

DEATH IN TORNADO

Storm Sweeps Alabama Town Completely Out of Existence.

TWELVE PERSONS PERISH IN THE RUINS

Farmer's Body is Carried Two Hundred Yards by Furious Wind.

NINE KILLED IN ARKANSAS CYCLONE

Church Torn From Foundation Travels Half a Mile in the Air.

BRICK WALLS CRUMBLE LIKE PAPER

Many Substantial Structures Collapse in an Instant, Hurrying Unfortunate Inmates to Mass of Twisted Rubbish.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 8.—The little hamlet of Hopeville, forty miles north of this city and one mile from Hanceville, was swept away early this morning by a tornado, which cut a path of desolation a mile wide and two miles long across a prosperous farming section of Blount county. Twelve persons were instantly killed, three or four fatally and a score seriously injured.

The dead: MR. AND MRS. NATHAN GRIFFIN. JAMES GRIFFIN. MISS GRIFFIN. HENRY M'COY. FRED M'COY. MISS WILDE M'COY. C. C. ODEN, planter. MISS NORMA ODEN. HESTER ODEN. MISS THELMA ODEN. MRS. C. C. ODEN.

Hour Awakens the People.

The storm came from the southeast with terrific force, blowing many people, some of whom fled from their homes in time to escape having the houses blown down on them.

Buildings were tossed about like paper boxes and several structures were blown 100 yards or more. The body of M'Coey, a farmer, was blown 200 yards and landed in a sandpit. The house of Mrs. John Norton was blown down, but the family escaped by crawling under the bed, onto which timbers and brick fell.

The houses of the Oden and Griffin families were broken to splinters and it seems marvelous that any of their occupants escaped death. Trees were uprooted in all directions and many were blown across the Louisville & Nashville track, delaying trains for a time.

Also Die in Arkansas.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 8.—A tornado swept through White and Cleburne counties, Arkansas, last night, leaving death and destruction in its path. Up to date nine are known to be dead, three dying and thirteen others badly injured.

Little Red, Albion, Bradford, Heber and Pangburn have been heard from thus far. The dead:

JIM LEGGETT, Little Red. JOE LEGGETT, Little Red. TOM KING AND WIFE, Little Red. THREE KING CHILDREN. GIRL SCHOOL TEACHER, who was boarding at King's.

A. C. WILLIAMS, near Heber. Among the injured are:

Mrs. A. C. Williams, not expected to live. Miss Barkhausen, Little Red, leg broken and skull fractured. Mrs. Henry Wells, injured internally, fatally.

Several houses were blown down at Bradford and one man was badly injured. The tornado came from the west and spent its force before it reached Bradford. It is feared the little town of Hiram, with a population of 150, has been wiped off the map. It is near Heber, and in the storm's track.

Church Carried Half a Mile.

Owing to the meagre telegraph service available only the scantiest details are to hand tonight, but new stories of death and destruction are coming in every minute. Up to date forty-three residences and sixteen barns are known to have been destroyed, the storm leaving a desolate track a mile wide across the counties it traversed.

Williams was asleep in his house when the wind struck it. The building was torn from its foundation and thrown down the mountain side. He was killed instantly and his wife so seriously injured that her death is only a matter of time. At Pangburn, so strong was the storm that a church was lifted up and whirled over the countryside for half a mile before being dumped down again in the center of a field. Here, too, its residences were blown down and a flock of sheep and a number of cattle, hogs and horses were killed.

At Little Red Albert Kiler, Elbert Derrie, Walker Pollard, Mrs. Pollard and Tom King lost their houses, barns and other buildings.

OWINGSVILLE, Ky., April 8.—A tornado swept over this section early today, doing great damage to the tobacco plantations and buildings.

TORPEDO BOAT A SUCCESS

Discharges Torpedo and Strikes Target Squarely in Center at Long Distance.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—The Holland submarine torpedo boat Grampus has demonstrated its efficiency as a vessel of war by discharging a torpedo at a range of 350 yards and striking a stationary target squarely in the center.

The firing of the torpedo was the most important test of the value of the new fighting machine and the board of naval officers that witnessed the trial was highly pleased with the result.

