

RUIN BY STORM

Death and Destruction in Eight States.

CROP LOSS \$2,000,000

Hail, Wind, and Frost Sweep South and Midwest.

GEORGIA VILLAGE RAZED

Whole Towns Laid Waste and Chill of Winter Smites Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Parts of Kentucky, Missouri, and Illinois—Scores Known to Be Dead, Some on the Scenes of Last Year's Devastation, Along Coast of Louisiana.

New Orleans, April 16.—A storm that finally blew out to sea to-night has done damage in five Southern States estimated at \$2,000,000 to crops and other property and left a trail of dead and wounded in its path.

As yet it is impossible to compile the exact number of dead.

From the Terrebonne coast of Louisiana there came stories to-night that there has been a heavy loss of life, while places in the interior of Mississippi tell of casualties in country districts now inaccessible because of interrupted wire service.

States affected are Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Arkansas, and Tennessee.

FIVE KILLED IN STORE. In Sturgis, Miss., five persons were killed by the collapse of a store.

In Southern and Central Alabama there was much damage to property. At Greenville and Bruton residences and business houses were unroofed. Eight negroes were killed by lightning while under a tree.

Reports of life loss from the coast of Louisiana, where 200 deaths were caused by last September's storm, have not been verified, and it will be early to-morrow before communication can be established with that territory.

Storm Lasts Two Hours. The storm was peculiar in formation. Beginning early on Friday morning, it swept over Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas. Its trail was lost for several hours last night, but at midnight it descended on Middle Mississippi, and, taking two courses, bisected through to the Southeast and Southwest and out to the Gulf to-day.

GEORGIA VILLAGE SWEEP ENTIRELY OFF THE MAP. Atlanta, Ga., April 16.—Western Georgia was swept by tornadoes this afternoon, according to meager reports reaching Atlanta to-night. The chief damage seems to have been done at Woodland, a town of 80 inhabitants on the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic Railroad, about fifty miles west of Atlanta. The tornado crossed about 4 o'clock in the afternoon and swept away every house, store, and tree in its limits. Several persons are reported dead and many injured.

On receipt of the news the railroad hurried a relief train to Woodland, carrying physicians, nurses, and supplies. No definite news can be obtained until the return of the relief train, as the storm prostrated all the wires. The storm crossed into Georgia from Alabama, where great damage was done at several places.

It is said that over half a dozen babies were blown away by the cyclone, and no trace of them has been found.

BREATH OF WINTER HITS MANY MIDDLE WEST CITIES. Chicago, April 16.—A sudden drop in temperature throughout the country, which made itself felt in Chicago to-day, is causing heavy loss throughout the West, where fruit trees were in bud and all vegetation well advanced.

In Minnesota and the Dakotas the drop in temperature has been sensational. Continued on Page 7, Column 4.

NO WEIGHT FRAUDS. New Orleans Grand Jury Investigated Sugar Trust. New Orleans, April 16.—There has been no practice of fraud in the weighing of sugar imported here, in the declaration of a grand jury report rendered to-night. Assistant Attorney General Denton, the government's special counsel in the sugar fraud case in New York, and who has been in charge of the investigation instituted here by Attorney General Wilkesham and the Secretary of the Treasury, gave out a statement to that effect to-night.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia and Maryland—Rain and continued cool to-day and to-morrow; moderate to brisk easterly winds, becoming variable.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

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MRS. SCOTT ASSAILS HER D. A. R. RIVALS

President General Breaks Silence at Meeting.

TAKES DEFIANT STAND

Declares Opposition Is Resolved to Rule or Ruin.

In Bitter Attack on So-called Insurgents, She Defends Her Order of Dismissal in Case of Miss Gerald, and Submits Opinion of Counsel Denying Illegal Action—'Regular' Majority Indorses Mrs. Scott.

Hurling defiance squarely at the so-called insurgents, Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, president general of the D. A. R., called them "a disloyal and obstructive element, resolved either to rule or ruin," at a meeting of the national board yesterday morning.

She broke her long silence in regard to the case of Miss Agnes Gerald, defending her order of dismissal in a bitter attack on the anti-administration faction, the deposed clerk, and her friends.

As had been expected by the "ants," the board indorsed Mrs. Scott and her administration with a "regular" majority. But before they took action Mrs. Scott had branded threats at law suits and impeachment as rumors manufactured by a defeated faction "to satisfy the cravings of a morbid appetite for exposures."

