Mrs. A. F. Boulton, Mrs. H. E. Colby, William W. Coe, Jr., Mrs. E. E. Colby of New York, Mrs. C. Delwiche of London, J. T. Lodge of Boston, John D. Load of New York, Miss A. M. Mitchell, Mrs. E. P. Mitchell of Paris and Mrs. F. J. Upper of New York.

The wedding will take place, it is said, within a month.

## TEN THOUSAND ARE DESTITUTE

Governor Declines Choctaw Nation Is in Starving Condition.

SOUTH MALESTER, I. T., March 30.—Governor G. W. Dimes, principal chief of the Choctaw nation, has addressed an appeal to Thomas Ryan, acting secretary of the interior, asking for aid for 10,000 destitute citizens of the Choctaw nation. The request comes as a surprise, as destitution was not known to exist to such an extent.

The governor says the Choctaw people are poverty stricken, and many are in actual starvation. Appeals have been made to me, some calling to me to provide ways and means of assistance, while others are driven to beg for breadstuffs. I would say as a conservative estimate that at least 10,000 of them are in destitute circumstance. If the general distress is not relieved the condition threatens to become serious with them all.

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## CHEAP CANDIES TO COST MORE

Trust Likely to Be Formed to Put Up the Price of Cut-Hate Sweets.

KANSAS CITY, March 30.—According to Captain Burrell Gunther of Chicago, general manager of the Guthrie Candy factory, who is here on private business, there probably will be formed soon a candy trust that will have for its object the regulation of candy prices. The trust will be composed of candymakers who manufacture only the cheaper grades of candies. Captain Gunther says the trust is completely formed, but that the establishment of such a trust will probably mean an advance in the price of the cheap candy.

## FIVE DEATHS ON THE VOYAGE

Soldiers Die on Way Home from the Philippine Battlefields.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—The transport Kilauea arrived today from Manila, with the Seventeenth infantry and discharged soldiers, nearly 1,000 in number. There were five deaths on the voyage. Shortly after leaving Manila Mrs. F. F. Pope, widow of Lieutenant Colonel B. F. Pope, died. Mrs. Pope was bringing the remains of her husband home. The other deaths were: V. Thompson, corporal Company D, Twenty-first infantry; Wilbur I. Leake, private, Twenty-second infantry; Private M. Stuart, Twenty-fourth infantry; J. J. B. Riley, a civilian.

## BANKER JUMPS INTO RIVER

Terre Haute Man Attempts Suicide by Plunging into the Mississippi.

ST. LOUIS, March 30.—Everett C. Baker of Terre Haute, Ind., former cashier of a bank at Harrisburg, Ill., attempted suicide by jumping into the Mississippi river here today, but the interference of the police defeated his efforts. Papers on his person and statements made to the police led them to believe he was formerly connected with McKean's bank of Terre Haute. The police are holding him until the Terre Haute authorities can be heard from.

## RATHBONE OUT OF PRISON

Released on Writ of Habeas Corpus and Will Ask for Bail.

HAVANA, March 29.—Estes G. Rathbone will appear tomorrow before the supreme court, which has granted him a writ of habeas corpus. Senior Lanusa, counsel for Rathbone, will ask that his client be granted bail under article 63 of the penal code at Lanusa's claim that the reasons why the court ordered him to be imprisoned without bail do not apply to his case.

## FLOODS CONTINUE IN SOUTH

Devastated Area Expands and Loss Reaches Four Million Dollars.

NEW YORK, March 30.—The steamer Pretoria of the Quebec line returned to its port tonight with 8 in its forward hold. Its passengers came in a short time previously on the steamer Nordland of the American line, which was transferred to sea.

Pretoria is anchored at Tompkinsville and the freightboats from the city were dispatched as soon as the news of the fire was received. Nordland is anchored at quarantine and the passengers taken from Pretoria will be landed in the morning, after which it will proceed on its voyage to Liverpool.

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At 9 o'clock the steamer Nordland came in sight. It was hauled from Philadelphia to Liverpool. Pretoria signaled it and it was soon alongside. While Nordland lay close by Captain McKean began a thorough search of the hold to ascertain where the fire was. He found that the shipment of hay in the front compartment was blazing quite fiercely, and what accelerated the danger was that the next compartment was loaded with petroleum. Captain McKean then decided to remove his passengers, who were transferred to the Nordland.

The bridge of the Nashville & Knoxville railroad at Lancaster, a 300-foot span, said to have cost \$100,000, went down Saturday night.

