

TORNADO'S TERRORS IN SOUTH, WRECK HORROR IN EAST CLAIM HUNDREDS IN CRASH AND CLASH OF ELEMENTS

PASSENGER TRAIN HITS POWDER CAR

Score Dead and Scores Injured in Wreck, Explosion, and Fire on Pennsylvania Road Near State's Capital.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 11.—Twenty persons are believed to have been killed and 100 injured by the wrecking of the Cleveland and Cincinnati express, west-bound on the Pennsylvania railroad, which dashed into a wrecked eastbound freight train, exploding a car filled with 50,000 pounds of blasting powder. The wreck occurred in the southern part of Harrisburg at 1:40 a. m. today. It was one of the most horrible disasters ever experienced by the Pennsylvania road. Several hours will elapse before the exact number of dead and injured is known. Twelve of the dead are at the morgue and other bodies are being brought as they are located. There are about seventy injured persons in the Harrisburg hospital, hotels and private residences, while others are under care of physicians in houses near the scene.

PASSENGERS BURNED TO A CRISP.

Passengers and trainmen were burned to a crisp, while others were pinned helplessly in the debris. So completely incinerated were the bodies that only four had been identified at 11 a. m. Two immediately recognized were Engineer Thomas of Parksburg and Mrs. Dougherty of Pittsburg, whose bodies were thrown clear of the debris instead of into it as in other cases. The women suffered greatly, and many of those who escaped were found almost nude.

PRIMARY CAUSE OF THE WRECK.

The primary cause of the wreck was a shifting engine. It was going west slowly when the engineer of the eastbound freight saw it coming on his track. He applied the air brakes suddenly, which caused the middle of the freight train to buckle, shoving several of the cars onto the westbound passenger track. A moment later the express, one of the fastest night trains on the road, dashed into the wrecked cars. The next instant the boiler of the passenger locomotive exploded. The wreck took fire and those who escaped began the work of rescue.

FLAMES REACHED CAR OF POWDER.

Six minutes after the express struck the freight wreck, the railroad men say, the flames reached the car filled with powder. There was a flash and a deafening roar. The earth trembled as the some terrible seismic disturbance occurred. All who were not killed or injured by the explosion fled from the awful scene.

FLAMES BEGAN THEIR AWFUL FEAST.

Flames began their cruel feast on human bodies helplessly pinned. An alarm was turned in and when the firemen arrived it was impossible to go closer than 800 yards until the explosions ceased.

APPELLING SCENES NEAR THE WRECK.

The scenes in the vicinity were appalling, as many families living in the small houses about the place were tossed from their beds, and thinking that some catastrophe had befallen, rushed from their beds clad only in nightclothes and blankets.

RICH JEWELS LOST IN FLAMES.

Henry Silverman, a New York jewelry salesman, had a satchel in his berth with \$17,000 worth of jewelry samples. He was compelled to leave everything in the coach to escape with his life. He could not find his bag in the darkness and had to leave his jewels to be consumed in the flames.

Crushed Passenger Cars.

The force of the collision crushed all of the passenger cars, which piled up in a huge mass. The two trains were masses of flames in a short time. With the crash the passengers, all of whom were asleep in their berths, were hurled in all directions. All who were not pinned in the debris or totally incapacitated, ran away from the volcano, intermingled with small explosions. It was impossible at the time for those who escaped uninjured to reach the imprisoned passengers.

Escaped from Wreck.

Early this morning persons who escaped from the wreck began flocking to the newspaper offices to ask that it be published that they escaped injury. Among these was Charles Stanglum of Baltimore, supreme chief of the Brotherhood of Car Inspectors, Car Builders and Railroad Mechanics of America. Samuel Shubert of New York, manager of the Lyric theater, jumped out of his berth and ran out in the train just in time to escape being burned to death. He was taken to the Commonwealth hotel.

Many Trips with the Dying.

A police patrol wagon was among the first conveyance to arrive on the scene. Into it were packed as many wounded as possible. Until long after daylight his horses were at breakneck speed to and from the hospital. Special trains were immediately made up by the Pennsylvania Railroad company and conveyed to the hospital station, whence they were taken to the hospital and other places.

