

ELECTRICAL STORMS CAUSE DEATHS, PROPERTY DAMAGE

Thirty Members of the New York Athletic Club Were Knocked Down by a Lightning Bolt—Boy Killed at West Northfield, Mass.—Two Barns Burned and Four Cows Killed at Middletown—Church in New Haven Struck While Service Was in Progress—Second Hail Storm Caused \$20,000 Damage in Suffield—Storm Was Severe Over Western Massachusetts.

Travers Island, N. Y., July 31.—Thirty members of the New York Athletic Club were knocked to the ground today by a bolt of lightning that struck a shed in which they were seeking shelter. None was seriously injured, although physicians declared one man would have died had not artificial respiration been immediately applied. The clubmen had been swimming, but run to the shed when the storm came up. All were able to watch a ball game an hour later.

CHURCH IN NEW HAVEN STRUCK DURING STORM

New Haven, Conn., July 31.—Lightning struck the Grand Avenue Congregational church today while service was in progress, knocking a hole in the brick wall and scattering plaster over the congregation. No one was injured, and though many were badly frightened, there was no panic. In order to calm the worshippers, Rev. William C. Prentiss, the pastor, announced a hymn, but no note could be played from the organ as the bolt had burned out the electrical connections.

A druggists in the adjoining town of Hamden was struck by lightning and part of the roof destroyed. Electric light service was impaired by the storm and many telephone connections were burned out. Half in the rural sections surrounding the city injured standing corn, but little damage to other crops was reported.

LIGHTNING KILLS BOY AT NORTHFIELD, MASS.

Northfield, Mass., July 31.—Harry Field, Jr., 13 years old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Field of West Northfield, was killed when lightning struck the barn in which he had taken refuge during a severe electrical storm that passed over Northfield and vicinity this afternoon.

A large stock barn valued at \$15,000 and more than 100 tons of hay were destroyed at Northfield, when lightning struck the building was struck by lightning. An ox and several calves were lost in the fire. A herd of prize cattle that was in the pasture at the time, escaped injury.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE IN WORCESTER COUNTY

Worcester, Mass., July 31.—Lightning, hail and wind did extensive damage throughout Worcester county today. A miniature cloudburst in Winchendon flooded streets, washed out railroad tracks and flooded cellars. A barn was struck and damaged several hundred dollars.

In Templeton a 15 year old boy was thrown several feet by a bolt of lightning and was unconscious for nearly an hour. Hail stones, wind and rain delayed car service, damaged crops and uprooted trees in olden, Millbury, Athol and Leominster, where lightning struck a three story dwelling and damaged it in its Worcester vicinity. Telephone wires were up and telephones out of commission. Lightning struck a cupola on City hospital. The bolt smashed windows, walls and electrical fixtures, doing extensive damage.

WORCESTER MAN VICTIM OF STORM AT MARLBORO

Marlboro, Mass., July 31.—Walter Whitworth, of Worcester, 22 years old, was killed by a lightning bolt while seated under a tree during a heavy shower here today. Miss Margaret McLaughlin, his companion, received a concussion of the brain and slight burns. She was taken to a hospital by a passing motorist.

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE IN THE VICINITY OF BOSTON

Boston, July 31.—Considerable damage was caused by a severe thunderstorm in the vicinity of Boston today. At Arlington a male blew down electric light poles and plunged the entire district into darkness for several hours. Streets were washed out and electric car service was interrupted. Half did damage to crops.

TWO FATALITIES FROM LIGHTNING IN FORTGREENSBURG

FortGreensburg, N. Y., July 31.—G. A. Gottschalk, of the town of New York city, was instantly killed and Henry Wood, of 115 Broadway, New York, seriously injured during a heavy shower at Rhinebeck today. Gottschalk was an auditor for the Interborough Rapid Transit Company.

FOUR COWS KILLED BY LIGHTNING IN MIDDLETOWN

Middletown, Conn., July 31.—A severe electrical storm swept over Middletown today. Two barns were struck by lightning and burned to the ground with loss of \$2,000. Four cows of the herd belonging to the Connecticut State Hospital were killed by a lightning bolt, and the flagstaff on the main building of the hospital was struck. The tobacco crop was badly damaged.