It was predicted at Carthage that the Cumberland would go beyond the floodtide of 1882. If such be the case the work of destruction is not yet over. There is no communication with Linden, in Perry county, or with Lynchburg, in Moore county, but both sections are believed to be seriously damaged. From figures available the following fatalities are given:

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At Harrison: TWO UNIDENTIFIED. After a terrible night in the top of a tree in the Hermitage district, three men were rescued at an early hour this morning.

Loss in Other Sections. KNOXVILLE, Tenn., March 30.—Loss by the flood which swept Emory valley Saturday may reach as high as \$500,000. The loss in Roane and Morgan counties when the full story is known. At Harrison the loss will be between \$50,000 and \$125,000. At Oaktide the loss is not more than \$10,000 but it is on the farms along the Emory river where the greatest damage, it is feared, has been done.

The flooded section of Harrison presented a desolate appearance today. Marks of the flood are plainly to be seen and the whole country presents a devastated appearance. The city lighting plant cannot be operated for a week or more. The majority of the homeless are sheltered in the Women's American Temperance union.

MEMPHIS, March 30.—Advices from the flooded district in Tennessee are that the floods are receding and that the worst is over.

The damage to railroads, farms and other property will foot up an enormous sum. It is reported that many negroes lost their lives, but the exact number cannot be given at present.

In the eastern part of the state, has had no railroad communication for several days. Railroad traffic continues paralyzed in that section.

Traffic Still Suspended. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., March 30.—Traffic is still suspended between this city and Nashville, owing to washouts by floods. Trains will likely not resume running between here and Nashville on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railway before Wednesday. Traffic is also tied up on the Memphis division of the Southern railway out of Chattanooga, but trains will be moving by Tuesday. Trains are running regularly on the Cincinnati Southern and the Alabama Great Southern.

A great amount of lumber and logs is floating down the Tennessee river. Thousands of dollars will be lost from this source alone.

MURFREESBORO, Tenn., March 30.—In the Eighteenth district of Buchanan county it is believed that Will Adams, a farmer, his wife and five children have perished in the flood, which has done great damage in the eastern portion of that county. Saturday night neighbors heard Adams calling for help, which they were powerless to give, and this is all that has been heard from Adams and his family since.

Worst Disaster of the Kind. TULLAHOMA, Tenn., March 30.—As the details slowly come in from the surrounding country Friday evening's storm proved to have been the most disastrous that ever visited this section. Several lives were lost and the loss of property will amount to thousands of dollars. On the main line of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad, between Corner Station and Watrache, the Duck river bridge, the Little Garrison bridge and several miles of track were washed away. No trains have arrived from Nashville since noon Friday and the reports from engineers and railroad officials are that the damage cannot be repaired before Wednesday at the earliest. On the McMinnville branch the bridge near Squarta Station was carried away and in many places long stretches of track. It will be several days before trains can get through to McMinnville and Sparta. As a result Tullahoma is crowded with passengers who cannot get to their destination.

The report from McMinnville is that at Walker the downpour and rush of water was so sudden that two lives were lost and several cabins washed away. At Manchester the stone flouring mill on Duck river was carried two miles down the

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## SNOW BLIGHTS EASTER PLANS

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## CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska - Fair Monday; Tuesday Fair, Warmer; Northern Winds, Becoming Variable.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour.	Temp.	Hour.	Temp.
5 a. m. ....	36	1 p. m. ....	37
6 a. m. ....	38	2 p. m. ....	35
7 a. m. ....	31	3 p. m. ....	30
8 a. m. ....	32	4 p. m. ....	27
9 a. m. ....	31	5 p. m. ....	26
10 a. m. ....	33	6 p. m. ....	28
11 a. m. ....	32	7 p. m. ....	27
12 m. ....	30	8 p. m. ....	27
		9 p. m. ....	24

## TRAGEDY SEQUEL TO DESPAIR

Disheartened Lover Kills His Fiancee and Then Takes His Own Life.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Corleas park was the scene of a double tragedy last night. A young Hebrew woman, probably 25 years of age, was shot and killed by a youth of about 20 years, who then killed himself.

Before the shooting the man and woman were seen seated on a park bench. A policeman saw the man place the revolver to the woman's head. She made no resistance and from this fact it is the theory of the police that the attack had been as carried out had been planned by the two.

The "man in the case was Sigmund Bianco, and the girl was a Jewess, formerly of Philadelphia, who came here several months ago; she was a dressmaker of this city. They had known each other in Poland, where he had courted her and continued his attentions when they came to this country. The girl told her parents that Bianco wanted to marry her and that he said she was making \$15 a week. Ida said she did not believe it and last week asked him to bring his pay envelope to her Saturday night and if it contained \$15 she would marry him and let him have \$25.

