

MILLION DOLLARS
DAMAGE IN TEXAS
FROM HUGE FLOODS

Austin is Heaviest Sufferer with Twelve Persons Known to Have Been Killed.

FAMILIES SWEEP INTO RIVER

Storm is General Over Nearly All of Lone Star State and Part of Oklahoma.

CITIES WITHOUT NATURAL GAS

AUSTIN, Tex., April 23.—Damage of at least \$1,000,000 has resulted from yesterday's Texas rain and electrical storm, according to the information available up to noon today.

A rain estimated at from six to eight inches turned creeks about Austin into rivers from half a mile to a mile wide in outlying parts of the city.

MARTHA VIRGINIA EZELL, a young girl; HELEN KING, telephone operator; TOM QUINN, a fireman; MEXICAN WOMAN NAMED CORTEZ AND CHILD; UNIDENTIFIED MAN; FIVE NEGROES.

It is said that five others who were in the house with the Enell and King girls were drowned.

Wide Area Devastated.

DALLAS, Tex., April 23.—Twenty persons, perhaps more, it was estimated today, met death late yesterday and last night in a rain, electrical and windstorm general over nearly all of Texas and eastern Oklahoma.

The known dead are: CHRISTOPHER, Tex.; H. C. GOLDWIRE, killed by lightning; Ramsdell, Tex.

W. L. BOYNTON, killed in train wreck caused by soft track.

SIX NEGROES, drowned in Waller creek.

The storm was especially severe at Austin and that city was in darkness last night. It is said about twenty houses had floated away and were packed against a bridge, threatening the structure.

In the Thrall oil field near Taylor, Tex., tanks containing 150,000 barrels of oil were set on fire by lightning. The loss, it is said, would be \$75,000.

At Oklahoma the Canadian river at Chickasha has cut a new channel two miles from its old bed and ten passenger trains are marooned there.

The bursting of a gas main at Alvord, Tex., caused by water undermining the line, has left Dallas and Fort Worth without natural gas. It was not known today when the break could be repaired.

Seven Injured by Tornado.

SHAWNEE, Okla., April 23.—Seven persons were injured, three dangerously, in a tornado which last night destroyed the home of S. L. Whittley, a farmer near here.

Senator Grace Goes With the Fish Car

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, April 23.—(Special.)—Senator Jack Grace of Mascot, in the city last night, leaving for Ashland, where he joined the fish car in charge of Commissioner O'Brien, who was taking some fish for distribution in the direction of Valentine. Senator Grace took a great deal of interest in securing sufficient appropriations during the last session of the legislature to make the planing and growing of fish in the state worth while, and makes the trip to get in better touch with the work.

The Weather

For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Showers and cooler.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Table with 2 columns: Hours, Degree. Shows temperature fluctuations from 58 to 68 degrees.

Comparative Local Record.

Table with 2 columns: Station and State, Temp. High-Rain-fall. Lists weather data for various locations.

ROOSEVELT IN THE COURT ROOM—Photo of the former president as he appeared on the witness stand in the trial at Syracuse.



\$50,000 KISS CASE IS GIVEN TO JURY

Judge Instructs Jury and Attorneys for Both Sides Make Their Arguments in District Court.

JUDGE LESLIE WARNS CROWD

Mrs. Edith Hicks' \$50,000 damage suit against Albert A. Clark, Council Bluffs capitalist, for an alleged forcible kiss and attack upon her, was given to the jury at 4 o'clock yesterday.

Resumption of the trial after an intermission of one day was marked by the recalling of Mrs. Hicks to the witness stand for half a dozen final questions, the instructions of Judge Leslie to the jury and the beginning of arguments of attorneys.

Mrs. Hicks' final testimony was given in such a low voice that the court reporter was required to repeat it to the jury. She asserted that Charles Gunther, a witness for the defense, who had contradicted her concerning the date of the alleged kiss, had several months ago attempted to arrange a meeting with her, but that she had refused to meet him except at the office of her attorney.

Judge Leslie instructed the jury that in order to recover damages from Mr. Clark, the plaintiff must prove that the alleged attack on her was committed and that she suffered damages as the result of it.

The mere laying of hands on Mrs. Hicks in an insulting or insolent manner on the part of Mr. Clark would constitute a legal assault on her, the court told the jury. She could not recover damages unless the alleged kiss in the sleeping porch of the Clark house was taken against her will, according to the court's statement.

John O. Yeiser, attorney for Mrs. Hicks, demanded from the jury the full \$50,000 damages asked in Mrs. Hicks' behalf. He asserted that permanent injury to a woman's feeling should require a large compensation as a severe physical injury.

