

HURRICANE KILLS OVER 500 IN OKLAHOMA TERRIFIC STORM DESTROYS ENTIRE TOWN OF SNYDER

DYNAMITE SHATTERS PENNSYLVANIA TRAIN; FIFTY ARE KILLED, ONE HUNDRED INJURED

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma, May 11.—Snyder, in Comanche County, Oklahoma Territory, has been wiped away by a tornado. The town, which had a population of 1200, is reported as having been completely destroyed. Present estimates place the loss in killed and wounded at 500, but it is believed that this figure may prove much below the mark. The storm made a clean sweep.

All telegraph wires in the near neighborhood are down, and information is obtainable only from Hobart, 32 miles distant. From there a special train has been dispatched conveying doctors, nurses and other assistance to the scene of the tragedy.

FIFTY KILLED, ONE HUNDRED INJURED, IN RAILWAY WRECK

PASSENGER STRIKES DYNAMITE CARS

Western Express on the Pennsylvania Road Is Destroyed by Explosive—Few Escape Death or Wounds in Disaster

Special to The Herald. HARRISBURG, May 11, 3:30 a. m.—The western express on the Pennsylvania railroad, known as the Cleveland-Cincinnati express, crashed into a freight train which contained two cars of dynamite early this morning at South Harrisburg, and the explosions that followed brought death to fifty persons and grave injuries to at least 100 more. The passengers numbered 169, and nearly every one was killed or injured. Both trains were piled in a mass of wreckage, which at once took fire. The flames from the blazing mass were so fierce that rescuers who hurried to the spot, attracted by the noise of the explosion, were unable to approach the pyre of the dead and injured. Following the crash of the wreck, three distinct explosions were heard. The spread of the flames caused several later blasts, adding to the fierceness of the blaze and increasing the number of casualties. As the smoke rolled from the wreck the forms of men and women could be seen beneath the timbers which had formed the passenger cars, and their cries for help were piteous. The wreck was caused by a smaller wreck to the freight train, which was eastbound. Passing the plant of the Paxtang Electric company, near Cedar street, an air hose burst, and several cars in the middle of the train buckled up and fell across the passenger tracks at the side. EXPRESS TRAIN PLUNGES INTO DYNAMITE CARS

Almost at the same moment the express train, with ten coaches, dashed along and plunged into the wrecked freight cars. The boiler of the passenger locomotive blew up and the concussion caused the immediate explosion of the two cars of dynamite in the freight train. When the first explosion occurred bodies were thrown clear out of the berths in the sleeping cars, many landing down the railroad embankment, and some even hurled into the Susquehanna river, which parallels the railroad at this point. All the physicians of the city procurable were summoned to work with the injured. A police patrol wagon was commissioned as an ambulance. As many of the injured as possible were loaded into it on each trip and taken to the Harrisburg hospital, the capacity of which soon became taxed because of the large number that were brought in. A special train was made up and brought injured and dying to the union station. Many of the injured were taken into private houses. The hotels are being turned into temporary hospitals. Immediately after the wreck the passengers who could do so ran from the scenes of horror to safety from the incessant small explosions. The agonizing cries of the unfortunates were heartrending. The office of the Paxtang Light, Heat and Power company looked like a hospital. At an early hour the Harrisburg Traction company ran out a number of cars from its South Harrisburg barns and used them to bring the injured to the hospital. SURVIVORS, NAKED, SEARCH FOR SHELTER With practically no clothing many women and children from the train were compelled to wander about the fields, as there are few houses in the immediate vicinity of the wreck. The train was the second section of No. 19. There were 169 passengers in the train, and the latest estimate is that fifty were killed. The hospital is crowded to the doors, and the hotels are being opened for the care of the injured. It may be necessary for the