CHISELS WILLARD IN MARBLE

Sculptors Will Create Statue of Temperance Worker for National Hall.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 8.—The house today passed a bill appropriating \$5,000 for the placing of a statue of Francis P. Willard in Statuary hall, Washington.

SITUATION IN THE BALKANS

Premier Balfour Says that the Saving Feature is Co-operation of Austria and Russia.

LONDON, April 8.—Parliament adjourned today for the Easter holidays. During the usual discussion of foreign affairs prior to the adjournment, Premier Balfour referred to the Balkan situation. He said the saving feature was the cordial co-operation of Austria and Russia with a view to improving the condition of the Christians. These two powers were more directly interested than any other if they could not succeed he has no doubt that the other signatories of the London treaty, as they were to end the state of things, would be able to advise the government for the disease afflicting that part of the Turkish empire.

OBJECT TO EDWARD'S TITLE

Malecontents in Scotland Say that He is Only the King of England.

EDINBURGH, Scotland, April 8.—There was a curious scene at the meeting here today called to make preparations for the forthcoming visit of King Edward to Scotland.

Several of the local Scottish officials refused to have anything to do with the king until he dropped the title of Edward VII. The objectors protested that the title was an insult to Scotland. They added that, judging from the addresses he received at Lisbon, even the king himself seemed to realize that he was only king of England. Considerable uproar prevailed, but the meeting ultimately refused to listen any further to the malecontents.

CHINA MUST PAY IN GOLD

United States Withdraws Silver Agreement, Although Bond is Non-Committal.

PEKIN, April 8.—It appears that the American financial agent acted without instructions in presenting the indemnity bond providing for payment in silver tael. Under instructions from the government he is substituting a bond providing for payment in gold dollars.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The bond which China is to deliver to the United States agent will stipulate simply for the payment of the indemnity on the basis of exchange at the date the agreement was signed in 1902. Whether the United States will exact payments in gold or silver, in the state department's opinion, concerns no other nation.

CHINA GETS ITS LAND BACK

Russia Keeps Treaty Stipulation by Evacuating Manchurian Province.

PEKIN, April 8.—Today was the date of the expiration of the treaty period of six months for the evacuation of the second province of Manchuria. During the last fortnight the Russians have been removing their troops, part of them going to Port Arthur and others to stations on the railway, but none leaving Manchuria. The local government is being transferred to the Chinese.

Mr. Robert Hart, inspector general of customs, has appointed a Russian commissioner of customs at Gutch Wang, in succession to an Englishman.

DREYFUS TO RE-ENTER ARMY

French Papers Claim Government Intends to Rehabilitate Martyred Officer.

PARIS, April 8.—The Dreyfus affair continues to interest the newspapers though there is no indication that the government will substitute a matter further after the chamber's adverse vote.

The war office today denied the report that War Minister Andre had begun to form an investigating committee. This denial is taken to strengthen the view that the government is not ready to proceed, but that anti-government newspapers assert that plans are on foot to restore Dreyfus to his place in the army.

TROOPS AT OPORTO MUTINY

Refuse to Be Sent to Africa and Threaten to Shoot Their Officers.

LONDON, April 8.—A special from Lisbon says 150 men belonging to the Eighteenth infantry at Oporto have mutinied, owing to the belief that they were about to be sent to the Portuguese colonies in Africa.

The men hold the barracks, shouting "Long live the republic!" and are threatening to shoot their officers if the latter attempt to approach.

Promise to Keep Order.

VIENNA, April 8.—Advices from Mitrovitz say the sultan's Albanian commission has had a satisfactory conference with the Albanian leaders, who promised to maintain order and send home the Albanian army to the Albanian coast, thereby assuring at any date temporary peace. It is reported from Sofia that another attempt has been made to destroy a bridge of the Constantinople-Salonica railroad by the use of dynamite.

Diverts Canadian Wheat.

TORONTO, April 8.—Vice President Bonworth of the Canadian Pacific announces that now the company has secured its own Atlantic fleet as much as possible of the wheat from the Canadian northwest will be carried through Canada and shipped from Montreal and Quebec, instead of from New York and Boston.

