

CYCLONE KILLS MANY CHILDREN. Schoolhouses in Iowa Demolished While School Was in Session. INTO A BARBED WIRE FENCE. Two Little Girls Swept by the Wind as They Were Going Home.

DEATHS ALSO BY LIGHTNING. At Least Fifty-two People Believed to Have Perished—May Be Many More.

SIoux CITY, Ia., May 4.—At least fifty-two people are known to have been killed in the terrible cyclone that passed over this part of Iowa yesterday.

No one can tell as yet how great the loss of life is, or how extensive the damage, until reports from the outlying districts have been received.

The telegraph wires in this section are all down, and authentic information is hard to get.

Three school-houses are known to have been demolished while school was in progress. Two teachers and several pupils and nearly a score of others were killed, and many buildings were wrecked.

The school-houses near Sioux Centre were the ones destroyed, and to each from three to ten children were killed or injured. Many of the little tots were carried from a quarter to a half a mile before they alighted.

Two little daughters of John Koster, a farmer near Sioux Centre, were pecked up as they were leaving the school-house and dashed into a barbed-wire fence. Both were killed.

Two sons of C. H. Hagie, at the same school-house, had their legs broken and received other injuries from which they will die. Mr. Hagie's house is near the school, and, although he escaped, his daughter was so badly injured that she cannot live.

The parents of many of the children escaped the storm, and are nearly frantic to learn whether their little ones are dead or alive.

A curious feature of the cyclone was the accompaniment of electrical violence and many deaths by lightning are reported.

Besides the cyclone, which did considerable damage at West Sioux Falls and vicinity, there was a regular old burst twenty miles north and an immense rise in the river is looked for. The Sioux at Dell Rapids is running over the Milwaukee tracks, and Skunk Creek is also high and flooding farms in its course.

The towns of Sioux Centre, Fremont, Orange City, Perkins, Doon, Hull, Sheldon, Alton, Ashton, Sibley and Lemars were almost directly in the path of the cyclone. The storm was followed by furious wind and rain, which had not abated at an early hour this morning.

Numerous victims were found lodged in trees where they had been hurled by the wind.

Where had stood fine residences could be found nothing but cellar holes, and in some cases a few twisted timbers, while strewn all over the ground were portions of buildings and furniture bearing not the least semblance of their original form.

Fields of sprouting grain are now bare, trees uprooted, and all is desolation along the route of the cyclone.

MADRID, Ia., May 4.—A terrible rain and wind storm passed over this section of the State yesterday.

Hail fell in large quantities, the stones being as large as hazel nuts. A dozen freight cars on a siding of the Milwaukee road were blown out on the main track, where they were found by the switching crew in time to avert a wreck with the eastern passenger train.

WEBSTER, S. D., May 4.—The northern portion of Spink County was swept by a cyclone last night. The greatest damage by far reported was at Ashton, where the opera-house was blown down and the Congregational church demolished and many houses and barns destroyed.

Farm houses, granaries and barns for miles east of Ashton are completely blown away.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 4.—The cyclone which struck this section did much damage to property. In this city many small buildings were blown to pieces and windows of several fine residences were smashed in and the contents of the houses damaged by rain. No lives were lost.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 4.—A cyclone passed in a northwesterly direction about ten miles west of this city last night. It crossed the Chicago Great Western tracks near Orlinda, and interrupted telegraphic communication.

No definite reports of extensive loss to property or life have been received.

A hard wind storm struck Des Moines. It was accompanied by electrical manifestations, which created havoc with the local telephone and telegraphic service.

The managers of the electric street railways had been warned by telegrams from Omaha and Sioux City, and stopped traffic and interrupted their circuits.

The wind in Des Moines damaged small buildings, but the loss will not be great. A heavy rain began falling at 11 o'clock and continued until early this morning.

LADY KIMBERLEY IS DEAD. Wife of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

LONDON AT ITS BEST. The Season Opens Auspiciously, but Tradesmen Grumble. Royal Academy's Exhibition of This Year's Works of Art. Queen Wilhelmina Visited Her Majesty at Windsor To-Day.

(Copyrighted, 1895, by the Associated Press.) LONDON, May 4.—Ideal Spring weather has prevailed during the past week and London is looking its best.

The parks are crowded morning and afternoon and everybody seems to be enjoying the change from the cold and fogs of winter to the sunshine of coming summer.

The season begins auspiciously, but the shopkeepers are grumbling because the Queen is going to crowd two drawing-rooms into a fortnight, for, in their opinion, there cannot be too many public displays. They are the occasion for a great display of finery and an expenditure of much money.

