

# Tornado Kills 1, Battalion Chief and 8 Firemen Injures Scores, Are Overcome in Burning Loft In Wisconsin

### Hundred Cities and Towns Suffer Damage From Wind and Rain; 3 Villages Dark During Storm

### Dozen Hurt at a Fair

### Milwaukee's Streetcar Service Demoralized; 13 Yachts in Regatta Hit

Smoke billowing from a window on the top floor of the eleven-story loft building at 35 West Twenty-fourth Street at 8 o'clock last night caught the eye of Patrolman Thomas Mitchell. As he looked he saw that the smoke clouds were tinged with flame. He turned in an alarm and when firemen arrived they found that the top floor was first swept, with flames shooting from all windows.

Before the blaze was extinguished a half-hour eight firemen had been overcome by smoke and three of them, including a battalion chief, had been removed to the sidewalk unconscious.

These three were Battalion Chief Lawrence McGuire, Fireman Matthew Fox, McGuire's chauffeur, and Fireman Charles McGrath. McGrath, a member of Truck 12, was taken to New York Hospital. Battalion Chief McGuire, Fireman Fox and the others were attended in the street.

After discovering the fire Patrolman Thomas Mitchell didn't hurry away. He figured that he might be of further use.

## May Return Bergdoll On a Forgery Charge

### Washington Could Demand Swiss Surrender Him if Passport Was Bogus

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—If Grover C. Bergdoll, the millionaire Philadelphia draft deserter, possessed an American passport which enabled him to enter Switzerland, the document was a forgery and may be the grounds for a request of the Swiss government to turn him over to the American government, it was disclosed to-day at the State Department.

No confirmation is available here of the report that Bergdoll has actually reached Swiss soil.

A study of the extradition treaty between the United States and Switzerland made by the State Department has disclosed that this government cannot request the return of Bergdoll because of the military offense he has been found guilty of, but if it develops that he used a fraudulent American passport, the forgery committed in process it may provide grounds for asking for his extradition.

Both the War Department and the State Department are determined not to let the Bergdoll case drop and to legitimate method of bringing about his return to this country will not be overlooked by the Administration.

## Pay \$2,300 for Liquor, But Get 7 Kegs of Water

### U. S. Agents Hear Of \$600,000 Rum Smuggling Plot

PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 20.—Twelve Portland men are said to have seven kegs of water for which they paid \$2,300 under the impression that they were buying whisky. According to a story told here to-day a committee of five of the purchasers met in an old farmhouse in the Strudwater district last night and in a second floor room lighted only by the rays of a flash lamp, tested whisky that apparently was siphoned from each of the barrels, and which they considered well worth \$9 a quart.

They now have reached the conclusion that the liquor was produced in much the same way a magician would have done it, from a little hose connected with a bottle concealed in the clothing of the salesman. The latter was a stranger here until a week ago, but he proved a convincing talker.

## House to Vote on Farm Relief Bill To-morrow

### WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—General Debate in the House on the Senate Agricultural relief bill was completed to-night with a vote on passage scheduled for Monday.

When the House adjourned a motion by Representative Winco, Democrat of Arkansas, to recommmit the measure was pending. He contended provisions should be added to authorize the War Finance Corporation to purchase \$200,000,000 of farm loan bonds and to make loans directly to agricultural producers.

The bill would make \$1,000,000,000 available to the corporation for facilitating the exportation of farm products. A number of changes have been made in it by the House and, if passed, the measure will go to conference.

Representative Luce, Republican of Massachusetts, assailed the bill to-night, charging that it would work out to the benefit of German manufacturers in "their new commercial warfare." He particularly opposed a section which he said would permit government loans to foreigners engaged in exportation of American farm products.

## Winnipeg Shippers Said To Be Engineering Scheme Involving Transport of 5 Carloads Over Minn. Line

### DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 20.—A plot to smuggle more than \$500,000 worth of liquor into the United States by way of Rainy River and Beaudette is being engineered by Winnipeg shippers, according to word received at the United States Customs Office here to-day.

The shipment, to consist of five carloads of beer, whisky, alcohol and brandy, is now at Rainy River and is being guarded by several men, advices received here said.

Owners of the liquor, it is said, made no secret of the fact that it is intended for shipment into the United States. When it was seized by the Canadian authorities, the owners are said to have presented the defense that the consignment was intended for export.

Dry Agent Shot in Battle  
COLEBROOK, N. H., Aug. 20.—A slight bullet wound was inflicted upon George J. Christie, chief prohibition enforcement agent for New Hampshire, in a fight between officers and two alleged rum runners near Dixville Notch early to-day. Liquor valued at about \$1,500 was seized and a man driving his name as Auguste Picard, of Rumford, Me., was placed under arrest, charged with violation of the prohibition law. Mr. Christie was taken to a hospital here with a flesh wound and a possible fractured shin. Picard's capture came as the result of a trap after he had been watched for more than a year.

Purchase in Ontario Held Illegal  
WINDSOR, Ont., Aug. 20.—Citizens of the United States who want to purchase liquor from Canadian sources must remain away from Ontario during purchase negotiations if they would avoid conflict with the Ontario temperance act, according to a ruling to-day by W. F. Gundy, police magistrate of Windsor.

In a test case, in which A. Raffoley, an American citizen, bought 100 cases of beer from the British-American Brewing Company, the beer being subsequently seized by the Ontario government, the magistrate fined the company \$200 and ordered the confiscation made permanent. The magistrate's ground was that Raffoley had closed the purchase on Canadian soil and that therefore the brewery had violated the Ontario temperance act.

Had Raffoley made his order by letter from the United States the transaction would have been valid, Magistrate Gundy ruled.

