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SNYDER STORM

Official Statement of Great Tornado.

WITHOUT A WARNING

Tornado Struck the Town Tearing Buildings to Pieces Like Paper.

INHABITANTS UNPREPARED

Six Out of Eight Hotels Torn to Pieces—Nearly all of the Houses Wrecked and Hundreds of People Buried in the Debris and Killed.

Hobart, May 11.—A message from Snyder says 92 persons are known to be dead and 150 injured.

The storm formed south of Olustee, near the Texas line, and took a northwesterly course through a well settled section. At 8 o'clock it was observed by the people of Snyder, but the usual funnel shape formation was lacking and though the roar was plainly heard before the storm broke many were of the opinion that it was a hail-storm. Within a few minutes the sky became suddenly dark and a terrific downpour of rain began, lasting several minutes. The rain stopped almost suddenly as it commenced. A few moments of ominous calm followed, then the tornado struck the town, tearing buildings to pieces as though they were made of paper. Many people who thought they would take advantage of the calm to seek refuge in cellars were caught in the streets and between buildings. Some were lifted high in the air and dashed to the ground as though hurled from a catapult.

Others were struck by flying debris and crushed almost beyond recognition. Those who remained in their houses, except a few blocks in the southeastern corner of the town, fared no better. Frame structures collapsed like egg shells burying the occupants under the debris, killing, crushing and maiming hundreds of men, women and children.

Six of the eight hotels in the town were torn to pieces, burying many in the wreckage. North of the railroad track, where many cottages stood, not one was left and the wreckage was mostly carried away. Within a short time messengers were dispatched to Mountain Park, two and one half miles away, where news was sent by telephone to Hobart. Physicians and nurses were called for and relief trains were made up at Magun, Hobart and Chickasha and Lawton and hurried to the scene.

Meanwhile able-bodied survivors in Snyder were working heroically all through the night amid heartrending scenes. A building utilized for a temporary hospital and another used for a morgue sufficed to care for the dead and dying. Later a dry goods building was used. It presented a gruesome appearance when day dawned with corpses lying tier above tier on shelves.

Guthrie, May 11.—The storm caused damage at Altus, Olustee and other small towns and in the country as well as at Snyder. Reports indicate that the casualties outside of Snyder will aggregate 25 and may go higher. Governor Ferguson today issued a request to the mayors of the various towns and heads of charitable organizations and pastors of churches to collect funds for the aid of the sufferers. The governor also ordered the signal corps of the national guard to proceed to Snyder from Lawton and aid in the rescue work.

At midnight all estimates made concede the number killed by last night's tornado will exceed 100 and 150 injured, more than 40 seriously. Ninety-five persons are known to be dead, besides several missing and a number of wounded in a critical condition.

During the day calls were sent out for assistance to all the leading places in the territory. The most pressing need is financial assistance. The scene which greeted the eyes of the rescuers when day broke beggars description. The dead and wounded were strewn about the streets and in yards, mixed up with the wreckage of buildings in endless confusion.

To add to the horror, a fire started in a part of the debris and spread to some half a dozen buildings which were burned to the ground. Whether any were killed by the fire is not as yet known, but it is feared there were. The havoc wrought by the tornado is complete. Out of a town of 1000 people not more than a score of houses are intact, while two-thirds of the buildings were totally wrecked.

Search for the bodies continued during the day and night and 95 were removed. Others are being searched for. In addition to many injured being cared for at the hospital, many sustained lesser injuries and are incapacitated for work are caring for those in need of assistance. Many of the wounded were tonight taken to Guthrie and Oklahoma city.

BOTH WIN VICTORY.

Russians Defeat Japs at One Place and Japs Defeat Russians. St. Petersburg, May 11.—General Linkevitch telegraphs that the outposts between Podysouszche and Shihouza were attacked by the enemy May 7, 8 and 9, and the Japanese were forced to retire.

Tokio, May 11.—A telegram from Manchurian headquarters states that in the outpost engagement May 9 in the vicinity of Yingcheng, the Russians were dispersed. The Russians lost 300 and the Japanese lost one killed and 50 wounded.

TEAMSTERS STRIKE

Day Passed Practically Without Important Incident.