Welcomed with Pomp.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 8.—The special mission sent by the sultan to pacify the Albanians was welcomed with great pomp at Prepsina. According to consular reports the Albanians who attacked Mitrovitz have returned to the districts of Ipek and Diakova, whence they came.

Bonilla Captures More Towns.

PANAMA, April 8.—General Sierra abandoned Nacome yesterday and it is believed that he will flee to Salvador. Coray has also been captured by General Bonilla.

Negotiating for a Loan.

LIMA, Peru, April 8.—The municipality of Lima is negotiating with an American banking syndicate for a loan under favorable conditions.

SEEKS CZAR'S FRIENDSHIP

Kaiser Woes Russian Autocrat Through His Widowed Mother.

VISITS DENMARK TO PUSH ALLIANCE

Makes Big Impression on Dowager Empress Through Courtesy to Aged King Christian While at Copenhagen.

COPENHAGEN, April 8.—During his recent visit the German emperor accomplished much toward overcoming the strong antipathy of the dowager empress of Russia toward Germany.

This is said to have been one of the objects of his visit, as he hopes through the dowager empress to influence the czar and secure a close understanding between Russia and Germany.

Emperor William's marked attention to her, Kaiser Christian made a marked impression on the dowager empress, who was heard to remark: "If all Germans were like the emperor, I would be a friend to Germany."

Christian is Eighty-Five.

King Christian today celebrated his 85th birthday. He was in the best of health and was the recipient of many congratulations and gifts. The members of the diplomatic corps were among those who called at the palace to offer their felicitations.

United States Minister Swenson, as dean of the corps, warmly congratulated the king in behalf of his colleagues and subsequently extended his majesty the good wishes of President Roosevelt and the American people. The king expressed keen gratification and asked that his greetings be conveyed to President Roosevelt.

The king received ovations on his every appearance and made a speech from the balcony of the palace to thousands of people assembled on the plaza.

KEENE PARTY STAYS AWAY

Southern Pacific Meeting is Wholly Formal and Transacts No Business.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 8.—Good humor marked the annual meeting of the Southern Pacific today. No one representing the Keene faction was present. The meeting was held in the office of J. B. Weaver, an assistant secretary of the Southern Pacific at Beechmont, a suburb of this city.

At 11 Attorney Alexander P. Humphrey, counsel for the Harriman interests in the recent injunction suit, placed on the table a value which he said contained proxies representing more than a majority of the voting stock of the company and called the meeting to order.

Charles T. Ballard was chosen chairman and J. B. Weaver secretary. Mr. Humphrey then read the court decree denying an injunction and offered the following resolution which, he said, was approved by the Keene party:

Resolved, That this meeting, having been duly organized, do now adjourn without the transaction of any other business, so that this meeting be in accordance with agreement of the chairman, in accordance with agreement.

The resolution was adopted and before adjournment, which was immediately taken. Mr. Ballard announced that he would call a meeting for the election of directors after the appeal from Judge Lurton's decision is decided.

Messrs. Ballard, Humphrey, Weaver, Thomas G. Watkins, a nominal proxy of this city, and A. K. Van Deventer, an assistant secretary of the Southern Pacific of New York were the only attendants at the meeting.

GRAIN BOYCOTT CONDEMNED

Illinois State Commission Orders Railroad to Give Independent Dealers Cars.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 8.—The State Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners has ordered the Illinois Central to equitably distribute grain cars in future.

In passing on the case brought by D. H. Curry against the railroad, the commission says it led to believe that an understanding existed between the Curry company and the Illinois Grain Dealers' association not to handle the grain of the Farmers' Elevator company at Mason City, and that Curry was willing to agree to anything to prevent the competing company at Mason City from marketing their grain.

PARTY RATES CAUSE ROW

Western Passenger Men Differ on Interpretation of New Lines' Law.

CHICAGO, April 8.—Western passenger men again discussed party rates today. The meeting narrowly missed breaking up in a row.

Some of the representatives are firm in their opinion that party rates for any class of people is a discrimination within the meaning of the law, and are therefore strongly in favor of making party rates available to the public.