## Michigan Firm Charged With Stock Sale Fraud

### Men Identified With General Motors Corporation Among Defendants

FLINT, Mich., Aug. 20.—Fraud in the disposal of stock in the Jackson Cushman Spring Company, now the Reynold Spring Company, of Jackson, Mich., is charged in a bill filed in Circuit Court here to-day, asking for reorganization and an accounting of the company and for the appointment of temporary and permanent receivers.

Receivers also are asked for the W. R. Reynolds Company, a brokerage concern of Flint and Jackson, which is alleged to have handled the sale of the stock.

Several persons, prominent in the General Motors Corporation or formerly with that concern are named among the defendants. The bill alleges that it was through their influence that the purchasers of their stock were induced to buy, coupled with the belief that the Jackson concern was to become a part of the General Motors Corporation.

Among the defendants are H. H. Bassett, president of the Buick Motor Company; Walter P. Chrysler, former head of the Buick company, now identified with the Willys-Overland Company, of Toledo, and several well known business men of Flint and Jackson.

The bill was filed in behalf of Rev. Father Patrick R. Dunningan, formerly chaplain of the Michigan National Catholic Church of Flint, and other purchasers and stockholders of the Reynolds Spring Company. In the latter group are included hundreds of small shareholders.

Senators Will Be Told Tax On Films Closes Theaters  
Saul E. Rogers and William A. Brady are to appear before the Senate Finance Committee in Washington this week, it was announced yesterday, as representatives of the National Association of the Motion Picture Industry. They will argue for the repeal of the 5 per cent film rental tax. If this tax is lifted the association intends to fight for the repeal of other taxes on the industry, it was said.

According to Mr. Rogers, about one-third of the 14,000 motion picture houses in the country were compelled to close in the last three months, and it is expected that many more will do likewise before fall.

## Radicals in Musical Union Are Overthrown

### Conservatives Name Provisional Officers and Prefer Charges Against Old Leaders

Members of the so-called radical element in the Musical Mutual Protective Union were overthrown yesterday at a meeting of the union in East Eighty-fifth Street, and provisional officers were elected, chosen by the conservative members of the organization.

The new officers are: Harry Kantor, president pro tem; Morris Benavente, secretary, and I. Rosenberg, treasurer. As a result of the meeting Angelo Matera, who has been serving as president of the union, and seven other acting officials, representatives of the Quorum Club, are under suspension pending trial on charges.

Those familiar with the affairs of the musical union were unable to say last night just what effect yesterday's action would have upon the strike now in effect in motion picture and vaudeville houses of the city. They were of the opinion, however, that it might be instrumental in bringing the strike to an end.

The Quorum Club of the musical union is an organization made up almost entirely of foreign-born musicians, and has fewer than 400 members out of the nearly 9,000 in the union. The Quorum members in the past, it is said, have voted as one man.

The Quorum Club some time ago caused a resolution to be passed which ordered that upon written charges preferred by 500 members, any officer or director could be suspended pending trial, which must occur within twenty-five days. This resolution yesterday caused the Quorum Club's undoing.

## Rich Philadelphi Men Had Passed Hot 24 Hours Crowded in Cells

### PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 20.—A certified check for \$45,000 to-day brought the release under bail of seventy-two men caught yesterday in a raid on the Old Wheel Pump Hotel, near Chestnut Hill, one of the city's most fashionable suburbs.

The check, representing contributions from various friends, was arranged by an attorney and paid in a lump sum. Others caught in the raid had furnished bail immediately.

The prisoners, some of them wealthy sportsmen, were jammed six and seven to a cell in the little prison at Norris-town, about twenty miles from here. They were compelled to pass a hot night and most of a much warmer day.

## Shiloh Temple Demaged

### In Zion City the wind ripped and tore with cyclone violence for five minutes. It swooped over Shiloh Temple, standing on the hill, and took off part of the roof. It smashed skylights and the community to sleep, blasted several main streets with uprooted trees and flattened a score of signboards on which Overseer Voliva had posted his protest against tobacco and other worldliness.

### The storm appeared yesterday afternoon in the northwest corner of Wisconsin and then swept with almost a tornado's violence through Milwaukee and into Illinois along the Lake shore. It took heavy toll in a dozen Wisconsin towns.

### A dozen persons were hurt at the Sheboygan county fair at Plymouth, in Sheboygan a warehouse was thrown across the arteries of the power company and three towns were put into darkness.

### Thirteen Yachts Capsized Oakleaf yachts in the regatta at Oakleaf were capsized. All the sailors were rescued.

### In Milwaukee the storm temporarily knocked out streetcar operation and impaired interurban traffic, together with telephone and railroad service.

### Many followers of Voliva, in Zion City saw an omen in the tornado's ravages. On Sheridan Road, where a Voliva signboard denouncing the independent is facing the road, the signboard, the unbeliever's board stood, while the Voliva board was wrecked.

### "The Devil spares his own," said the carpenter to-day as he led a gang of carpenters to repair his damaged boards.

### More scientific observers, however, said the independent sign stood because it was so cracked that the wind found little resistance.

### Woman Held as Bookmaker Caretake of Residence Is Accused of Taking Bets

Mrs. Hannah Callahan was held for examination in Night Court last night, accused of converting into a betting place a dentist's apartment on East 140th Street, the Bronx. She is acting as caretaker while the dentist and his family are on a vacation. The apartment is across the street from the house of Macerata, being, before whom she was arraigned.

Six men and eight women were arrested in the place which was said to be furnished with racing charts. All the other prisoners were discharged. One of them, who said she was Frances Boustard, living at the Hotel Wellington, had \$200 in cash with her, according to the police. Another woman, who said she was Grace Simons, 1937 Third Avenue, had \$300, the detectives said.

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