Pathos About Wreck.

Pathos indescribable characterized the scenes about the wreck. Husbands, separated from wives, and little children bereft of their parents, sought their friends among the dead and dying. Sometimes they succeeded in finding their loved ones among the slightly injured or even among those unscathed.

BOTH SIDES REST IN THE KOCH CASE

S. B. Wilson, County Attorney of Blue Earth, Begins His Argument for State

Destiny of the Defendant Will Be With the Jury of Twelve Tomorrow.

By W. P. McGuire.
Mankato, Minn., May 11.—Both the state and the defense in the Koch trial rested soon after the noon recess today. S. B. Wilson, county attorney, opened the argument for the state and was followed by General Childs. A. R. Pfau and L. L. Brown will address the jury for the defense tomorrow morning. Judge Gray will then charge the jury and it will retire to pass upon the guilt or innocence of Dr. Koch.

Koch Recalled.

The defendant was recalled by the Chief of Police Klaus of New Ulm in evidence as those which Dr. Koch wore the night of the murder and for many days subsequently, were not the trousers which the defendant wore when the chief and the sheriff examined them. He was not certain as to the coat and vest.

Night Visit to the Koch Place.

The state in rebuttal recalled Mayor Silverson of New Ulm. Questioned by General Childs, he said that, with the acting chief of police and the members of the town council of New Ulm, he visited the Koch place about 11 o'clock last night. It was a clear night, he said, and the moon was shining. The party went as far as the cowyard on the south side of the house, "and they wouldn't let us go any further," said the witness.

Did You See all the City Lights from that Point?"

asked General Childs. "Yes; we could see a large number."

Silverson's Evidence Ruled Out.

Mr. Abbott, in a sharp tone, objected, saying that no foundation had been laid and that the court knew and the jury knew and counsel knew that the conditions were not the same last night as when the defendant passed thru the cowyard on the night of the murder, the leaves now being on the trees.

The objection is sustained," said Judge Gray.

"That is all, Mr. Silverson," said General Childs.

Thus ended the endeavor to prove that the cowyard is so dark at night, despite the lights in the village, that the defendant could not have seen the rabbit while going home.

"The state rests," said General Childs.

The defense in rebuttal first called Herbert Baltrusch, but he was not in the room. Then the defendant

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MAP SHOWS REGION TORNADO TRAVERSED



Snyder is a town of about 2,500 inhabitants in Kiowa county, Oklahoma, in the Kiowa and Comanche Indian country opened to white settlement in 1901. The town was laid out by the St. Louis & San Francisco railway at the junction of two of its lines, and the company erected important buildings there. Snyder is the division point for the Quanah division of the road. The town was named for Bryan Snyder, passenger traffic manager of the system.

HANDCUFFED TO DEPUTY SHERIFFS

Officers at Anoka Not Taking Chances on Escape of Prisoners.

Special to the Journal.
Anoka, Minn., May 11.—Handcuffed to deputy sheriffs Kaldewit, Kolb and Hanson were marched to the court house today. No reason was given for putting the trio in irons. It is thought that they may have been overheard planning to get away or the authorities feared that they might try it. All are desperate men, and as the trial proceeds the same evidence which convicted Kaldewit continues to pile up against his two "pals." The jail is watched better than ever before to prevent any attempt at escape or assistance from outside.

The first witness this morning was George Slater, the sandwich man, who identified a sweater belonging to Kaldewit.

Detective Edward Helin came well prepared to tell of the bullet holes found about the place immediately after the murder. At the first trial he was closely questioned by the defense as to his knowledge of bullet holes and the action of the defunct bullets. He had with him today plaster casts of the impressions left by some of the bullets fired on the fatal night. These were offered in evidence but were objected to by the defense.

Andrew Crummy repeated his testimony of the former trial. In addition he told of the conversation with the prisoners in central police station soon after their arrest.