Denies Illegal Action. She submitted an opinion from her counsel, Attorney A. S. Worthington, backing her up in her stand and denying that she had acted illegally in dropping Miss Gerald from the offices of the society for snubbing Mrs. Amos G. Draper, an administration daughter.

"This is simply a matter of discipline," said the president general. "It is a matter of purely domestic arrangement, not rightfully concerning any one outside our official household and the housekeeping of Continental Hall.

"If we cannot before very long abate the nuisance and peril of faction and spoils politics, in the worst sense of the term, persisted in with such malign energy, then the withdrawal and future Continued on Page 6, Column 2.

LOCKOUT IN GERMANY LEAVES 200,000 UNEMPLOYED. Berlin, April 16.—Since this morning employers have suspended all work on thousands of buildings in course of construction throughout the empire, and the number of men locked out is estimated by the union employers at 200,000. The size of the lockout varies in different towns, from 60 to 5,000 employees. Public sympathy is mostly on the side of the workmen, whom the employers are trying to force to accept their terms. No disturbances have been reported and neither are any threatened, but the situation is serious.

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A STORY WITHOUT WORDS.



CREDITOR SUES ROAD.

Illinois Central Litigation Result of Graft Inquiry.

Chicago, April 16.—The Blue Island Rolling Mill and Car Company, whose relations with the Illinois Central were among those inquired into by detectives, to-day instituted suit in the Circuit Court of Cook County to collect a bill for car repairs and for bar iron furnished to the railroad which amounts to \$3,500.

One of the Illinois Central employees implicated in the alleged steals from the railroad confessed his share in the transactions and was promised immunity, according to a report this afternoon. He is asserted to have gone to President Harahan's office and in the presence of Detective Burns told all he knows of graft to the extent of \$5,000,000, naming a number of other railroad men.

CAVALIERI GIVES HAND; NOT HEART

Love Unnecessary, She Says of Chanler Match.

Paris, April 16.—Lina Cavalleri, the prima donna, was interviewed at her mansion to-day in regard to her engagement to Robert Winthrop Chanler. She said:

"There is nothing exciting about my engagement. My views on marriage have been expressed already, and I am living up to them. Mine is not a romance. It has taken me four months to make up my mind to accept Mr. Chanler. You can bet I have not lost my head. I am not sentimentally in love with him. I like him, and hope that ours will be a happy union. I believe that love is unnecessary in marriage.

"Although I am not marrying with the idea of divorce, I would not marry in Italy, where there is no divorce law. It is comforting to feel that there is an open door. I shall certainly continue singing. Marriage is no reason why I should sacrifice my career. For I love the opera stage. I shall not see Mr. Chanler again until my return to New York in November, when the wedding will take place almost immediately. I am now going to fulfill an engagement at the opera house in St. Petersburg and another in Buenos Ayres."

WILL BE AT KING'S COURT.

Mrs. Roosevelt and Daughter Are to Be Presented.

London, April 16.—Lady Craven and Mrs. C. Moore have been the King's dinner hostesses at Biarritz this week. John Ward is in attendance on his majesty. Government affairs necessitated the King giving up his Mediterranean yachting trip.

His first levee will be held before Whit-sun-tide. Two court balls will be given, one in honor of Mr. Roosevelt. The courts will be unusually crowded, as many foreign visitors are expected. A lady who applied recently for an invitation learned there were 1,000 names on the reserve list. Mrs. Reid will present Americans at the first court, including Mrs. Roosevelt and Ethel Roosevelt. Countess Sigary's presentation has been arranged by the Austro-Hungarian embassy.

NIGHT RIDERS GUILTY.

Eight Convicted in Celebrated Kentucky Case.

Cincinnati, April 16.—The jury in the Federal Court in Covington, trying eleven Grant County (Ky.) men for conspiracy in restraint of trade, found eight guilty late this afternoon. Three were dismissed. This is the celebrated night riders case in the Kentucky tobacco war, as to the outcome of which President Taft was quoted the other day as considering of especial importance.

Those declared guilty and their fines are: John S. Steere, \$3,000; Perry Simpson, \$500; Jerry Carter, \$500; H. J. Conrad, \$300; F. K. Conrad, \$300; R. L. Conrad, \$300, and John Caldwell, \$100.

Sicers is a preacher and member of the State legislature.

TOM LOFTUS IS DEAD

Former Manager of the Senators Passes Away.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS IN GAME

After Brief Illness One of Best Known Magnates Succumbs to Cancer of Throat—Was Actively Connected with the National Game for Thirty-Five Years.