VIOLENCE IS ALMOST ENDED

Driving Storm of Wind and Rain Swept the Streets and Had the Effect of Driving a Majority of the Pickets From Their Posts.

Chicago, May 11.—The teamsters' strike today was practically without incident. A driving storm of wind and rain swept the streets and had the effect of driving a majority of the pickets from their posts and there was practically no divergency of any kind. The statements of President Roosevelt also had a quieting effect on the strikers, as they dread the calling of the United States militia to Chicago, believing it would hurt their cause and prevent a settlement of the strike.

On the outskirts of the city, however, a few attacks upon drivers of delivery wagons were made, but with the exception of one colored man, who was knocked senseless by a stone, nobody was injured throughout the city today.

The cabmen today added to the new annoyance in the list of discomforts suffered by the women as a result of the strike. While torrents of rain deluged the streets, the women passengers in order to reach the large retail stores were forced to leave hired conveyances in some cases a block away. The pickets are warning all union drivers not to approach carriage entrances.

ARREST LADY DOCTOR.

Mary Latham M. D., Charged With Burning Drug Store.

Spokane, May 11.—Dr. Mary Latham, a well-known woman physician is under arrest on the charge of having burned the drug and general merchandise store, occupied by her at Mead. The building burned had been in litigation between Dr. Latham and Miss Jennie Johnson, and had been awarded to the latter, who was to have taken possession the day after the fire. Dr. J. H. Messner, a veterinary surgeon, who had some goods in the store and who moved them the day before the fire, is also under arrest, charged with being an accomplice.

TRAIN WRECK

Official Statement of the Accident.

NINETEEN ARE DEAD

When Passenger Train Struck the Freight Terrible Explosion Occurred.

EXPLOSION SHOOK THE EARTH

Whole Affair Occurred Within a Second and Passenger and Freight Cars Caught Fire from the Explosion Causing Many Deaths.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 11.—Nineteen persons are known to be dead and more than 100 were injured in the railroad wreck and dynamite explosion in this city last night. Various stories as to how the wreck occurred were circulated. The official version is as follows:

About 1:40 o'clock the engine of the east bound freight was flagged by the crew of the shifting engine, which was ahead on the same track. The engineer quickly put on the air brakes and the train, an unusually long one, came to a sudden stop. The strain on the air valves was so severe that the connecting hose in the middle of the train blew up. This caused the middle of the train to "buckle" and the damaged cars fell over onto the passenger track.

Just as this happened the express came thundering up and "sideswiped" the wreck. Before anyone could leave the passenger train a few slight explosions occurred and then there was one great flash and a roar that shook the earth. The whole affair occurred within a period of a few seconds. The passenger cars and some of the freight cars instantly took fire.

Shortly afterwards another explosion occurred. Fearing that the entire freight train that was loaded with the dynamite would blow up, no one dared go near the wreck. Finally some of the railroad men who knew the contents of the burned freight train led the way and the uninjured passengers followed.

The advancing fire drove the rescuers back and the unfortunates that the rescuers did not reach were soon enveloped in flames. Cries of the dying were heart rending but nothing could be done for them. The entire train was consumed.

Several hundred railroad laborers were on the spot within an hour and by daybreak the number was increased to 1000. It was a gruesome task. Not one whole body was found in the wreck. Either an arm or leg or all four limbs were burned off the trunk, and in several cases only a portion of the trunk was found. Ten charred bodies were found under one Pullman car. It is the belief of the railroad officials that had the explosion not occurred there would have been no loss of life.

PORTLAND ELECTION.

Lane Expects to Be Elected by Republican Disaffection.

Portland, May 11.—Dr. Henry Lane's backers in the municipal campaign are elated over the turn affairs have taken in connection with the attitude of the municipal association. It has, they say, reduced the campaign down to a clean-cut issue between those who stand for better government and the whisky ring, as they are pleased to term the republican ticket, with the indorsement of Mayor Williams and most of the other candidates by the Liquor Dealers' Association and kindred affiliations. On the other hand, Mayor Williams' friends say there's nothing to be afraid of, and the mayor himself says he is not scared at the combination.

There will be something near 15,000 votes cast at the municipal election June 5, say the prophets. The democratic vote will be somewhere near

1000. It is estimated by the Lane element that something close to 4000 republicans will have to be won over from the republican forces. And they say they can do it. There is declared to be a big split in the ranks of the republicans, and it does really look like it to a man up a tree. There is said to be a sourness in the Glatke ranks, for some of them say they were "duped."