On Monday the Royal Academy will open its doors to the public, and the world of art will once more be in full swing. The "royal view," on Thursday last, was well attended, among those present being the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, the Queen Regent of Holland and her daughter, the little Queen Wilhelmina, whose future, according to report, is to be linked with that of the eldest son of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

Frida's "private view" was the occasion for the customary crush of fashionable people and for the usual elaborate display of spring toilet novelties. The absence of Sir Frederick Leighton, President of the Royal Academy, was much regretted, and fears are expressed that his health will compel him to resign the Presidency.

The exhibition of pictures at the Royal Academy fully sustains the level reached by its predecessors. Sir Frederick Leighton, with a "June" and a "Larchymae," Sir John Millais with a "St. Stephen" and a fine vision subject, entitled "Speak to Me," Alma Tadema with a feast of flowers entitled "Spring," and all the leading artists are well represented. Sargent's examples are confined to portraits, of which there is the usual multitude on the walls.

The sculptures are good, and include busts of Mr. Chauncey M. Depew, by Albert Bruce-Joy, and the Princess of Wales, by the Countess von Gleichen.

The Princess of Wales is sending two sketches to the coming amateur art exhibition at the castle.

The Queen of Holland, accompanied by the Queen Regent, her mother, visited Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle to-day. They were met at the railroad station by the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha and were entertained with much ceremony at the castle.

There has been much comment, however, on the fact that the little Queen and her mother have been in London for a week past and have had to put up at Brown's Hotel, no palace being offered them, although no members of the royal family are at present stopping in London and there are palaces vacant.

Buckingham Palace having been previously engaged, the son of the Ameer of Afghanistan, who is on his way here with his suite of seventy persons, is to be housed at Dorchester House, Capt. Holford's splendid Park lane palace, which, by the way, he is anxious to be rid of to any millionaire desiring a palace.

It is an immense limestone mansion, beautifully situated, and possesses the finest art treasures in London—worth exceeding in beauty the \$100,000 staircase of Mrs. John W. Mackay's residence, Carlton House Terrace.

Capt. Holford's father, Mr. R. S. Holford, purchased Dorchester House from the fourth Marquis of Hertford, whose nobleman's estate in London is the residence of Lord Monmouth and Thackeray's Lord Steyne.

The sale of the jewels and racing cups of the late Duchess of Montrose, known in sporting circles as the "Red Duchess," who raced horses under the name of "Mr. Mantou," realized over \$12,000. A pearl necklace was sold, according to the terms of her last will and testament, for the benefit of the poor of East London. It fetched \$7,000.

Edward William Gosse, M. A., the distinguished littérateur, and formerly Clark Lecturer in English Literature at Trinity College, Cambridge, speaking at the Booksellers' dinner, in the presence

of several popular novelists, issued a warning to some eminent authors, saying that their unbridled greed threatened to kill the goose upon which they all lived.

The speech is exciting a sensation. Mr. Gosse, in view of the attention drawn to his utterances, has written a letter explaining that his words were not meant to be unkindly.

There was an important conference at the War Office on Wednesday last between the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke of Connaught, Lord Wolseley, Lord Roberts of Kandahar, and Lieut.-Gen. Sir Roberts-Buller, and it revived the rumors of the approaching retirement of the Duke of Cambridge from the post of Commander-in-Chief.

This would be most welcome news to the public, as his continued retention of the office which the Hartington Commission advised the total abolition of means an immense pecuniary loss to the country.

It is said that Lord Roberts of Kandahar will succeed Lord Wolseley at Dublin as Commander of the forces in Ireland. Lord Wolseley taking the newly created post of Chief of the Staff at headquarters, which the Duke of Cambridge will retain.

The late Dr. Dale, whose name was celebrated far beyond Birmingham, is to have a memorial erected to him in that city. While the necessity did not arise in Birmingham that made Dr. Parkhurst famous in New York, Dr. Dale for many years exerted a strong influence on the municipal life of his city and infused an intensely patriotic spirit among many who looked upon municipal duties as best left to politicians. The form of the memorial is as yet undecided.

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS LEAVE. Has Japan Settled with the Car and Will She Repudiate China? YOKOHAMA, May 4.—Non-Russian warships which were lately stationed at the treaty ports have left with sealed orders.

It is now not expected that the treaty of peace, arrived at between China and Japan, will be ratified, as the Mikado is expected to demand new terms.

CHEFOO, May 4.—The Chinese and Japanese Peace Plenipotentiaries are expected here on Wednesday next, May 5, in order to exchange the ratifications of the treaty of peace.

Mr. John W. Foster, the American adviser of the Chinese Commissioners, will accompany the latter.

