

# TORNADOES LEAVE DEATH AND RUIN IN PATHS; TOLL IS 86 LIVES

## MOVE TO OUST JOHNNY LYNCH STARTED HERE

### Papers Filed in Court Demanding Removal of the County Commissioner Named in Blackmail Case Fight.

A move to oust County Commissioner "Johnny" Lynch from office is the latest turn in the fight that has been waging between Lynch and



JOHN C. LYNCH.

Sheriff Clark, with ramifications in the city hall, the police station and away out in Chadron.

Papers were filed in the district court yesterday setting forth an array of alleged misdeeds and misdemeanors in office on the part of Lynch and demanding his removal from office as county commissioner.

Lynch has been a member of the county board for nearly nine years, having been twice re-elected. Before that he was city plumbing inspector under the administration of Mayor Moore.

"This is an assault on me because I am a friend of Kugel, who closed the Third ward dives, and on me because I refused to allow Clark to plunder the treasury with his jail feeding graft," was all Lynch would say.

The suit was filed in court by Attorney Frank S. Howell, who has been representing Clark in the litigation over the control of the county jail and the appointment of the jail elevator conductor which marked the beginning of the warfare and which has achieved spectacular proportions.

### Clark Files Complaint.

The charges in the petition, which covers nineteen typewritten pages and is drawn in the form of a complaint by Michael L. Clark, accuser, against John C. Lynch, accused, are enumerated under five specifications. Specification A declares that in the year 1915 Lynch conspired to have a liquor license granted by the county board for a place at Fifty-sixth and Center streets, to be run by Hans Voss for a consideration of one-third of the profits and under threat that unless such a division were agreed to a license would not be granted.

It is declared that the application and the petition were prepared and that on refusal of Voss to meet the terms Lynch barred him from presenting it or appearing before the board and Voss was denied the right to conduct the place for that year, these acts being denominated as "gross partiality, extortion, corruption and maladministration in office."

### Persecutes Others.

Specification B relates to the similar scheme with one Elliot and one Page operating a so-called roadhouse about three miles north of Omaha on

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## 'Let No Guilty Man Escape'

The fight waged by Commissioner Lynch on Sheriff Clark has now culminated in sensational charges and counter charges.

The explosion, if it knocks the lid completely off, as it promises, threatens to involve other public officials as parties to a graft combine thriving on law violation.

Whoever has betrayed a public trust or connived with the lawbreakers should be exposed and brought to account.

The conditions call for a thorough clearing of the atmosphere and a general cleanup.

Let no culprit be shielded, and let no one be made the "goat" for others who are guilty.

## TO FILE CHARGES AGAINST SUTTON AND MALONEY

### Chief Dunn Prepares Complaint So City Commission May Air the Whole Affair.

Chief of Police Dunn has prepared charges against Captain Steve Maloney of the detective department and Detective Paul Sutton, charging them with conduct unbecoming officers.

Chief Dunn's charges read: "Paul Sutton, from information I have received, has been instrumental in having a charge of blackmail filed against Captain Stephen Maloney without any evidence to substantiate it.

"Captain Stephen Maloney has been charged in the courts of Chadron, Neb., with having been engaged in a conspiracy to blackmail."

The chief's letter, which will accompany the charges to the city council reads: "As there has been so much unsavory comment on the affair which took place at Chadron I deem it my duty as chief of police to have this affair threshed out at a public hearing before the honorable city commissioners and if the charges against either or both of them are sustained they should be removed from the police force."

The charges are in connection with the Chadron case, which resulted in complaints being filed there against a group of Omaha and Chadron men, including Maloney.

Phil Winkler of the Omaha Detective association had a conference with Chief Dunn. Winkler alleges he was assaulted by Sutton at Chadron.

### Sutton Not Back.

Sutton has not returned to duty. He was allowed a leave of ten days by Acting Superintendent of Police Jardine on request of Commissioner Kugel who is at Burlington, Ia., recuperating from a recent illness. Immediately after being granted this leave Sutton appeared in Chadron and figured prominently in the sensational developments there a few days ago.

Attorney Baker, who represents the men under charges at Chadron, also

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## Yankee Inventor Solves Problem of Submarine

London, May 26.—The Westminster Gazette publishes a message from a correspondent, who says the submarine menace is being mastered by a simple method, which the correspondent indicates is the invention of an American.

"It is going away no secret," the correspondent writes, "to say that the method, which is reputed to be infallible, requires only a little time to come into full effect and wear the submarines out. It is a model of simplicity."

"The press has been liberal in its announcement of Marconi's device, but while extending encouragement to Marconi, it must not be overlooked that the genius who perfected one of the most monumental advances in maritime navigation, has devoted his unremitting consideration to the menace, and this resourceful American, too, has worked toward the device along independent lines."