Burlington Extends in Missouri.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 8.—A resolution filed with the secretary of state today by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad shows that the company proposes to build a branch line from Old Monroe through Montgomery county, to Mexico, Mo. The branch will be about sixty-three miles long and cost \$2,200,000.

PROFESSOR SHOOT HIMSELF

Ohio State University Teacher Commits Suicide When His Health Fails.

COLUMBUS, O., April 8.—Prof. Ernest Eggers, head of the department of German at the Ohio State university, shot himself this evening. It is said he was dependent from ill-health.

Though himself not a college graduate, Prof. Eggers was noted among college educators. He taught in several Michigan high schools before coming to the university in 1882.

DISSOLVES TO SAVE EXPENSE

Mining Company Relinquishes New Jersey Charter and Will Seek Incorporation in South Dakota.

NEW YORK, April 8.—The stockholders of the Joseph Ladue Gold Mining and Development company today decided to dissolve the company and reincorporate in South Dakota.

SHIPS CRASH IN DENSE FOG

Atlas Liner Almost Sinks in New York Harbor as Result of Collision.

NEW YORK, April 8.—The Atlas liner, Allegheny, from Port Limon, Costa Rica, was badly damaged in the harbor today as the result of a collision with the British steamer Merrweather, bound out for Baltimore and Cork, Ireland. Allegheny was struck on the starboard and a huge hole torn in its side. It took water rapidly and soon the bow was under water. It lay near Liberty island. The passengers, many of them in a panic, were rescued by a passing tug and brought to the pier, but the crew remained on board, gathered at the stern, which was not submerged.

The collision occurred during a thick fog, when it is said, Allegheny was anchored waiting for clearer weather to make its way up the harbor to the pier. The ship's water-tight compartment, six in number, kept it from sinking entirely.

Merrweather stood by until the passengers had been rescued. Its stem was stove in and it anchored off the Statue of Liberty until the extent of its injuries could be ascertained. Allegheny was towed to the pier.

The U. S. Fruit company, which had a cargo of bananas on Allegheny, sent a float to the vessel to take off the bananas. It had been alongside Allegheny about two hours when for some unknown reason it suddenly sank. About one-third of the 194 stevedores, including the water, were rescued. According to foreman W. F. Haacke, however, all got safely on to Allegheny.

PROPOSE TO DEFEND PENNELL

Friends Will Assert at Inquest That Dead Man Borrowed \$500,000 Without Security.

BUFFALO, April 8.—It was intimated this afternoon that in the event of those interested in the Pennell estate being called upon to tomorrow's inquest to divulge any information as to the financial condition of the case an effort will be made to show that the money he obtained from his friends and relatives was in the nature of legitimate loans. In other words, it may be asserted that the \$500,000 was advanced to him without any security whatever.

The Pennell estate is estimated to contain \$25,000 to \$30,000. It is estimated that Pennell had no security to give for such loans; that he possessed no real estate, and had no bonds or stocks or mortgages.

Mr. Thayer says he has not yet opened the sealed instructions left him by the dead man.

"Pennell left written orders that they should not be opened until the insurance money was paid in," said Mr. Thayer. "I therefore don't know what my secret instructions are. I don't know whether the bond drawn by Pennell to secure the payment of \$25,000 to Mrs. Burdick is contained in that package or not. In fact, I don't know yet whether the \$25,000 life insurance assigned to me in trust was intended for Mrs. Burdick."

GIVES SCHLEY GREAT OVATION

St. Paul Lines Receive to Cheer Admiral on His Way to Address Legislature.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 8.—Admiral Schley was given an enthusiastic reception as he drove under veteran and military escort to the state capitol today where he briefly addressed a joint session of the legislature.

Messrs. Van Sant, Senator M. E. Clapp and Colonel A. K. McClure also made short addresses. Then, in the governor's parlors, a public reception was held for an hour. In the morning the admiral and his party visited Hamline university and addressed the students.

Tonight they were members of a box party at the Metropolitan opera house.

OMAHA PASTOR REVISES CREED

Helps Methodist Commission Detailed to Consider Advisable Changes in Catechism.