A SECOND DESTRUCTIVE HAIL STORM AT SUFFIELD

Suffield, Conn., July 31.—The second destructive hail storm within a week visited Suffield today, laying waste about two hundred acres of standing tobacco and causing an estimated loss of 20,000.

SIX FIREMEN SERIOUSLY BURNED AT ROWAYTON

Bridgeport, Conn., July 31.—Chief George W. Bogardus of the Norwich Fire department and five other firemen of local and Darien departments are in the Norwich hospital all suffering from serious burns. They received their injuries while fighting a blaze that consumed the former William T. Raymond homestead in Rowayton after it was struck by lightning. The injured firemen are: Chief Bogardus, Burns of face, back, arms and hands. Condition serious. George Gaynor, Norwich department, serious facial burns. Robert Clarke, Norwich department, burns about hands and arms. Arthur Billard, Rowayton Hook and Ladder company, Rowayton, hands and feet badly burned. Richard Hudson, Rowayton Hook and Ladder company, Rowayton, feet badly burned, first degree burns also of hands and face.

President Harding In Plymouth Today

For Climax of Celebrations of Tercentenary of Landing of Pilgrims.

Plymouth, Mass., July 31.—This old colony town was on the eve of another event of importance in its long history. At the climax of a year of celebration of the tercentenary of the landing of the Pilgrims it has set tomorrow apart as the day for the principal exercises and prepared to welcome as its guest the president of the United States. Through the long line of presidents who have governed the republic that had its beginning here none previously has made the pilgrimage to Plymouth Rock while in office.

While the presidential yacht Mayflower with President Harding and his official party aboard was cruising leisurely toward this port where she will anchor tomorrow morning, the townfolk of Plymouth and its many summer residents gathered themselves to make ready for his coming. The narrow streets were garlanded and arched with streamers, the log cabin that first housed the Pilgrim women and children was reproduced and the graves of the forefathers were marked anew. Heavy thunderstorms failed to check the preparations.

Official guests from countries connected with the Pilgrim history proceeded to Plymouth, England was received formally by the selectmen who made him their guest when he brought the greeting from the mother town. Jonker William De Beaufort, charge d'affaires of the Dutch embassy at Washington, came tonight as the official representative of Holland. In the absence of the British ambassador, Captain Sydney B. Bayley, naval attaché of the British embassy, came to represent him.

When the Mayflower puts into Plymouth Bay tomorrow morning she will find anchored a naval force consisting of the battleship Delaware, New Dakota and Pennsylvania, and the British cruiser Cambria sent from Bermuda. The president's yacht will bring a convoy of five destroyers.

A submarine tender will bring President Harding ashore from the Mayflower early in the forenoon. The navy will relinquish its charge to the army at the dock, where Troop C, the crack outfit of the third cavalry, will act as his bodyguard. Accompanying the president to his place in a parade that will bring from the old colony settlement floats or marching delegations.

The president will be accompanied by a march two miles from the start and will retrace in a formal pilgrimage the movement down Leyden street, first street of the colony, which the forefathers and their families traversed on their way to the church which they built as a stand aloof of Cole's Hill, where were buried the first of the Pilgrims who died in the new country here.

Among those in the line of march will be many of the cause committed to the cause of the day member of the first national girl scout officers' training camp at Longport in this town will present a torch back symbol of the girl scout movement. Mrs. Harding, who is honorary national president of the girl scouts.

Late in the afternoon the president will return to the stand facing Cole's Hill, there to speak to an audience seated on its slopes in banded stands which have a capacity of ten thousand persons. It was at the cornerstone laying of the Fortinbras, the new town of Provincetown, across the bay from here, that President Roosevelt some years ago gave his vigorous admonition to "certain manufacturers of great wealth."

After the first of the president will go to the Hotel Pilgrim for a rest and attend an informal dinner. His evening will be given over to attendance at the presentation of "The Pilgrim Spirit" the play presented by Professor George P. Baker, of Harvard University for the Pilgrim Tercentenary mission.