'T WAS A BRILLIANT MOVE. French Troops in Madagascar Carried an Important Position. PARIS, May 4.—A despatch received here from Majunga, Island of Madagascar, announces that the French forces yesterday brilliantly carried an important position on the Betahoka River, capturing a number of prisoners, several guns and a quantity of provisions. The losses of the Hovas were serious.

NO REPLY FROM NICARAGUA. England Expects an Answer in a Few Days, However. LONDON, May 4.—It is semi-officially announced this afternoon that the British Government has not yet received Nicaragua's acquiescence in the British demands, but a definite reply is hardly expected within a few days.

WILDE'S BAIL IS \$25,000. When This is Furnished Oscar Will Be Liberated. LONDON, May 4.—Oscar Wilde will be liberated Monday or when bail is found, the Court before which his lawyers applied having agreed to accept his personal bail bond is \$25,000 and two sureties in \$5,000 each.

COUNSEL asked that one surety of \$12,500 be accepted instead of two sureties in \$5,000 each.

Hark Guldberg, from Darton, Burned at Sea. LIVERPOOL, May 4.—The British steamer Hilda, Capt. Sallor, which arrived here on May 2 from New York, reports that on April 22 she sighted the burned derelict Hark Guldberg, Capt. Fisher's, from Darton, March 29, from Newcastle.

CLEVELAND'S WARNING. The President Declares that a Campaign for Free Silver Coinage Means the Defeat if Not the Disintegration of the Democratic Party.

JACKSON, Miss., May 3.—Gov. Stone this evening made public a letter which he had just received from President Cleveland, as follows:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29, 1895. Hon. J. M. Stone, Governor, etc.

My Dear Sir: Your letter of the 21st inst is at hand. I do not feel inclined to find fault with your criticism, but I think the matters you refer to should be judged in the light of the circumstances existing at the time the things were done. I never had an idea of building up or fostering a personal following, but so far as politics should properly influence me in making appointments I have tried to be democratic and not prescriptive. I am glad you are frank enough to admit your participation in bringing about a condition in office-holding which may not be all that could now be desired.

Whether those appointed to places shall in speech and action behave decently towards the Administration under which they hold office must remain to a large extent a matter of taste and good breeding. There are, however, some officials who devote themselves so industriously to vilification and abuse of those under whom they hold office as to indicate that their fidelity cannot be trusted for the performance of their duties in a manner creditable to the Administration, and who apparently assume that they may spend the time they owe the public service in doing political mischief.

In the interest of good government such office-holders must not be surprised if they are summarily dealt with. When I received your letter I had just finished reading a letter of yours, in which you explain to the citizens of Mississippi your views on the currency question. It seems to me you have in that letter contributed in the best possible style and in a most valuable way to the fund of argument in favor of sound money.

I have never ceased to wonder why the people of the South, furnishing so largely as they do products which are exported for gold, should be willing to submit to the disadvantages and loss of silver monometallism, and to content themselves with a depreciated and fluctuating currency, while permitting others to reap a profit from the transmutation of the prices of their productions from silver to gold. I hope this letter of yours will be given the widest possible circulation, especially among our Southern fellow-citizens, and that they will be permitted to see the pitfall which is directly before those who madly rush towards the phantom light of free, unlimited and independent silver coinage.

If we, who profess fealty to the Democratic party, are sincere in our devotion to its principles, and if we are right in believing that the ascendancy of those principles is a guarantee of personal liberty, universal care for the rights of all, non-sectional, American brotherhood and manly trust in American citizenship in any part of our land, we should study the effects upon our party and consequently upon our country of a commitment of the National Democracy to the silver aberration.

If there are Democrats who suppose that our party cannot stand on a platform embodying such doctrine, either through its affirmative strength or through the perplexity of our opponents on the same proposition, or if there are Democrats who are willing to turn their backs upon their party associations in the hope that free and unlimited and independent coinage of silver can consequently win out the aid of either party organization, they should deceive themselves no longer, nor longer refuse to face the results that will follow the defeat, if not the disintegration of the Democratic party, upon the issue which tempts them from their allegiance.

If we should be forced away from our traditional doctrine of sound and safe money, our old antagonist will take the field on the platform which we abandon, and neither the votes of reckless Democrats nor reckless Republicans will avail to stay their easy march to power. This is as plain as anything can possibly be.

It, therefore, becomes the duty of every Democrat, wherever he may be, to consider what such a victory would mean, and in the light of a proper conception of its results he should deliberately shape his course. Yours very truly,

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At 9 o'clock it was 63, and fast walkers began to mop their faces. At 10 o'clock it was 66, where it rested for half an hour, and then displayed a willingness to proceed on its upward flight.

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