The question whether a woman's wrongs shall be settled in a lawsuit or by a gun is involved in this case, said Mr. Yeiser. "If justice refuse to compensate women for damages of the kind suffered by Mrs. Hicks no other remedy remains but the gun."

Danish Favor Votes for Women

COPENHAGEN, April 23.—The Danish Diet today adopted an amendment to the constitution giving the vote to women and conferring upon them the right of election to the Diet.

FIVE NEW BILLS AGAINST CHICAGO DETECTIVES

CHICAGO, April 23.—Five new indictments, charging bribery, were returned today against John J. Halpin, former chief of detectives, and William Egan and Walter O'Brien, former detective sergeants.

LIKENS BARNES TO Jekyll AND HYDE IN HIS TESTIMONY

Roosevelt Under Cross-Examination Says Plaintiff Had Good and Bad Sides to His Character.

WISHED TO ELIMINATE LATTER

Fourth Day for T. R. on Witness Stand and He Still Shows Plenty of "Pep."

MORE LETTERS ARE INTRODUCED

SYRACUSE, April 23.—The trial of William Barnes' libel suit against Theodore Roosevelt was recessed late today until Monday after the colonel had been questioned closely in regard to contributions received during his presidential campaign.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 23.—During the second day of his cross-examination in the supreme court here today Theodore Roosevelt said that he had regarded William Barnes as a "sort of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, who, like other politicians, had his good sides and his bad ones."

It was the colonel's fourth day upon the witness stand and he seemed to be as fresh as he was on the first day. More letters, tending to show the friendly relations between himself and Mr. Barnes, were introduced.

The colonel admitted that he had complied with many of the suggestions made to him by Mr. Barnes in regard to the filling of offices in the state government during the two years he was governor.

Asked About Printing Plant. When court was opened Colonel Roosevelt resumed his seat in the witness chair immediately.

"Mr. Roosevelt," began Mr. Evans, "attention was called to the annual message in which you mentioned the establishment of a printing house. Did you ever do anything further officially in regard to that?"

"Officially, no." "During your two years as governor the usual appropriation bills came to you did they not?" "They did."

"Did you ever veto a bill in regard to finances passed by both houses and which was later passed by the legislature?" "I may have."

"In 1890 and 1891 was the position of chairman of the republican state committee recognized by law?" "I think not."

"Who was the democratic party leader then?" "That was David B. Hill, in New York it was Richard Croker, with the latter growing in power constantly."

"Here is your autobiography; here you said that during the campaign the issue was between yourself and Croker. Is that right? Did you mention Mr. Hill?" "Yes. You look at page—"

"We'll go into that later." "On page 23," continued the witness. "I mentioned David B. Hill."

"Did Mr. Hill go to the United States senate?" "He did."

"Do you remember when he retired?" "I think it was in 1898."

"Do you know he got out of politics in this state after he retired from the senate?" "No. My understanding it directly the contrary."

Barnes Not in Book. "In chapter eight did you refer to Mr. Barnes?" "No. He was not then of the same importance as Mr. Platt and Mr. Odell. However, when I published my autobiography in 1913, I thought the same of Mr. Barnes as I did when I wrote the article complained of."

"Why did you do that?" "I did not want to make any malicious attack on Mr. Barnes. I refused to attack any man in my autobiography that I could help. In my statement I wanted to appeal to the voters of New York state."

"In your statement you refer to invisible government. That is from your autobiography?" "Yes."

"Had you until that time ever called the attention of the voters to the dangers of invisible government and the necessity of publishing campaign expenses?" "I did."

"Did you officially mention campaign (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)"

AMSTERDAM, April 23.—(Via London.)—Regarding Secretary of State Bryan's answer to the recent memorandum sent by Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador at Washington, to the State department, Berlin newspapers received here make the following comments:

The Tegische Rundschau says: "America takes all possible trouble over the armament requirements of our enemies ostensibly from a love of neutrality. It does not trouble about the possible food requirements of Germany; this also is done from a love of neutrality."

People of Trieste Demand Bread and Cheer for Italy

ROME, April 23.—(Via Paris, April 23.)—The fear is felt that the shortage of food in Trieste may result in disorders of such importance that they will lead to serious trouble here where everything affecting Trieste is watched with the closest interest because the population of that Austrian crownland is chiefly Italian.

GRIMSBY TRAWLER SUNK IN NORTH SEA

St. Lawrence is Torpedoed by German Submarine and Two Members of Crew Killed.

RESCUE SHIP IS DRIVEN AWAY

GRIMSBY, England, April 23.—The Grimsby trawler St. Lawrence was torpedoed and sunk in the North sea yesterday by a German submarine. Two members of the crew were killed. Seven survivors were brought here today by the trawler Queenstown, whose skipper reports that the submarine fired on his vessel while engaged in rescuing the crew of the St. Lawrence.