President Harding will return to the presentation of the evening to make the trip to Portland Maine en route to a short vacation at the summer lodge of President Weeks at Lancaster, N. H.

PRESIDENT'S YACHT AT CAPE COD CANAL ENTRANCE
Buzzards Bay, Mass., July 31.—The yacht Mayflower, bearing President Harding and his official party, arrived today off Wind's Neck, at the western entrance to the Cape Cod canal. The Mayflower will proceed through the canal early tomorrow to her anchorage at Plymouth.

GOMPERS OPPOSES THE PRISON CONTRACT SYSTEM
Washington, July 31.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has written presidents of local unions and organizers to aid in the fight against the prison contract system in various states. He urged the movement in federal and state vocational systems and to assist in increasing the membership of the federation to the million before the next convention. The communication, made public here today, was sent out in accordance with resolutions adopted at the Denver convention.

ARCHBISHOP MANNIX HAS LANDED IN AUSTRALIA
London, July 31.—Archbishop Mannix, over whose return from England to Australia there has been considerable discussion, landed at Thursday, Queensland, without hindrance, according to a Melbourne despatch to the London Times. He declined to accord an interview, remarking that this was his time for silence.

IRISH ENTHUSIASTS ATTEMPTED TO HOIST THE IRISH FLAG, BUT WERE PREVENTED FROM DOING SO BY THE OFFICIALS.
Former Boston Health Officer Commits Suicide
Boston, July 31.—Dr. David D. Brough, former city deputy health commissioner, committed suicide by hanging at his home today. Despondency was assigned as the cause.

HE WAS REMOVED FROM HIS POSITION IN MARCH LAST BY HEALTH COMMISSIONER WILLIAM C. WOODWARD, WHO CHARGED NEGLIGENCE OF DUTY. He had been connected with the health department since 1893 and was made deputy commissioner in 1917.

Traction Company Manager Beaten

With Assistant, Was Attacked After Arrest of Bus Drivers at Wheeling, W. Va.

Bridgeport, O., July 31.—C. P. Billings, manager of the Wheeling Traction Company, and his assistant, Charles Marsh, left here early today after a crowd had broken through gates around the jail in which they were confined last night on a charge of inciting a riot. The two men had been beaten last night by a crowd and after giving bail had feared to leave the jail and the bridge last night.

The attack of the two men here followed the report last night of the arrest of a score of bus drivers at Wheeling, W. Va., operating between the Ohio and West Virginia points. Special constables, on a charge of violating certain sections of the West Virginia state road law.

A controversy between traction officials and operators of the bus lines seems to have come to a head with the arrest of the bus drivers throughout the district. Crowds collected on the car tracks of the Wheeling Traction company at Martins Ferry, Ohio, and the bridge last night, blocking traffic. The mob at Wheeling was dispersed only after riot squads of the police had been sent to the scene.

The appearance of Billings and Marsh here has not been explained and it was with some difficulty that their bonds were obtained. The former was held under \$200 bonds and the latter under \$100 bond, according to police at Bridgeport. They left in the direction of Wheeling in an automobile after the crowd about the jail had scattered peacefully, the police said.

AMERICANS IN RUSSIA TO BE RELEASED THIS WEEK

Riga, July 31 (By The A. P.)—The release of all Americans still in prison in Russia may be expected within a few days, according to Mrs. Marguerite E. Harrison, of Baltimore, who herself spent many months in imprisonment in Moscow, but who was released and came here under the protection of Senator France of Maryland. She was informed before leaving Moscow that all would be released by the end of the week.

No notification of the release of the Americans has yet been received at Riga and the American officials have not been advised as to whether the prisoners will be freed one at a time or in a group. Mrs. Harrison declared her story today and pictured her life in prison as differing far from sketches of her sufferings drawn from time to time by travelers arriving in the Baltic states from Russia. Although under close confinement for considerable time, she gave an unemotional statement of her experiences. She was thin and frail, and resting in a small single room.

Acting District Attorney Bantam, of New York, declared the Dempsey-Carpenter fight pictures may be shown in New York state without violation of the law.