## Wireless Guardian Is Wounded by Prowlers

Norfolk, Va., May 24.—Frederick Rouch, a guard at the Virginia beach wireless station, was slightly wounded early today in an exchange of shots with two men, who were apparently attacking the net around the station. There is doubt whether the men accidentally ran against the net in the darkness or attempted to destroy the plant.

## Chinese of Frisco Are Buying Liberty Bonds

San Francisco, May 26.—Purchase of liberty loan bonds extended to day to San Francisco's Chinese population, when the Canton bank of this city announced subscriptions of \$10,000, fully paid, with more subscriptions to come. Chinese merchants, backed by the Chinese Six Companies, propose, it was said, to duplicate their activities with the liberty loan to meet a record they made in contributing to the Red Cross.



Springtime

## 'TRAMPY' IOWA OFFICERS LAND IN GUARD HOUSE

### Come to Town From Camp Without Leggings and Provost Guard Thinks They Look Too Unsoldierly.

Fort Snelling, Minn., May 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Iowa students were doing a good deal of questioning among themselves today as the result of a camp story that a group of Iowans were arrested in Minneapolis one night recently by the provost guard for unsoldierly appearance.

Of course, there is never any confirmation to be had to such a report, but here's the story as rumored around camp:

Half a dozen Iowans, still without their regulation leggings, journeyed to Minneapolis. Among the lot, it is whispered, was a minister, too. Anyway the provost guard thought they looked too "trampy" and pinched them.

## No Liquor at Bars.

The embryo officers had a snap today. Swarms of Twin City boys and scores from Minnesota and other states as well, paraded Minneapolis and St. Paul streets on leave of absence. They had to be orderly, too, for any man in uniform is being refused liquor in accordance with the recent war-measure passed by congress.

At 6 o'clock tonight the acceptance of northwest guardsmen for training ceased. This was the decision set by Washington on arrivals for the officers' course.

## Guardsmen Turned Back.

National Guard regiments of Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and North and South Dakota were instructed to detail about twenty-five men each to Fort Snelling camp. Two hundred of the allotted 295 men are said to have reported. Late comers were told to return to their respective military organizations and await the possible second officers' training camp now being predicted.

## Star Witness in Baff Murder Case Escapes

New York, May 26.—Carmine De Paola, a guard at the state in the Baff murder case, escaped from the house of detention early today.

The police believe it is significant that De Paola should flee the day after Jack Riggata, a suspect in the case, was arrested in Los Angeles.

It was De Paola who told the police how the alleged Baff murder money was paid, his story resulting in the arrest of the five men so far indicted and awaiting trial.

## Shenandoah Athletes Go to Fort Snelling

Shenandoah, Ia., May 26.—(Special.)—Privates Charles Glasgow and Dell S. Blackburn of Company E left this morning for the training camp at Fort Snelling, Minn. Blackburn is a letter foot ball man at Drake university. Glasgow formerly had military training in the Missouri State Military school at the University at Columbia, Mo.

## To Give No More Food To California Tramps

Sacramento, Cal., May 26.—The State Council of Defense is sending out today a request to housewives and citizens throughout California to cease feeding beggars. There is plenty of work in the state and no real necessity for an able-bodied man to beg food or money, according to the defense organization, which declares that refusal to feed undeserving persons will aid in solving the labor problems.

## RICH OMAHA BOY JOINS MOSQUITO FLEET OF U.S. NAVY

### Walter Cohn and Four Others Donate Services and \$8,500 Boat to Uncle Sam's Coast Defense.

Turning his back upon all the comforts incident to the life of a young merchant prince, Walter Cohn, youngest son of Mrs. Herman Cohn, has answered the call to the colors. Cohn now is one of five wealthy and



WALTER COHN.

socially prominent young men who are braving hardships as members of Uncle Sam's mosquito fleet.

Young Cohn, without ostentation, departed a week ago. Only a few of his intimate friends knew of his plan.

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## Treasury Deposits Liberty Loan Funds

Washington, May 26.—The treasury today began the practice of re-depositing a portion of the proceeds obtained from certificates of indebtedness by placing \$128,593,000 among the various banks and trust companies which subscribed to the latest offering of \$200,000,000 in short-term certificates of indebtedness.

## SIXTEEN GERMAN AIRPLANES RAID BRITISH COAST

### Seventy-Six Persons Killed and 174 Injured; Three Planes Shot Down in Fight Above Sea.

BULLETIN. Berlin, May 26.—(Via London.)—German air squadrons yesterday dropped bombs on Dover and Folkestone, the War department announced today.

London, May 26.—Sixteen German airships raided southeast England Friday evening, according to an official statement issued today. Seventy-six persons were killed and 174 persons injured. Three German airships were shot down.