CHICAGO, April 8.—The commission appointed by the last Methodist Episcopal general conference to consider the advisability of revising the catechism and order of worship held its second meeting today. Those present were Bishop S. M. Merrill, Chicago; Rev. Jesse W. Jennings, Memphis; Rev. W. V. Kelly, New York; Rev. S. O. Royal, Hillsboro, O.; A. W. Harris, Port Deposit, Md.; Frank Brown, Brooklyn.

The subject was discussed at length but no definite action was taken. A number of sessions will be held, as the commission has a year or more to complete its work.

WASTE NO WORDS, BUT FIRE

Men Meet on Texas Streets, Draw Revolvers and One is Killed.

SHERMAN, Tex., April 8.—Ben L. Thompson, cashier of the Bank of Commerce, Texas, was shot to death today in the public square this afternoon by W. E. Stone of Texarkana.

The men met on the street and without preliminary parley drew their revolvers and opened fire. Thompson was struck by one of the first shots and fell mortally wounded. He died a few hours later. Stone surrendered, saying the tragedy was the result of a family difficulty.

REJECTS GREETING, IS SHOT

Alabama Man Fires at Officers Offering Him Their Hands and Dies in Melee.

OPELIKA, Ala., April 8.—In a street fight today J. L. Moon, deputy sheriff, was shot through the arm and John Long was killed. Sheriff Heider, who fired the shot that killed Long, narrowly escaped death, several bullets going within a foot of his body.

The firing began when the two officers offered to shake hands with Long and his companion. Instead of accepting the proffered hands, Long pulled his revolver and began firing at Moon.

MUST NOT READ THE BIBLE

Sweeping is Opinion Rendered by the Attorney General of California.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—State Attorney General Webb has rendered an official opinion favoring the use of the Bible in the public schools, unless it is used in a sectarian manner.

Not only may teachers not teach the scriptures as a text-book, but even a reading from them, as is the custom frequently at the opening exercises, is barred.

PRESIDENT ENTERS PARK

Retires to Nature's Solitude for Sixteen Days' Holiday.

TRAILS GUARDED AGAINST REPORTERS

Superintendent Takes Military Precautions to Allow President Ample Opportunity for Natural History Research.

CINNABAR, Mont., April 8.—President Roosevelt is in the fastness of Yellowstone Park and for the next sixteen days expects to enjoy complete rest and cessation from public duties.

He will be in almost daily communication with Secretary Loeb at Cinnabar, but nothing except of the utmost importance will be referred to him. In company with John Burroughs, the naturalist, who accompanied him from Washington, he will closely study the nature of the various animals that inhabit the park.

The president has looked forward to this outing some time and was in a particularly happy frame of mind when he led the cavalcade into the park. Every trail leading into the preserve is closely guarded and no one will be allowed to disturb his solitude. His headquarters will be at the home of Major Pitcher, the superintendent of the park.

The special bearing the president and his party arrived at Gardner, the entrance to the park, at 12:30 this afternoon and was met by a detachment of the Third cavalry and a number of cowboys. Major Pitcher also was on hand to welcome the president.

Luncheon was served in the president's car, after which, dressed in riding breeches and coat, with a light colored slouch hat on his head, he mounted his horse and made a brief address to the people congregated near his train. Then he bade the members of his party goodbye and led the way into the park. Mr. Burroughs followed in an army wagon.

The train returns to Cinnabar, where Secretary Loeb and the remainder of the party will stay while the president is absent.

April 24 the president will start on his trip to the Pacific coast. The weather here is mild and there is little snow 'round the president's headquarters.

TO OWN THE STREET CARS

Mayor Harrison of Chicago Takes Up Question of Municipal Ownership.

CHICAGO, April 8.—Mayor Harrison's first official act today was to announce that he would ask the council tonight to authorize him to appoint a commission of ten aldermen and as many private citizens to go to Springfield as representatives of the city and urge the passage of a municipal ownership enabling act and a bill providing for the initiative and referendum.

He also sent a telegram to Governor Yates asking him to aid Chicago in getting this enabling legislation.

"I am willing to take up the settlement of the traction question at any time," said the mayor. "It must be understood in advance, however, that no ordinance is to be passed until the legislature has given Chicago the right to own and operate street cars. The ordinance must provide, moreover, for the referendum and the rights claimed by the companies under the ninety-nine year act must be expressly waived."