BRASILIAN GOVERNMENT WILL AGAIN VALORIZE THE NEW-SEASON COFFEE CROP. It is understood that the August-September crop will be paid for at the rate of \$14.50 and \$14.65 respectively.

WIRELESS TELEPHONE CONNECTING ALL FIVE AND SIX CITIES WILL BE OPERATED FROM THE TOP OF THE CITY HALL IN CHICAGO. Receiving apparatus will be attached to the coats of all policemen.

FIRST RACE IN THE INTERNATIONAL SIX-MILE YACHT RACE OFF ISLE OF WIGHT WAS WON BY BRITAIN, scoring more points than American yachts. The weather was squally.

A VOLUNTARY PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY WAS FILED AT BOSTON BY THE ARCADEA PICTURE PALACE. Liabilities are listed as \$290,339 and assets as \$87,713.

DECISION TO USE THE TRANSPORT GREAT ARMY'S REMOVED FROM SERVICE OF THE ARMY, as the administrative flagships of the Atlantic fleet, was announced by Secretary Denby.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE OF NEW YORK, AUTHORIZED BROUGH PRESIDENT RIEGELMAN, OF BROOKLYN, TO PROCEED WITH THE CONEY ISLAND BOARD WALK, which will cost about \$1,900,000.

EXPORTS FROM THIS COUNTRY TO EUROPE fell off nearly \$1,600,000, while those in South America increased more than \$50,000,000 during the fiscal year ended June 30.

STREET CAR SERVICES OF DES MOINES WILL BE DISCONTINUED TODAY. Creditors claimed their accounts would be insured if the company was allowed to operate longer.

FEDERAL INJUNCTION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY COURTS

State Officials Are Restrained From Enforcing the New Connecticut Jitney Laws—Buses Will Continue to Operate Until August 16, When Officials Will Be Given an Opportunity to be Heard—Petitioners Maintain That the New State Law Conflicts With the Constitution of the United States—State Officials Had Planned For Wholesale Arrests.

Bridgeport, July 31.—By a federal injunction issued by Judge Edwin S. Thomas of the United States district court, officials of the state of Connecticut who had set midnight tonight as the zero hour for the enforcement of the new Connecticut Jitney law are restrained from making their contemplated moves for wholesale arrests and jitneys will continue to operate in the state until August 16 at least when the officials will have a chance to be heard on the order.

The temporary injunction was granted upon applications of Attorneys R. E. Woodruff and Arthur Klein of New Haven, who called upon Judge Thomas at his home in Norwich Saturday afternoon. The petitioners in a bill of equity filed claimed that the new state law was in contravention of the Constitution of the United States in that its provisions, if carried out, would be in the nature of property confiscation and an infringement upon the property rights of American citizens without due process of law.

The issuance of the injunction was confirmed to a Telegram reporter by Judge Thomas at his Norwich home, Bridgeport, yesterday. He made the statement: "The temporary injunction was granted upon applications of Attorneys R. E. Woodruff and Arthur Klein of New Haven, made application to me for a federal injunction to restrain the state officials from enforcing Jitney law. It is of course due to the date and New Haven as the place when a hearing will be had upon dissolving the order or making it permanent."

"In a bill of equity which has been filed, the claim is made that the law denies the petitioners certain rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and it will be based on the fact that the law is unconstitutional. There has been some misunderstanding as to how this matter reached the federal court when it was already before Judge John E. Keeler in a state court. It is of course due to the fact that entirely different questions are raised. I was away from home when application was made to Judge Keeler and I did not attend the hearing. In fact if I had been present I would have avoided the subject."

Judge Thomas then stated that the issue brought to his court was the order there under a recent federal statute which provided that questions arising out of the conflict of state laws with the United States Constitution might be the subject of hearing and decision. The federal act when the case is heard at New Haven on Aug. 16, it will be argued before a special court of the United States sitting in New Haven. The first time Circuit Judge Wade Rogers, of New York, former dean of Yale law school, will be the presiding judge and with him will sit Judge Thomas of the Connecticut district and another federal judge, not yet selected but probably from Vermont. Judge Rogers is of the Eastern District court of appeals and while it is possible that he is not of the issue of the case, the appellate branch may sit, the responsibility are that Judge Rogers will be present.