Dubuque, Iowa, April 16.—Thomas J. Loftus, former president of the "Three-I" League, and once manager of the St. Louis, Milwaukee, Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Washington baseball teams, died this afternoon after a brief illness of cancer of the throat. He was fifty-four years old, and is survived by a widow and two sons.

Loftus was actively connected with baseball for thirty-five years. His first professional engagement was in 1875, and the following year he played with the St. Louis Reds, at that time the best team in the West.

In 1884-85 he led the Milwaukee team and then returned to St. Louis, playing with the Whites. In 1890 he became manager of the Chicago Colts. For a couple of years he held that position and then went out of the game again. He was later manager at Washington, and his last baseball position was as president of the "Three-I" League, a couple of years ago.

TENDER PLUNGES THROUGH BRIDGE

Panic on Fast Train at the Brink of Destruction.

Toledo, April 16.—Some eighty-odd passengers had a miraculous escape from certain death this morning, when the tender of the New York, Pittsburgh and Chicago limited jumped the track and, after traveling over 1,000 feet on the ties, crashed through the Auglaize River bridge.

When the runaway train was brought to a stop only a guard rail held the locomotive from a fatal leap into the river. When the train left the track the passengers were tossed from their berths. For a few minutes there was a panic. Several of the frightened passengers poked their heads out of car windows and saw the broad expanse of water in the river, many feet below, but directly under them. The situation was intense, and but for the coolness of the train crew many women passengers would have jumped through the windows.

All the passengers were badly shaken up, but none was seriously injured.

D. A. R. EDITION.

Full reports of the proceedings of the D. A. R. Convention will appear in THE WASHINGTON HERALD, and the delegates and members can find no better medium to advise their friends at home of the work done.

There will be a subscription agency in Convention Hall this week. The copies from April 17 to April 24, inclusive, will be mailed to any address in the United States for 20 cents. Subscriptions will also be taken at THE WASHINGTON HERALD office.

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STRIKE MISSES FIRE.

Order Not Given to Employees of Lackawanna Road.

Scranton, Pa., April 16.—Contrary to expectations, no strike of the employees of the transportation department of the Lackawanna and Western Railroad was called to-night.

The grand lodge officers of the Conductors', Trainmen's, Engineers', and Firemen's brotherhoods have flatly refused to accept the company's offer of a general increase of 5 per cent, and to-night they sent 15,000 circulars, warning the men of the company's "misleading" statements concerning the negotiations.

Why the order to strike was not issued has not been explained. It is evident, however, that the men are not planning to go out at the present time.

MANY MILLIONS IN AUTO MERGER

Morgan Firm Plans Combine of National Scope.

New York, April 16.—A merger of automobile manufacturing companies throughout the United States into one huge corporation, with several hundred million dollars capitalization, is being rapidly brought about by the banking firm of J. P. Morgan & Co.

While this was expected some time ago, when the Morgan interests organized the General Motors Company, which this year will turn out 60,000 cars, the announcement to-day that the United States Motor Car Company, of New Jersey, had purchased the majority of the stock of the Columbia Motor Car Company, made it evident to Wall street that J. P. Morgan and his associates soon would control the automobile industry of the country, which has become one of its greatest industrial features.

It is expected that the value of this year's output of the American automobile manufacturing plants will aggregate \$300,000,000. With Mr. Morgan dominating this industry, a large portion of the profits will flow into his coffers.

Thomas F. Ryan is also heavily interested in bringing about this combination. He was one of the first men in the country to realize the greatness of the automobile trade and was a pioneer in the taxicab business here.

ALDRIDGE EXPECTS VICTORY.

Late Representative Perkins' Successor to Be Elected.

Rochester, N. Y., April 16.—The campaign in the special Congress election for the Thirty-second district between George W. Aldridge, Republican, and James S. Havens, Democrat, to fill the unexpired term of the late James B. Perkins, was practically ended to-night. On Tuesday between 10,000 and 12,000 voters are to determine whether Aldridge or Havens will be the Representative in Congress for this important district until March 4. Mr. Perkins won in the district in 1908 by 10,000 and in 1906 by 3,000. For many years the district has been normally Republican by about the foregoing respective majorities in Presidential and gubernatorial years.

Mr. Aldridge and his friends believe to-night that he will win on Tuesday by from 2,000 to 4,000, while Mr. Havens believes he himself will surely be victorious.

PANIC OVER COMET. Mexico Natives Desert Crops in Fear World Will End.

