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172 DEAD IN STORMS; MAYOC IN 13 STATES

Tornadoes from Dakotas to Gulf Lay Farms Waste and Injure 460.

SOUTH BEARS THE BRUNT.

Many Towns in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana Destroyed, with Big Death Lists.

A hundred and seventy-two persons are believed to have been killed and 460 injured, many fatally, in a tornado which Friday swept through the States of the Union from the Dakotas to the Gulf of Mexico, leaving a trail of destroyed villages, ruined farms, devastated country and bereaved households.

The full weight of the storm fell on the States of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, where many small towns were badly damaged. Before bursting on that part of the country the tornado traversed North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Tennessee and Oklahoma.

Where Lives Were Lost.

The following is a summary of the damage reported:

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| Killed. | Injured. |
| Natchez, Miss., district, 41 | 123 |
| Amite, La., 45 | 70 |
| Dora, Ala., 5 | 50 |
| Warrior, Ala., 2 | 5 |
| Richard, La., 5 | 6 |
| Vidalia, La., 4 | 102 |
| Abertville, La., 20 | 60 |
| Columbus, Miss., 1 | 2 |
| Lamore, La., 1 | 5 |
| Deport, Texas, 1 | 5 |
| Nebraska, 1 | 14 |
| Walls, Miss., 1 | 1 |
| White Station, Tenn., 2 | 2 |
| Baxter, Miss., 1 | 1 |
| Shawnee, Okla., 5 | 3 |
| St. Louis, Mo., 1 | 3 |
| Alton, Ill., 1 | 1 |
| Clinton, Iowa, 2 | 1 |
| Lakota, N. D., 1 | 1 |
| Unidentified Ala. towns, 3 | 3 |
| Winchester, Miss., 2 | 2 |
| Total | 172 469 |

In the vicinity of Natchez, Miss., sixty-four persons were killed and 123 injured. Hundreds of houses were destroyed. The tornado plowed through the counties of Adams, Jefferson and Claiborne, Mississippi, for a distance of fifty miles, leveling every building which came in its way. Its path was a thousand feet wide. The town of Vidalia, across the river in Louisiana, was badly damaged. Many injured persons have been taken to the hospital at Natchez.

In Louisiana it is estimated that a score of small towns were destroyed or partially wrecked. They include Amite City, Arcadia and Independence. Belle Grove, Melton, Lorman, Pine Ridge, Qutman Landing, Fairfield's Creek, Purvis and Lumberton, Miss., are reported seriously damaged by the storm. Amite, a small town in southeastern Louisiana, was almost destroyed. The dead are estimated at forty-five and the injured at seventy-five.

At McLean, Miss., eight are reported to have been killed; at Quitman Landing, eleven were killed; at Purvis, Miss., twelve were victims of the storm, and reports from one to five deaths come from many towns scattered over the storm-swept area.

The cyclone struck Dora, Ala., known also as Burgin, a mining town on the Frisco, thirty-five miles from Birmingham, Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Five persons were killed. Many cars standing on the siding were blown off the track and smashed to pieces. Reports state that the storm struck Abertville, Ala., at 4 o'clock and destroyed almost all the northern part of the town. Winchester, Miss., a small town, is reported wiped out, though only two persons are known to have been killed.

The tornado destroyed the eastern portion of Deport, a town twenty miles southeast of Paris, Texas, killing W. R. Isbell, a druggist, and injuring several others. Practically all the residences on the east side of town were destroyed, at least twenty-five or thirty being scattered over the country in fragments. The path of the storm was several hundred yards wide. Oak Grove, a town east of Clarksville, on the Texas and Pacific Railroad, is reported almost destroyed, many houses being demolished.

Reports from Flindreau, S. D., say that a severe storm swept that place demolishing many buildings. Losses aggregating \$20,000 resulted from the damage at Valley Springs, near Sioux Falls. Although twenty-two buildings were destroyed there was no loss of life. The Methodist Episcopal Church was completely demolished.