The Albee vote will go to Lane intact, say the leaders of that section. Not only that, say these, but a good lump of it which went to Glatke will go to Lane. Some of Rowe's followers will do likewise, say they. And by these departures from the ticket the Democratic forces and those of the republican camp who are allied with them are wont to believe that they can subtract enough to carry their man over the shoals of a big normal opposition majority of party ranks.

REVIEWS THE TROOPS.

Emperor William Reviews Troops and Gives Some Good Advice.

Berlin, May 11.—Emperor William, addressing the higher officers during a review of troops at Strassburg today, said, according to the Strassburg Budfeger Zeitung, whose statements may be taken with some reserve:

"The Russian army, which fought at Mukden, become enervated by immorality and drunkenness. As Russia has shown weakness in the presence of the yellow danger, circumstances might arise which would place upon Germany the task of opposing this danger. Officers and men must spend time as well they will not fall into immorality and intemperance."

Roosevelt in Washington.

Washington, May 11.—President Roosevelt arrived on a special train at midnight.

ZEMSTVO CONGRESS

Committee Appointed to Carry Out Work Outlined.

ANOTHER SPECIAL SESSION

Resolutions Providing for a Reimbursement of Losses by Peasant Disorders and Will Make a Thorough and Sweeping Investigation.

Moscow, May 11.—The Zemstvo congress, which closed last night after approving the project of assembly as outlined by the Associated Press on May 6, probably was the precursor of another congress next fall, the delegates having informally decided to assemble them and having selected a permanent bureau of 20 to carry on the work of the congress during the interim. It was also determined to lay all the resolutions of the congress directly before the provincial zemstvos for ratification and for this purpose to summon special sessions of all the zemstvos during the autumn.

A significant feature of the election of the permanent bureau was the failure to name as one of the number M. Shipoff, the leader of the moderate wing of the congress, all the other members of the provisional committee of the December congress being re-elected to this bureau.

Besides resolutions concerning the nature and form of the assembly the congress declared that it was impossible for members of zemstvos or boumas to participate in the work of district commissions created to arrange for the reimbursement of the losses caused by peasant disorders since the organization of these commissions and their mode of investigation are founded upon complete renunciation of ordinary legal procedure.

The congress further opposed participation of zemstvos in the multitudinous government commissions, claiming that the effect of these is to retard instead of hasten the work of reform, and favoring participation in the bouligan commission only if the popular representatives are elected instead of invited and are given an equal right with the representatives.

Baseball Scores.

San Francisco, Los Angeles 2, Oakland 4.
Seattle, San Francisco 2, Seattle 4.
Tacoma, Portland 4, Tacoma 5.

RUSSIAN LAW

Barbarous Treatment Accorded Citizens.

REIGNS OF BRUTALITY

Factory Owners and Citizens of Warsaw Present Memorial to Governor.

COWARD DENIES HEARING

Says the Soldiers Did Right in Killing Innocent Women and Children and That is the Policy to Be Pursued by the Russian Government.

Warsaw, May 11.—A group of factory owners and other residents of Warsaw have presented a memorial to Governor General Maximovitch, accusing the troops of needless barbarity and brutality in connection with events on May 1 and demanding an imperial investigation participated in by representatives of the people. The memorialists declare that the order to fire on the crowd in Jerusalem street was given without exhausting other means for its dispersal or giving the prescribed three preliminary signals and that when the crowd dispersed after the volley the troops brutally beat those remaining in the streets as well as those who sought refuge in houses, hunting out shooting and beating women and children as well as men. The memorialists asserted that a 13-year-old girl in a shed hiding was snared by a policeman and that a 16-year-old boy who run into a bedroom and crawled under a bed for shelter was deliberately shot through the window and mortally wounded.

The memorialists have recounted a number of similar instances, the governor general replied that the use of arms was necessitated by the threatening bearing of the crowd from whom the first shot fired making the return volley necessary. In such a conflict he said, a sacrifice of life was unavoidable.