YOUTH WHO ELOPED WITH HEIRESS GIVEN A DYNAMITE JOB

NEW YORK, April 23.—Little and big troubles of married life, as Max Kiesel, chauffeur, found it, were related today to a jury in the federal district court by Kiesel in his suit against his father-in-law, Edward N. Breitling, capitalist, of Marquette, Mich. Kiesel demands \$25,000 for the alleged alienation of his wife's affections. She was Miss Juliet Breitling, the defendant's daughter.

Lumber Plant and Large Sales Barn Burned at Atlantic

ATLANTIC, Ia., April 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The worst fire in this city in years was that which broke out shortly after midnight last night in the old Walker livery barn at Second and Chestnut streets, used as a horse barn by Paul Perry and Charles Morgan, horse buyers.

Auditor Kept Busy Writing Warrants

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 23.—(Special.)—State Auditor Smith is having his troubles like some others. His troubles come from the fact that everyone wants their claim voucher made out first and as a result the office clerks are working like slaves in an effort to alleviate the troubles of the people who have claims covered in the deficiency bills.

Modern Woodmen Appeal Dismissed

SPRINGFIELD, April 23.—The appeal of the Modern Woodmen of America from a decision of the lower courts, which held that increased rates voted by the Chicago head camp in 1912 were excessive, was dismissed today by the supreme court. The rates in question have been withdrawn by the head camp and the supreme court held there was no longer any reason for the prosecution of the appeal.

SECOND SHENANDOAH MAN MISSING FROM HOME

SHENANDOAH, Ia., April 23.—(Special.) A second disappearance mystery became known today when relatives of A. C. Allen, 35 years old, were unable to locate him. He left his home near Summit Tuesday night to go to a nearby grain elevator and has not been heard from since. He was overzealous at Joe Auercher's farm and leaves a young wife.

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BIG BATTLE FOR POSSESSION OF HILL CONTINUES

German Forces Are Again Bombarding the City of Ypres with Missiles from Seventeen-Inch Guns.

LOSSES OF LIFE ARE HEAVY

Struggle Rivals Attempt of Teutons to Break Through British Lines Last Fall.

THE DAY'S WAR NEWS

ASSAULT OF DARDANELLES has been renewed, although it is not apparent whether the allied forces are ready to begin the expected general attack.

BOMBARDMENT OF TURKISH FORCES at Smyrna, Asia Minor, also is believed to have been resumed.

A LONG CONFERENCE between the Italian foreign minister and the Austrian ambassador at Rome is accepted as a sign that negotiations are still under way between Austria and Italy.

OFFICIAL REPORT from British headquarters on the sea says the Germans were persistent in their efforts to win back Hill No. 60, the position near Ypres which the British captured recently.

PETROGRAD DISPATCH says that Russian aviators dropped bombs on Ploek and Miawa, Russian Poland. Several German boats on the Vistula river were struck and German trenches were damaged.

CAPTURE OF NEARLY half a mile of German trenches near St. Mihiel, the southern extremity of the German wedge, which the French have been attempting for several weeks to force back, is announced today in the official communication from Paris.

TWO MEN WERE KILLED by the blowing up of a British trawler in the North Sea by a German submarine.

ATTACK BY RUSSIAN Black Sea fleet on the Turkish coast near the Russian border is said in Petrograd to have resulted in the demoralization of Turkish forces.

OPINION WAS EXPRESSED by a prominent Italian statesman that Italy's participation in the war at present was unlikely.

LONDON, April 23.—The British forces have shown no disposition under the repeated rushes of the Germans to relax their grip on Hill No. 60, near Ypres, and the fighting in this locality today shows signs of developing along the wide front with increasing intensity, even rivaling the attempts of the Germans to break through the British lines last fall.

Bombarding Ypres Again. The city of Ypres, whose historic structures were shattered by German projectiles last October, again is the target of heavy shells. Huge seventeen-inch missiles are now being used, and the civilian population has fled or is taking to its cellars, the losses among the people must be heavy.

There has been a lull in the German counter attacks, according to the British official report, given out this morning, but it is assumed that both sides are being strongly reinforced, and the tone of the British communication indicates that the issue has not yet been finally decided.

Sea Moves Mysterious. No official explanation is forthcoming of the stoppage of traffic between England and Holland. One theory is that this is a stroke aimed at spies, and another that the area is being cleared for a naval action. The latter explanation seems incomplete, however, in that if steps were being taken to clear ships from a marine shell zone, vessels running to Scandinavian ports also would be held up.

Although Great Britain is silent, Germany apparently is expecting extensive land operations near the Dardanelles, and it is common knowledge that troops of the allies are being landed in European Turkey.

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