From Lakota, N. D., comes news that Neis, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Heilmann, was playing near the edge of the slough a short distance from his home when a terrific wind picked the little fellow up and blew him into the water. He was drowned.

The gate blew down on iron smoke-stack back of the Planters' Hotel, St. Louis, injuring two employees and did some damage in different parts of the city.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

PRESIDENT IN URGENT APPEAL FOR LEGISLATION

Roosevelt Sends Another Message to Rouse Present Congress to Activity.

OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE

Stronger Anti-Trust Law and Regulation of Labor and Capital Relations Are Greatly Needed—Civics Conscience Firm.

Washington, April 28.—The president has sent another special message to congress, strongly urging the passage of measures which he has from time to time recommended. He lays special emphasis on the importance of legislation to deal with the abuses of the anti-trust law and a bill strengthening the Hepburn law. The message follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

In my message to the congress of March 22, 1906, I called certain measures which I believe the majority of our countrymen desire to have enacted into law. These measures do not represent by any means all that I would like to see done, but I believe can now be done in an earnest effort toward this end.

Since I wrote this message an employer's liability law has been enacted which, it is true, comes short of what ought to have been done, but which does represent a real advance. There is a good ground to hope that there will be further progress in spring work and condition of winter wheat.

"Failures reported in the Chicago district number 24, against 21 last week and 19 a year ago. Those with liabilities over \$5,000 number 10, against 6 last week and 7 in 1907."

NEW YORK.

Improved weather conditions and excellent crop reports throughout the greater part of the country, coupled with the favorable construction put upon recent financial developments, have made for the growth of business since Easter, but the outlook, both the actual effect upon distributive trade and industry is as yet of the slightest. Some gain is reported in a few sections, notably the South and central West, in retail trade, but at the South retail business since Easter is rather quiet, and Easter trade as a whole was not up to expectations. Some enlargements in filling-in orders by jobbers is noted, and a few western points report slightly more buying for fall delivery, but hesitancy and conservatism rule operations to an extent not approached in recent years. Textiles are very much depressed, though weather and crop reports are harbingers of hope for the future and short time is well-nigh universal. North and South, the shoe trade reports more orders, especially at leading western markets, but business is hardly up to expectations.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending April 23 number 274, against 217 the week before, and like week of 1907, 177 in 1906, 193 in 1905 and 197 in 1904. Canadian failures for the week number 36, against 29 last week and 28 in this week a year ago.

THE MARKETS

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime \$4.00 to \$7.15; hogs, prime heavy, \$4.00 to \$7.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$3.90; wheat, No. 2, 97c to 98c; No. 2, 65c to 67c; oats, standard, 51c to 52c; rye, No. 2, 80c to 81c; hay, timothy, \$9.50 to \$16.00; prairie, \$8.00 to \$13.50; butter, choice creamery, 21c to 25c; eggs, fresh, 15c to 15c; potatoes, per bushel, 65c to 75c.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$6.00; hogs, good to choice heavy, \$3.50 to \$5.90; sheep, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2, 96c to 97c; corn, No. 2, white, 63c to 65c; oats, No. 2, white, 51c to 52c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$4.50 to \$7.15; hogs, \$4.00 to \$5.65; sheep, \$3.00 to \$3.15; wheat, No. 2, \$1.00 to \$1.01; corn, No. 2, 65c to 66c; oats, No. 2, 48c to 49c; rye, No. 2, 76c to 77c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$6.50; hogs, \$4.00 to \$5.95; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 98c to 99c; corn, No. 2, mixed, 67c to 68c; oats, No. 2, mixed, 51c to 52c; rye, No. 2, 82c to 84c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$6.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.65; sheep, \$2.50 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2, 97c to 99c; corn, No. 3, yellow, 69c to 70c; oats, No. 3, white, 54c to 55c; rye, No. 2, 81c to 82c.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, \$1.07 to \$1.09; corn, No. 3, 65c to 67c; oats, standard, 52c to 53c; rye, No. 1, 70c to 80c; barley, No. 2, 80c to 81c; pork, mess, \$13.35.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 97c to 99c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 67c to 68c; oats, No. 1, mixed, 53c to 54c; rye, No. 2, 80c to 81c; clover seed, prime, \$12.00.