Nearly all the damage occurred in one town, where some bombs fell in the streets, causing considerable casualties among the civilian population.

## Women and Children Killed.

The following report on the air raid was made by Field Marshal Viscount French:

"A large squadron of enemy aircraft—about sixteen—attacked southeast England between 5:15 and 6:30 o'clock last evening. Bombs were dropped at a number of places, but nearly all the damage occurred in one town where some bombs fell into the streets, causing many casualties among the civilian population. Some shops and houses were also seriously damaged."

The total casualties reported by the police from all districts are:

"Killed: Seventy-six.  
"Injured: One hundred and seventy-four.

"Of the killed twenty-seven were women and twenty-three were children. Forty-five women and nineteen children were injured."

"Aircraft of the flying corps went in pursuit and the raiding aircraft were engaged by fighting squadrons of the royal naval air service from Dunkirk on their return journey."

## Fierce Battle in Air.

Three hostile airplanes, returning from last night's raid on England, were brought down by British air forces in the English channel and off the Belgian coast, the admiralty announced today.

## Socialists Object to Lansing's Passport Order

Stockholm, May 26.—(Via London.)—Leading members of the socialist international conference expressed surprise at the news that Secretary of State Lansing had refused passports to American delegates. They have decided not to take formal action until more definite news is received.

## FOUR ILLINOIS TOWNS WRECKED; LOSS OF LIFE MAY REACH 350; RAILROADS SEND RELIEF TRAINS

### Fifty Persons Die at Mattoon, Followed by Death of Five More at Westervelt and Modesto; Charleston Is Struck; Day Adds Terrible Total to Kansas Horrors of Friday.

To Friday's tornado horrors in Kansas, a still more terrible record was added when death fell heavily on Mattoon, Ill., carrying away fifty persons. From Westervelt, Manhattan, Elwood and Modesto, Ill., came reports of the deaths of five more, bringing the death toll to eighty-six, including the thirty killed in the Kansas tornado of Friday.

The heaviest loss of life was reported from Mattoon, Ill., where at least fifty were killed in a tornado that struck the town in the afternoon.

Four were killed at Westervelt and one at Modesto, where the heavy winds struck shortly after noon.

### TWO THOUSAND HOMELESS.

Mattoon, Ill., May 26.—About fifty persons were killed and more than 300 injured when a tornado struck Mattoon late today. The entire business section of the town is wiped out and upwards of 2,000 are homeless.

## 8 GOVERNORS AT NEBRASKA CELEBRATION

### Semi-Centennial at Lincoln Will Be Attended by Roosevelt and Many Other Prominent Men.

Nebraskans will have an opportunity to listen to a great gathering of public men at the Semi-Centennial celebration at Lincoln, June 23, 13 and 14.

E-President Theodore Roosevelt will speak and Major General Pershing will be present if he is not sent to France before that time. Governors of eight states have accepted invitations to attend.

Governor Neville has received a letter from Governor Carl E. Milliken of Maine, stating: "If public duties permit at that time, I shall be very glad to accept."

### Still Others Are Expected.

Especially from the neighboring states have the responses of the chief executives been encouraging. Governor Philipp of Wisconsin and Governor Gardner of Missouri, will nominally be present. Governor Philipp has promised to be present if the legislature adjourns before that time.

### Capper Is Coming.

Governor Gardner is making plans to be present, but he is facing a referendum June 17, that will either make or mar his administration in Missouri.

Governor Arthur Capper of Kansas, the Topeka publisher, said to H. T. Cook and W. R. Mellor during their interview with him: "I am swamped with work in connection with the government's program, but I will be in Lincoln for Statehood day. It certainly would not be proper to remain away from the great celebration of a sister state. I very much appreciate the opportunity of meeting the other visiting governors and the many national figures who will be present."

The special committees of Lincoln business men are enthusiastic about their receptions at the various capitols. Governor Hous of Wyoming accepted the invitation without hesitation. "I believe that this is an occasion which will be of great significance to the entire nation. Upon the middle west the burden of feeding the world will fall."

### Lowden To Be Present.

Governor Gunter of Colorado was interviewed by W. S. Whitten and W. R. Mellor. They were very much impressed with his personality and strength of character. "This opportunity of meeting the executives of other states is one that I cannot miss. I want to do honor to Nebraska also for Colorado as you know was once a part of Nebraska territory," was the way he phrased his acceptance.

Governor W. L. Harding of Iowa writes: "I take pleasure in accepting the invitation of the Nebraska Semi-Centennial celebration committee to attend the fiftieth anniversary exercises at Lincoln, but can only be there one day. I have selected June 13 as the date of my visit."