authorities, to seize one of the hotels and turn it into a temporary hospital. The following are among the injured: Harry Spritzer, Finburg, critical. George Crabbe, Pittsburg, badly cut and bruised. Charles E. Forest, Cleveland, O., seriously hurt internally, cut and bruised. H. L. Harmon, Pittsburg, arm broken, cut and bruised. Charles Johnson, Philadelphia, badly cut and burned. Robert G. Daugherty and little son, Philadelphia, seriously injured. E. B. Oistot, Chicago, cut and bruised. A. R. Dupost, Elizabeth, N. J. F. L. Vandeman, New York, cut and bruised. J. R. Phillips, Pittsburg, will die. Charles Donnelly, Pittsburg, cut. Eberly, New York, internally injured, may die. Slothimer, New York, internally hurt, will die. A. G. Cope, Pittsburg, cut and bruised. H. S. Watson, Clearfield, cut on hands. W. H. Valentine, Pittsburg, head cut. Charles Johansen, Pittsburg, cut and scalded. The engineer of the passenger train, H. K. Thomas of Philadelphia, was killed outright. The fireman, R. R. Dickey of Philadelphia, was only slightly injured. A. L. Crosby, conductor, was injured. Train No. 19, which was wrecked, was west-bound and is known as the Cleveland and Cincinnati express. It left Philadelphia at 11:50 Wednesday night and was due at Harrisburg at 1:30 a. m. and at Pittsburg at 8 a. m.

MANY PROMINENT PERSONS AMONG THE PASSENGERS As fast as the injured who were able to be removed from the hospital had received attention they were sent away. They were taken to hotels and private houses, whose occupants in a great many cases threw open their doors to the distressed. 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, but many were found among the bodies in the temporary morgue at the Paxtang plant. In many instances they failed to find them at all, either because the bodies were still buried in the smoking debris or were so badly burned as to be unrecognizable. Among the passengers were many of prominence. Mr. and Mrs. Tindell, the latter a daughter of Senator Knox, were among those reported injured at an early hour this morning. Mrs. Albert J. Barr and two daughters, of the family of the editor of the Pittsburg Post, were among those slightly injured and were taken to the Harrisburg hospital. Their condition is not critical. Mrs. Barr personally asked the newspapermen to make this statement. ANXIOUS ONES SEEK NEWS OF THEIR FRIENDS Early this morning persons who escaped from the wreck began flocking to the newspaper offices to ask that it be published that they had escaped injury, so that their friends might be relieved of anxiety. Among these was Charles W. Strangon of Baltimore, supreme chief of the Brotherhood of Gas Inspectors, Car Builders and Railroad Mechanics of America. Samuel Schubert of New York, manager of the Lyric theater, jumped out (Continued on Page Two)

UNITED FLEETS RULE THE SEA

BERESFORD TELLS WHERE THE POWER LIES

CRITICISES AMERICAN SHIPS

Considers That Togo Should Be Victorious, and He Predicts Great Slaughter if Rojstvensky Meets Him

Special to The Herald. NEW YORK, May 10.—According to Lord Charles Beresford, vice-admiral of the British navy, who returned to England today on the White Star liner Oceanic, the balance of the world's naval power resides in the combined fleets of America and England. He said that, although the United States had some excellent battleships, their navy was more or less handicapped by many vessels which had gone out of fashion and do not rank with the highest class of sea fighters found in the foreign navies. Nevertheless, the combination of the fleets of this country and Great Britain would command the peace of the world. Lord Beresford expressed the opinion that, Japanese would be victorious, owing to the superior marksmanship of their gunners and their ability to outmaneuver the Russians. He prophesied a great slaughter. For the battleship Missouri, on which he spent several days, he expressed great admiration, declaring that she had not an equal in the world.