Mexico City, April 16.—Arrivals here from the interior of the state of Vera Cruz report that many of the natives are greatly excited over the appearance of Halley's comet, and that it is a popular belief among them that the world will be destroyed by it. Upon some plantations the laborers cannot be induced to work on account of the end which they believe is near at hand, and crops are suffering.

PRESIDENT TALKS TO FINANCIERS

Praises Beauty of Capital and Makes Strong Plea for Effort to Recover the Virginia Cession.

SECRETARY NAGEL URGES WORLD TRADE

Notable Gathering of Business Men of the District and Other Cities Participate in First Annual Banquet of Bankers' Association.

"Washington is very dear to me. I am going to spend three years more here," said President Taft, in opening his address to the Bankers' Association of the District of Columbia at the annual banquet at the New Willard last night.

"Seven years more, seven years!" came from all parts of the big banquet hall from the President's enthusiastic admirers.

Mr. Taft beamed upon the company an instant and then laughingly rejoined. "The attitude toward me at present of the country at large does not tend to give me a swelled head," or words to this effect; whereupon he proceeded to talk about Washington.

Finance received scant attention at the banquet, until the last speech, by Representative Vreeland, which was devoted wholly to the currency act and an expression of his views upon the organization of a central bank.

The city of Washington, its needs and its future, was the predominant theme of the evening, although a set speech by the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Mr. Nagel, dealt with affairs of the nation, and Secretary MacVeagh and Senator Bailey also touched upon national topics.

CITY OF WASHINGTON THE THEME.

President Taft, who was given an ovation, spoke entirely of Washington. He said the municipal government here was not the best in the country, but one of the best. It could be improved. Conditions affecting the health of the community needed further attention. In this connection, for the sake of those who must spend the summers in Washington, greater cleanliness was demanded, to the end that dust, flies, and mosquitoes might be banished.

WANTS CESSION BACK.

He spoke out more unqualifiedly than ever before in favor of taking steps to restore the original ten miles square of the District of Columbia by regaining the tract ceded back to Virginia. Within thirty years, he said, the present area would be covered entirely by the growing city, and the land on the Virginia side of the Potomac was needed to provide for the city's expansion. As soon as Congress gave the word he was ready to put the Department of Justice to work to test the legality of the retrocession to Virginia.

The President discussed the extension of the parking system, which meant the carrying out of the Burnham plan, as approved by the Senate, and in which the House was acquiescing. With the reclamation of the Anacostia Flats and the proposed Rock Creek Valley improvement, the city would be encircled by a park. He bespoke liberal appropriations for the District.

Bailey Opposes Retrocession.

Senator Bailey, who spoke later in the evening, opposed the plan to regain the Alexandria tract, and expressed the opinion that the retrocession was absolutely legal and constitutional. Washington, he said, was destined to be the most beautiful city in the world, but not the largest. The Virginia tract was not needed. A tribute to the President by Senator Bailey was a feature of the Texas speech.

"The country never had a President who more earnestly tried to serve it," said he, "than President Taft is now doing." These generous words from a Democratic leader of the Senate were received with a round of applause.

A Successful Function.

It was the most successful function in the history of the association and one of the most magnificent banquets ever held at the Capital. The guests and participants numbered 300 or more, and were seated at gridiron-shaped tables. The decorations were superb, and a handsome paper knife, engraved, was the souvenir of the occasion. Besides the President and Secretaries, MacVeagh and Nagel, Secretary Dickinson and a number of Senators and Representatives were present. Bankers from Baltimore and other cities also participated in the function. President W. A. Mearns presided with much grace and tact.

President Taft Arrives. President Taft arrived at 8:30 o'clock attended by his aid, and was escorted to the dining hall by President Mearns and Chairman White, of the committee.

His entrance was the signal for hearty cheers by the bankers, who stood applauding and waving napkins while he was walking through the hall to his seat at the head of the table.

Mr. Taft appeared in excellent humor, shook hands heartily with many of the diners, and chatted several minutes with William A. Mearns, president of the Bankers' Association, and C. C. Glover, between whom he was seated, while the diners were finishing their dessert.

Secretary Nagel Speaks. Secretary Nagel followed the President in an interesting speech on trade expansion. His subject was prefaced by a few remarks relative to the duty of the people of the nation to stand by their government, when once they have raised men to office and put them in high official positions.

Mr. Nagel declared that real patriotism ought to begin or at least to end, after election. He spoke of the declarations in the platform of the Republican Party.

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