47 WEEKS FOR CIGARET PAPER.

Marion, Ind., May 11.—John McCormick was fined \$27 last night by Judge Williams for having one cigaret paper. Being unable to pay, he was sent to jail for forty-seven weeks. McCormick had been arrested for vagrancy, but when the single cigaret paper was found, a charge under the anticigarette law was filed.

GOTTSCHALK TO DIE BY HANGING

Death Sentence Passed Upon St. Paul Man Who Killed His Pal.

The Self-Confessed Murderer Shows No Sign as He Hears Doom.

A thousand persons heard Edwin Gottschalk sentenced to death at St. Paul today for the self-confessed murder of his "pal," Joseph Hartman. Not an inch of space was left on the court room at 9 o'clock, an hour before the time set for the sentence.

Gottschalk came in at 9:45 with Sheriff Miesen and deputies. The prisoner was clean shaven, his hair sleekly brushed, shoes polished and in general appearance he was togged as if for a more agreeable function. His face was pale, and his eyes blinked as if he had not much sleep. At times he sighed tremulously.

Judge Lewis entered on the stroke of 10 and Gottschalk was called before the bar.

Gottschalk Asks Justice.

When the prisoner was asked if he had anything to say before sentence was passed, he replied:

"No, nothing, except I ought to have justice. I have told the truth as well as I could."

Stan Donnelly, his attorney, then briefly stated that he had found evidence to corroborate what Gottschalk had said and that he had nothing to do with the killing of Schindeldecker.

Gottschalk was again asked to speak and said:

"To a certain extent, I think I ought to be punished."

In view of the fact that this man has not committed both murders, he ought not to have the extreme penalty," added Mr. Donnelly.

In his opinion, which he then read, Judge Lewis alluded to the repeal of the law under which the younger brother on confession of guilt had been sent to prison, thus escaping the death penalty.

Fatal Words Spoken.

"The mere plea of guilty can avail the defendant nothing," said the judge. "No exceptional circumstances appear in this case save a most foul and revolting murder."

"You shall be hanged by the neck until you are dead," concluded the court, in solemn and measured tones. Gottschalk showed no trepidation as the fatal words were spoken.

MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE DOES MUCH DAMAGE

Mexico City, May 11.—An earthquake Monday night was felt over a wide area of country in central and southern Mexico. In Jalisco many houses were damaged and the dome of the church in one town collapsed. The shock was severe also in Chilpancingo, capital of the state of Guerrero, which a few years ago was nearly destroyed by an earthquake of exceptional violence. The shock was notable in Colima, where a vertical movement was felt, accompanied by subterranean roarings. The earthquake was felt to the borders of Guatemala.



Taft Likes Flowers.

President Roosevelt—No more flowers for me, uncle, but—allow me to present my friend, Mr. Taft.

TOWN DESTROYED IN STORM'S SWIRL

Meager Reports from Snyder, Okla., Have Seventy-five Dead, Three to Four Hundred Hurt in Night Tornado.

Guthrie, Okla., May 11.—Snyder, a thriving town of 1,000, situated in the heart of the rich Kiowa farming country, which was thrown open to white settlement in 1901, was wiped out of existence by a tornado last night.

A special from Hobart at 12:15 places the dead up to that hour at Snyder at over one hundred persons, seventy-five of whom were killed outright. Not a building in the town escaped damage, and seven-eighths of the business buildings are a total loss. The injured number into the hundreds.

In several cases entire families were killed, and some member of almost every family was injured.

ONLY SIX HOUSES LEFT STANDING.

Every house except six is said to have been either badly wrecked or demolished, many being blown away entirely. The havoc is complete. The business portion is reported entirely destroyed.

Fifty freight cars standing in the yards were reduced to kindling wood and the tracks were torn up for blocks. Hundreds are pouring into Snyder to aid the sufferers.

The first man to reach Snyder and return to a telegraph point was the section agent at Mountain Park, a neighboring town. He walked into Snyder at daylight, and after taking a hasty view, and without gathering any exact details, returned to Mountain Park.

HUNDREDS OF VICTIMS OF TORNADO.