MAY BE A NOTED MURDERER

Butte Police Believe They Have Man Who Killed California Family.

BUTTE, Mont., April 8.—The police believe that in the person of Joseph C. Williams, alias John Nelson, who confessed to robbing a city hardware store of several thousand dollars worth of goods last week, they have a man who is believed to have killed an entire family in Southern California in 1898.

The officers declare there is a remarkable resemblance between the prisoner and Dunham, even to a minute detail. Under a severe sweating Williams admitted having lived in California.

DEADLY FIGHT IN KENTUCKY

Two Officers and Man They Are After All Killed in a Battle.

WHITEBURG, Ky., April 8.—John H. Mullins was killed six miles south of here by officers who were trying to arrest him for disorderly conduct. According to a report received here two officers were killed during the fight.

Mullins had several narrow escapes from death, having barely escaped with his life at Pond Gap, Ky., where his father, mother and all of his brothers and sisters were killed in a fight.

MUTINY IN DENVER JAIL

Police and Fire Departments Are Called Out to Quell the Disturbance.

DENVER, Colo., April 8.—The police and fire departments were called to the county jail today to quell a mutiny. Four desperate prisoners, armed with revolvers, overpowered Guard Murphy and secured his keys. One shot was fired at Murphy, but he was not injured.

Being unable to open the outer doors, the prisoners finally surrendered. It is not known how they obtained the weapons.

POURS OIL IN COOK STOVE

Two Persons at Blackwell, Oklahoma, Are Dead as the Result.

BLACKWELL, Okla., April 8.—Arthur Horstley, 14 years old, was burned to death and Arthur Yoakum was fatally burned by a fire in Yoakum's restaurant started by the latter pouring coal oil into the cook-stove. Horstley was burned to a crisp. Yoakum, who is from Cowgill, Mo., died later.

ONE BROTHER SLAYS OTHER

Claims Dead Man Attacked Him First and He Shot in Self-Defense.

LANCASTER, Ky., April 8.—John Metcalf shot and killed his brother Ben Metcalf at his father's house on White Lick creek. John claims he shot his brother in self-defense.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair and Cooler Thursday; Friday, Fair.

Table with 4 columns: Temperature at Omaha yesterday, Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. Rows include 6 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m.

SOLEMN WEEK FOR CHURCH

Three Penitential Festivals to Be Observed in Closing Days of Lent.

Beginning today there will be celebrated the three most solemn festivals in the history of the church, the season of penitential ceremonies to end with the triumphal celebration of Easter on Sunday.

Today is the calendar of the liturgical churches is known as Maundy Thursday. It is the anniversary of the Lord's Supper, at which was instituted the sacrament of the holy eucharist. Upon this day in the Catholic churches the institution of the sacrament is especially commemorated.

Today in the calendar of the United States there are visits in procession to the altars upon which the holy eucharist is exposed. At home the bishops perform the ceremony of the washing of the feet of lesser dignitaries of the church in commemoration of the washing of the feet of the apostles by Jesus. This ceremony has been performed seldom in the United States and but once in Omaha, when the celebrant of the ceremony was Bishop O'Gorman. On this day also is the holy christening blessed by the bishop. This "oil of catechumens" is used in the sacrament of baptism and the ordaining and cradling of priests. The ceremony of the day is one of the longest in the rites of the church and is one of the most beautiful. The altars are stripped of ornaments and the bells are silent from the morning until Easter morning.

Good Friday, the anniversary of the death of Jesus, is celebrated with unique ceremony. There is no consecration of the elements, but the host consumed in the mass is that which was consecrated the day before and which is left upon the altar until the following day. The mass is therefore very short. At this time the cross, which during past week, has been covered is uncovered and the worshippers kiss the cross as they enter the church.

Holy Saturday is the eve of Easter. Upon this day the preparations for the Easter celebration are made. At the service of the day the paschal candle is blessed, and this candle burns upon the altar from Easter until Ascension, that is, during the time that Christ remained upon earth after His resurrection. On this day the fonts are solemnly blessed and the holy water is consecrated.