The governor general regretted to conclude, but declared the crowd was simply warned by the declaration that order would be obtained at any price. He admitted that the troops might have displayed unnecessary harshness, but argued that the presence of an officer with every detachment was not always possible. He denied, therefore, a public investigation, but invited the memorialists to report violations of the law and present the facts regarding cruelty in individual cases, which he would be ready and willing to investigate.

RUSSIAN SPIES ARRESTED.

Preliminary Investigation Proceeding Preparatory to Trial.

Tokio, May 11.—Ex-Lieutenant Iwasaki, formerly connected with the engineer department of the Japanese navy, has been arrested in connection with the charges which resulted in the arrest of A. E. Bougouin and his stepson, F. Strange, as spies of the Russian government.

Iwasaki was dismissed from the navy and deprived of his rank in 1904, for alleged misconduct, and he has long been under police espionage.

The preliminary investigation of the charges against Bougouin and Strange is now proceeding, but the dates of their arraignment and trial have not yet been decided.

Bougouin has for a long time been held in high esteem by the Japanese, and he has been decorated by the emperor.

SNYDER TORNADO.

Not as Bad as Was Reported, But Particulars Are Unobtainable.

Guthrie, O. T., May 11.—News has been received from the telephone operator at Mountain Park, Kiowa county, a neighboring town of Snyder, to the effect that the town is only par-

tially destroyed and that the list of dead will total something between 300 and 400.

This operator, whose name could not be learned, made a personal visit to Snyder where he observed the details of the calamity.

Relief trains sent out from Hobart have not as yet reported or returned. It is the intention to send out another train from that place.

Chickasha has so far no intelligence of the relief trains sent from that town.

Rumors to the effect that other towns in southwestern Oklahoma were destroyed are declared by telephone exchanges to be incorrect.

RESTLESS POPULATION.

St. Petersburg Resembles the "Red Sunday" of Last Year.

St. Petersburg, May 11.—The city today bears much the same appearance as St. Petersburg showed during the week following "Red Sunday" with cavalry and infantry at every turn holding in check the restless population. Though the situation during the riots were serious enough, sensational reports of the massacre of hundreds of Jews is overdrawn. In all 18 deaths and 91 wounded have been reported, the greater number being Jews.

JUDGE BELLINGER DYING.

Physicians do Not Believe He Will Live Through the Night.

Portland, May 11.—Judge Bellinger is gradually sinking. The attending physicians admit that the end is near and that he will not live through the night.

Got 'Em in Tacoma.

Tacoma, May 11.—Tonight at 11:30 o'clock a brilliant meteor was noticed going from the southwest to nearly northeast. It was much brighter than the ordinary arc light.

JEWISH DISORDERS

Number of Dead is Eighteen and Three Students.

MARTIAL LAW IS DECLARED

Investigation Shows That the Disturbance Was Participated in Chiefly by Roughs and Any Further Disturbance Will Be Promptly Suppressed.

Kieff, May 11.—Reports of the anti-Jewish disorders at Zhitomir, which were chiefly confined to May 7, though beginning the preceding day and continuing in minor form through May 8, indicate that they were participated in chiefly by roughs. The Associated Press is informed that the number of dead is 18, of which 13 were Jews and three students. According to reports received at Kieff Zhitomir has now been pacified, martial law having been declared on May 9 and a proclamation of the government of the province has been published warning citizens that any further exhibitions of disorder will be relentlessly put down. Reports that Jews were being massacred caused great excitement throughout the country districts.

Many farmers from surrounding villages came to Zhitomir on May 9 attracted by reports of Jew-baiting and minor disorders and pillaging occurred in the village of Troyanoff, 15 miles distant. Reports received here attribute the beginning of the disorder to the murder of Chief of Police Kugaroff.

PASTOR WAS SLANDERED.

Brings a \$5000 Libel Suit Against His Defamer.

Dallas, Ore., May 11.—The most sensational suit in Polk county in many years is being heard in circuit court here today, where the damage suit of Rev. J. A. Means of Buena Vista, vs. W. S. McClain for \$5000 damages for alleged defamation of character.

Means, who is a minister at Buena Vista, says McClain circulated a story that he had seen the pastor in a compromising position with a well-known Buena Vista woman, brought a charge of criminal libel against his alleged slanderer in justice court, at Independence some months ago, but was unable to get a conviction. Falling in this, he brought the damage suit.