Bianco's homesteads say he worked extra hard last week, but did not make more than \$9. He and the girl went walking last evening. It is believed that when they reached Corleas park Bianco in despair at not being able to show the girl her money, was unable to comply with the terms she insisted on, killed her and then himself.

## BOYS TRY TO WRECK A TRAIN

Seek Revenge for Being Put Off a Rock Island Passenger.

TRIDENT, Mo., March 30.—George Bosch, aged 16 years, and George Young, aged 20, sons of respectable parents of this city, made an unsuccessful attempt late Saturday night to wreck the eastbound Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific passenger train No. 12, about five miles east of here. The track at this point is on a high embankment and a detaining dam, which has occurred without the loss of many lives. Both boys were arrested and one has confessed. Their motive appears to have been revenge for having been put off a freight train. Dime novels are also believed to have played a part.

Busch and Young had gone to Princeton, the next town, Saturday morning and on returning home tried to steal a ride on a freight train. The conductor put them off and they walked to within five miles of Trenton, where several heavy ties were piled across the rails along which the passenger was due to pass soon. Fortunately, a late freight train with one of the 1,400-ton class engines arrived at the spot a few minutes ahead of the passenger. The weight of the engine and the high rate of speed at which the train was going pushed the obstruction off the track without any damage being done. Word was telegraphed ahead to arrest Busch and Young and they were taken as they entered Trenton.

It was no such Easter day as that of a year ago. A year ago there was not a speck of snow, and the air was balmy and freighted with an incense of coming spring. But Easter days, unlike the hats they invoke, are not made to order. One can't send them back because they don't suit.

## Large Attendance at Churches.

Notwithstanding this freakish weather there was a large attendance at all of the churches, especially at the Catholic and Episcopal churches. The only difference between the morning and the afternoon congregations was that the morning congregations were more sober than the afternoon congregations, as they would otherwise have been. Nor did the elements detract from the beauty of the services. From the sanctuaries across the city came a low, steady hum, and it was only during the intervals between the anthems of joy that the rumbling of old Boreas could be heard about the eaves.

## DAY MADE MEMORABLE AT TRINITY.

Coadjutor Bishop Williams Conducts His First Easter Service There.

It was a memorable day for Trinity cathedral, when the first Easter in its history at which Coadjutor Bishop Williams officiated. It was memorable in other respects as well, as never before has there been such a number of communicants at the altar, or such a gratifying number of communicants—over 400. But there was an undercurrent of sadness in all this on account of the illness of Dean Campbell Fair, who since Christmas has been confined to his bed.

The chancel was beautifully decorated with flowers—pines, potted plants, Easter lilies and evergreens predominating—which were arranged on the north and south sides of the altar and about the base of the pulpit. Each member of the choir wore upon his vestments a lily of the valley. The three principal numbers on the musical program were the Introit, anthem, "Te Deum" in F; the offertory anthem, "Ave Maria"; and "Gloria in Excelsis." In the singing of which seventy trained voices joined. Fr. Wright played an organ accompaniment, "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates," and the "Hallelujah" chorus. At the conclusion of the service he was heartily congratulated by the bishop on the excellence of his music and upon the splendid work of the choir.

Bishop Williams, who was assisted in the service by Rev. George E. Platt, spoke from the text, "If Christ be not risen your faith is vain."

"It seems to me this morning that we don't require a sermon to prove the resurrection. The words of the text, 'If Christ be not risen your faith is vain,' are often out of harmony with our feelings; they frequently lay behind our sentiments, and when we see nature putting on her garments of verdure we need no man-made logic to convince us that the season of rejoicing for a risen Christ is at hand."

"The resurrection of Christ is the cornerstone of the arch of our religion, and this is what St. Paul means when he says, 'If Christ be not risen your faith is vain.' With the cornerstone gone the arch falls. It is the resurrection of Christ, it is the promise of immortality. How do we know we shall be immortal? In every human soul there is an irrepressible longing for life, and for every natural and beautiful longing there is satisfaction. Let us seek His ordinance, and His teachings, and His precepts. The spirit of joyous, undaunted faith—let this be our today."

## At Other Episcopal Churches.

The song service in celebration of Easter at St. John's Episcopal church was solemnly impressive, and the program was varied, containing many beautiful and difficult selections. The offertory solo, "He is Risen,"

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