The injunction hearing is by far the most important step in the proceedings to date and is of statewide interest. Judge Thomas who learned of the move yesterday expressed a great deal of satisfaction over the course of the case. "I think it is very fortunate that we have been able to take the case upon a testimony to the United States court," said one man who has been interested in the case for some time. "I would not think of reflecting in the slightest way upon any of the very fine and able, honest men who are judges of the courts in Connecticut, but there is natural satisfaction in having the issue go into an entirely neutral court. With the decision, whatever it may be, will come complete satisfaction to both sides."

Although the injunction had been granted Saturday, Attorney Woodruff was interviewed Saturday night. He would not confirm the fact but said that the purpose of the injunction was to prevent the state from making any move to enforce the law. It is believed, was due to a desire to inform the state association of the success that had been achieved before public newspaper announcement was made.

OFFICERS ARE RESTRAINED FROM MAKING ARRESTS
New Haven, Conn., July 31.—The injunction issued by Federal Judge Thomas restraining officers of the state from arresting drivers of jitney buses as a further stay in denying the use of the streets and highways to operators of such vehicles.

Formerly the jitneys were operated under registration plates issued by the public utilities commission without any special license. The law which was enacted a law giving the public utilities commission power to issue licenses to such jitney men as in its judgment, should be allowed to continue in business as furnishing necessary transportation.

The law went into effect July 15, and the public officials gave the jitney operators an additional three days in which to procure their licenses, before making arrests. One bus company, the New Haven-Derby Bus Corporation, applied to Judge John E. Keeler of the superior police for an injunction restraining the police from enforcing the application was denied. The injunction granted by Federal Judge Thomas, however, will have the effect of stopping the arrest of jitneys until after the hearing set for August 16.

BODY BELIEVED TO BE THAT OF MISSING NURSE
Providence, R. I., July 31.—The body of a woman, believed to be that of Miss Mills Oates, the Huntington, Conn. nurse who disappeared from her water room on the steamer Georgia, between New York and Providence, Friday night, was found thrown up on the beach on the estate of Colonel G. L. Shepley, in Warwick, this afternoon.

ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATION AT IMPERIAL PALACE, BERLIN
Berlin, July 31.—(By The A. P.)—In front of the Imperial Palace in the Lustgarten, where the Kaiser has spent seven years ago made his famous war speech prior to the declaration of hostilities against Russia, a huge demonstration was held today. Ten thousand red flags were flying, in contrast to the standard of the Kaiser which was down the day he made his speech.

WIRELESS CONVENTION IN CHICAGO AUGUST 29
Hartford, Conn., July 31.—Announcement was made tonight at the headquarters in the city of the International Radio Relay League, an organization of amateur wireless operators, that plans are now complete for the first national wireless convention to be held at Chicago in the five days beginning August 29. Two thousand radio operators from forty-five states are expected to attend.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NOT FOR SUNDAY BLUE LAWS
San Francisco, Calif., July 31.—The Knights of Columbus convention here this week cannot consider an appeal received today from the International Reform Bureau in Washington, D. C., asking co-operation in Sunday blue laws. It was announced by Supreme Knight Edward J. Flanagan, a member of the board of directors of the order.

CHAIN CANDY STORE CO. TO CUT CUPRICE 20 PER CENT.
New York, July 31.—A cut of approximately fifty per cent. of all candy from gum drops to bon bon was announced today by a chain of candy store companies, following a general agitation against the high prices of ice cream, cold cream and confectionery.

KING GEORGE VISITS U. S. BATTLESHIP UTAR
Crown, Isle of Wight, July 31 (By The A. P.)—King George today was on United States territory. This was when he visited the United States battleship Utah to return a visit paid him on the royal yacht Victoria and Albert by Vice Admiral Albert S. Niblack, commander of the American naval force in European waters, who is here to attend the Cowes regatta, which begins tomorrow.