Governor J. A. A. Burnquist of Minnesota assured A. R. Talbot, head consul of the Modern Woodmen of America, that he would be present on Statehood day and would make every effort to remain and hear Colonel Roosevelt.

Governor Lowden of Illinois is arranging his affairs so that he will give one day to the celebration. Governor Frank O. Lowden is one of the great leaders of the country. He is a graduate of Iowa university and grew up on a small Iowa farm.

## FIFTY DIE AT MATTOON.

Champaign, Ill., May 26.—At least fifty persons are reported dead at Mattoon, Ill., as the result of a tornado which late today destroyed the northern part of the city. Wires were prostrated.

Word of the disaster reached this city when a messenger came by automobile to ask help. He estimated that the dead might total as high as 350. When reports were in from the farming regions.

A relief train was made up by the Illinois Central as quickly as possible and all available doctors and nurses were sent to the stricken cities.

### Reported in Chicago.

Chicago, May 26.—Reports to the Illinois Central railroad from Mattoon, Ill., said that fifty or more persons were killed there late today by a tornado. A special train has been sent from Champaign, Ill., by the Illinois Central with doctors and nurses to Mattoon.

At Westervelt, Ill.—Four persons were killed. A tornado struck the hamlet and destroyed six or eight houses. About twenty persons were injured. Westervelt is in Shelby county on the Chicago & Eastern railroad. The dead:

MRS. MARY CRISMAN.  
MISS MYRTLE CRISMAN.  
MRS. RAPHE JACKSON.  
DAVID McDONALD.

### Tornado at Charleston.

Terre Haute, Ind., May 26.—Telephone messages received here from Ash Grove, Ill., asked that all available physicians be hurried to Charleston, Ill. The information was that scores had been injured in a tornado which struck Charleston and vicinity late this afternoon. Wires to Charleston are down.

### Storm Strikes Modesto.

Alton, Ill., May 26.—A tornado is reported at Modesto, Ill., fifty-six miles northeast of here. Many casualties are reported.

The news was received here over the wires of the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis railway. Railway advices are that the town was practically demolished. All wires to Modesto are down.

### One Reported Killed.

East St. Louis, Ill., May 26.—Reports received by the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis railroad indicate that one person was killed and two were fatally injured in the tornado at Modesto, Ill. The property damage, according to the reports here was not large.

### Manhattan, Ill., Wrecked.

Joliet, Ill., May 26.—Manhattan, Ill., ten miles southeast of Joliet, was partly wrecked by a wind storm late today and wreckage strewn the roadway for two miles out of the village. A call for help reached this city tonight, saying that many were injured and possibly some dead. Stores and homes were blown to bits.

### National Guard Ordered Out.

Springfield, Ill., May 26.—One company of the Fourth infantry, Illinois National Guard were ordered to Mattoon, Ill., for patrol duty, it was announced tonight by Adjutant General Dickson. The soldiers enroute at Effingham.

### Thirty Known Dead.

Wichita, Kan., May 26.—Thirty per-

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## Suffrage to Follow War, Says Mrs. Chapman Catt

Portland, Ore., May 26.—"Universal suffrage is going to rise from out of the world chaos," declared Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, international president of the Woman's Suffrage Alliance, at a luncheon here today. "However," she added, "this is no time for militant suffrage. Mrs. Catt is in Portland helping organize a branch of the women's committee of the Council of National Defense.

### The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair.

Hour	Temp.	Wind
5 a. m.	60	light
6 a. m.	62	light
7 a. m.	64	light
8 a. m.	66	light
9 a. m.	68	light
10 a. m.	70	light
11 a. m.	72	light
12 m.	74	light
1 p. m.	76	light
2 p. m.	78	light
3 p. m.	80	light
4 p. m.	82	light
5 p. m.	84	light
6 p. m.	86	light
7 p. m.	88	light
8 p. m.	90	light
9 p. m.	92	light
10 p. m.	94	light
11 p. m.	96	light
12 m.	98	light

Comparative Local Record.

Year	Highest	Lowest	Mean
1917, 1916, 1915, 1914	62	41	66
1913	62	42	66
1912	62	42	66
1911	62	42	66
1910	62	42	66
1909	62	42	66
1908	62	42	66
1907	62	42	66
1906	62	42	66
1905	62	42	66
1904	62	42	66
1903	62	42	66
1902	62	42	66
1901	62	42	66
1900	62	42	66

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha yesterday:

Normal	Departure
Temperature	-.05
Deficiency for the day	-.05
Total deficiency since March 1, 1917	-.118
Normal precipitation	.15
Deficiency for the day	.14
Total rainfall since March 1, 1917	.432
Excess since March 1, 1917	.282
Deficiency for period 1915-1917	-.192

L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.