This man reported the town partially destroyed and asserted that the list of dead would be between 300 and 400. The injured, he said, were everywhere, and their number undoubtedly will reach into the hundreds.

Rumors that other towns in southwestern Oklahoma had been destroyed were declared by telephone exchanges incorrect. But much damage and loss of life occurred in the outlying districts.

The same tornado struck Quinlan, in Woodward county, destroying several houses. At that point at least three persons, Mrs. O. W. Cox, and her two sons, are known to have been killed.

The tornado struck Snyder from the southwest, traveling north until within 100 yards from the tracks of the Oklahoma City & Western railway. There it took a northeasterly course thru the business portion. North of the track not a building was left standing.

MOST OF THE INHABITANTS ASLEEP.

Coming while most of the inhabitants were asleep, few had warning of danger.

At 9:30 a. m. Lawton reported that the telephone wire between them and Snyder had worked at brief intervals and that from snatches of conversation received, the dead at Snyder were placed at between seventy and one hundred, with the injured at between sixty and two hundred.

So much confusion existed that it was impossible to give anything like a correct estimate.

SURVIVORS OF TORNADO PANIC-STRIKEN.

The dead and dying lay about the streets, in yards and mixed up with the wreckage, while those who had escaped ran hither and thither in excited attempts to render what meager aid they might.

On the way to Snyder, dead and injured were passed in plain sight of the relief trains, but these were passed by in the efforts of the rescuers to reach Snyder, where there was greater need of their services.

Every building left standing at Snyder was converted into either a hospital or a morgue. Sixty-seven dead bodies had been laid out in rows in the principal morgues up to noon, and others were being brought in constantly.

FAMILY WIPED OUT BY TORNADO.

Seven members of the Fessender family were killed. W. H. Hibbard, superintendent of schools, and his wife, with two children and with the parents of Hibbard, were killed, only one member of the family, a boy, escaping.

Three young children in the Crook family were killed. One, a baby, was snatched from its mother's arms and its brains dashed out against a brick wall. One of the saddest cases was that of Colonel Williamson. When the storm struck, Williamson grabbed a woman whom he thought was his wife and hurried away to a place of safety. When out of danger he discovered that the woman was not his wife. Later Mrs. Williamson was brought to the temporary morgue with her head severed from the body.

LIST OF KNOWN DEAD IN THE TORNADO WHICH DESTROYED THE OKLAHOMA TOWN

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| Mrs. Beckworth. | Van Buskirk. |
| Fred Crump. | Mr. Beaman. |
| Henry McCart. | Mr. Donovan, Frisco fireman. |
| Two Fessender children, a boy and girl. | Two Hudson children, boy and girl. |
| Charles Stutgill. | Harold Garten. |
| Mrs. George Davis. | Unidentified woman, supposed to be Mrs. Davis. |
| Mrs. Williamson. | I. C. Jones, wife and baby. |
| Mrs. Murphy. | Miss Fessender. |
| Russell Buiser. | George Bailey. |
| W. H. Buiser. | C. H. Barnum. |
| James McCart. | George Davis and child. |
| Mrs. Hudson. | Mary Johnson. |
| Ada Weisy. | Johnson boy. |
| Professor Hibbard, wife, father, mother and two children. | Clayton Crook. |
| Mrs. M. A. Fast. | Morris Crook, Jr. |
| F. W. H. Fessender and wife. | Infant Crook. |
| | Mrs. Fannie Redwich. |
| | Mrs. Biggs. |

MORE ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS IN RUSSIA

St. Petersburg, May 11.—According to private advices from Zhitomir, the fruits of the anti-Jewish riots there are sixteen dead and more than 100 wounded, mostly Jews.

NINE CHILDREN KILLED BY BULLS

Madrid, May 11.—A score of little girls, playing in the fields at Villa Manrique in Seville, imitating a religious procession and waving handkerchiefs for banners, irritated a drove of bulls, which charged them.

Little Tots Playing in Fields Are Gored by Beasts Kept for Spanish Ring.

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