New York—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$7.10; hogs, \$3.50 to \$6.20; sheep, \$3.00 to \$6.00; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.05 to \$1.04; corn, No. 2, 74c to 75c; oats, natural white, 56c to 58c; butter, creamery, 25c to 27c; eggs, western, 13c to 17c.

FOREIGN

In the Canadian Senate at Ottawa Senator McDonald of British Columbia offered a resolution declaring the immigration of Hindus should be limited as far as possible, and the Canadian government should invite the United States government to limit the influx. Senator Scott said the Canadian government sent Mackenzie King, deputy minister of labor, to England for that purpose. This satisfied Senator McDonald, and he withdrew his resolution.

The London Times in an editorial on President Roosevelt's message on anarchism, says that the President has entered upon a campaign that will command the sympathy and moral support of the civilized world. Fuller particulars of his proposals, says the Times, will be awaited with the deepest interest in all the cities of the world, and whatever may be thought of the prospects of the struggle with this terrible evil honest men everywhere will wish him victory in the fray.

The Chinese money changers of Hongkong are supporting the existing boycott against the Japanese which has come into existence as a result of the recent incident by refusing to accept Japanese bank notes even at a discount. The drugists' guild also has joined in the movement and members are making deposits of money as security of their good faith. The deposits of members who do not intend to the boycott will be forfeited to the self-government society.

A Manila dispatch reports an engagement between American troops and constabulary, and Moro outlaws near Lanao, a town on the island of Mindanao. The members of the constabulary are reported killed and three soldiers wounded. The contingent composed of a battalion of the Eighteenth Infantry and constabulary under command of Col. Davis has been following a band of outlaws and it is presumed that they overtook them and an engagement ensued.

Australian apprehension in the matter as possible a meeting of the Australian Japan was voiced at the meeting held in London of the Australasian chamber of commerce by Thomas Price, premier of South Australia. Mr. Price was emphasizing the necessity of Great Britain giving a more tangible proof of her interest in the colonies and favored the organization of a large federal citizen army in Australia.

The French cruiser Cassard has been ordered to the coast of Morocco to rescue the crew of the French fishing vessel Baleine, who were recently captured by Moors near Cape Joby.

At the trial of the nine members of the sect known as "dreamers" for burning down John Lehr's home south of Medicine Hat, Can., it was revealed that the members of the order had to obey the instructions of their leader, who, because Lehr refused to join the congregation, ordered his followers to destroy Lehr's home and slay his family at midnight "because he was heretic."

The Legislature of Prince Edward Island has excluded all motor cars from the province, on the ground of public safety, it being argued that the province is peculiarly unfavorable to the toleration of these machines, because the farmers have to depend upon horses largely to reach the trade centers.

A Panama report says there is great dissatisfaction in Columbia against what has been termed the "official trusts," which have entered into a revolution. This President Reyes is trying to prevent by a trip to the coast, counting on his presence and his personal prestige to aid him.

THE WHITE HOUSE

The White House, April 28.—The report of the Finance Committee to the Mayor and City Council of Boston, submitted by the president in his message, and the methods employed in the various combinations are considered under three headings: combinations among contractors for fire proofing, and combinations between corporations and firms engaged in the manufacture or supply of structural steel.

Under the first heading the committee has reported that the Boston Fire Department has furnished each of the contractors with the names of the persons to whom invitations had been extended. The contractors selected would then arrange between themselves as to who should do the work, as to the price to be fixed and as to the method of carrying out the work.

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THE ART OF PUNCTUATION.

Returning from school the other afternoon, little Edith proudly informed me that she had learned how to "punctuate."

"You see, mamma," explained Edith, when you write you put a hat pin after it and when you ask a question, then you put down a button hook."

The police department of Canton, China, has issued a proclamation forbidding the sale of the flesh of dogs and cats as food.

Winthrop E. Stone, president of Purdue University, in an address on Lafayette, said of ignorance:

"Nothing, not even culture, is immune to its attacks. Did you ever hear of the ignorant millionaire's library?"

"Well, there was a millionaire, a cattle man, who led a visitor into a great room lined with thousands of volumes. Reporting for the old 'Cincinnati Times' of the day. Since then I've always dealt easily with reporters who nag me. I thought once I had pulled off a big story. We used the biggest headlines we had in the day. The next morning I was summoned into court for contempt. I had reversed the 'declaration' exactly."

PROPOSING TO A WIDOW.

From London Sketch.

He—Would you think me very-
I mean, would it be bad talk on my part?

She (hastily)—Not a bit.

He—But you don't know—you can't know what I was going to say. I was going to say, would it be very impertinent of me if I—

He—No, I think I do know, Harry, and I can assure you that I should not resent it in the least.

He—You must know how much I am serious when you imagine something about—

She (looking down)—Something about you?

He—No; not quite so serious as that. Something about my present life.

He—You mean, would it be the second-hand of your present life.

He—Oh, I'm only 27, you know.

She—I know; but how can you contemplate a great change in his life?

He—You did know, then?

She—Months ago, dearest, I read it in your eyes the first day we met.

He—By Jove! Then—why, I've done it!

He (weeping a little)—Harry, you have swept me off my feet!

He—My love! I know I was brutally frank, but don't cry.

She—You must know how irresistible you are!

He (How the Young Idea Shoals. From Everybody's Magazine.

Many of the children are so crammed with everything that they really know nothing.

In proof of this, read these veritable specimens of definitions, written by public school children:

"Stability is taking care of a stable."

"A mosquito is the child of black and white parents."

"Monastery is the place for monsters."

"Cocain is something to do with getting drunk."

"Deportation is to have the small-pox."

"Cannibal is two brothers who killed each other in the Bible."

"Anatomy is the human body, which consists of three parts, the head, the chest and the stomach. The head contains the eyes and brain, if any. The chest contains the lungs and a piece of the liver. The stomach is divided into two bowls, in which there are five, a, i, o, u, and sometimes w and y."

FARM FACTS.

One ounce of carbonate of potassium to each quart of rain water makes an excellent remedy for mites and ticks. Watch the affected parts once each week with this mixture and then wash off the mixture with clean rain water.

For scratches in horses try this: Oxide of zinc, 1/2 dram; vasoline, 1/2 ounce. Rub the mixture on the legs. Scratches will never occur when the mud has been allowed to dry and then washed off without the application of water.

Each year the farmers of the great west will see the increasing necessity of adding the dairy to the farm operations. With smaller farms will come more intensive farming, and as good farming or better farming forces itself upon the western people, the dairy will be a more important part of the farm.

When transplanting trees be sure to cut back the tops and see that the roots are trimmed of all bruised and broken parts. Many a tree is lost through carelessness in this direction.

Englishmen of Mid-Devon have organized to wage a war on wood pigeons.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS.

Samuel Insull, president of the Chicago Edison Company, was appointed receiver of the Consumers' Electric Company, New Orleans, on application of the National Conduit and Cable Company of New York, a creditor.

United States secret service officers arrested W. J. Pellicks in the woods near Quebec on a charge of making 25-cent pieces.

Mrs. Kate Falter was found strangled to death in her home, 127 West 21st street, New York, and in the kitchen was a note pinned to the wall which read: "Vio Dello, with his throat cut. He died later. The man who reported the case is suffering from two knife cuts."

Coroner Weisendanger said in New York that he believed Julius T. Rowenheimer, murdered recently while walking with his wife in his garden at Pelham Manor, was killed by one of two Sicilians who mistook him for his rival in love.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

Mme. Fritz Scheff is seeking divorce from her husband, Baron Frederick von Bardeleben.

Work has been resumed with full force at the mines on the Mesaba range, but no shipping is expected before June 1.

William Edouin, the English actor, is dead in London. He had been in failing health since his return from the United States.

After having been closed for three months the plant of the Alabama Consolidated Coal and Iron Company at Gaston, Ala., has been put in blast.