WILL NOT LEAVE BASE

Togo Awaiting Enemy Where Navigation is Specially Hazardous

Special Cable to The Herald. HONG KONG, May 10.—Admiral Togo's whereabouts are not accurately known except to the highest officials in Tokio. He has been reported at various points, from the Pescadores to Sasebo, where he is said to be at present. The Japanese admiral is not likely to leave his base. He will have every advantage in fighting between Formosa and Japan. The Rulkiu islands, that stretch away to the northwest of Formosa will prove a dangerous trap for the Russians. Navigation there is peculiarly hazardous owing to a great many cases threw open their doors to the distressed. Meanwhile Rojstvensky is offering large sums to pilots who know the ways around the islands. His transports are discharging cargoes into smaller vessels, which will follow the fleet. When the Russians leave the French Indo-China coast they will enter hostile seas. They will find that the Japanese have strongly fortified and amply provisioned the Pescadores for two years. The strategic points on the islands are defended by heavy guns and the forces in garrison number 5000.

SHERIFF SHOOTS DESPERADO

Virginia Officer Arrests Man Charged With Three Murders

By Associated Press. HUNTINGTON, W. Va., May 10.—George H. Wright, for whose capture there is a reward of \$5000 for killing three men at Provo, Utah, was arrested at Williamson after a desperate battle with officers. Marshal Johnson was shot in the leg during the fusillade. Wright has been working at Williamson in a coal mine. He is charged with having murdered Alfred Wilson, Albert Hayes and Andrew Jackson, who settled on his ranch at Provo, Utah. He fled and was not heard from until located at Williamson.

RECEIVER APPOINTED FOR HAIGHT & FREESE COMPANY

By Associated Press. PHILADELPHIA, May 10.—Judge McPherson in the United States circuit court today appointed J. Hector McNeill of this city receiver of the brokerage establishment of Haight & Freese company.

VIRGINIA HARNED MUCH INCENSED

INDIGNANTLY REJECTS GIFT OF DIAMOND

HAS NO USE FOR TOE RING

Creator of Trilby Repudiates the Offering of an Admirer, Who Wished Her to Wear It in the Part

Special to The Herald. NEW YORK, May 10.—Virginia Harned, wife of Edward H. Sothorn and herself a celebrated actress, is exceedingly indignant at the act of an admirer who presumed to send her a diamond ring. The ring was intended to be worn on one of her toes while playing the part of Trilby. It will be remembered that Miss Harned was the original creator of this part in the United States, the first performance being given at the Park theater, Boston, March 11, 1895. Since then Miss Harned has appeared under the Frohman management and also as a member of the A. M. Palmer stock company. She was born in Boston and made her stage debut when sixteen years of age. She was married to Mr. Sothorn September 3, 1896.

ANTI-SEMITIC RIOTS RAGED

LIST OF SLAUGHTERED STILL INCREASING

MARTIAL LAW IS PROCLAIMED

Jewish Circles Fear Further Developments All Along the Polish Frontier, Where Hostile Sentiment is Strong

By Associated Press. ST. PETERSBURG, May 11.—According to private advices from Zhitomir the fruits of the anti-Jewish riots there are sixteen dead and over one hundred wounded, mostly Jews. Martial law was proclaimed there today. The city is filled with troops and order generally is restored, though individual cases of violence are still occurring and a renewal of rioting is feared on Saturday evening and next Sunday. Stores, which have been barricaded in fear of tumults, are gradually reopening and ordinary life in the city is being resumed. The same private advices bring news of a further anti-Semitic outbreak in Gostynin, in the province of Warsaw, in which many Jews were injured and houses pillaged. No fatalities are reported, but Jewish circles here fear further developments, not only in Zhitomir and Gostynin, but also in other localities along the Polish frontier where the Jewish element is numerous and the anti-Semitic sentiment strong. Say the Jews Started It The official account of the Zhitomir tumult assigns the origin of the rioting to an encounter between a party of Jews who were boat riding and some roughs on the bank of the river. The latter stoned the Jews, who defended themselves with revolvers, wounding several of the attacking party, but not seriously. Reports of the encounter, quickly spreading, aroused the Christian populace to frenzy. The Jews also banded together for mutual protection, and, though a general encounter was prevented by the troops, several minor riots occurred, in one of which a Jewish boy was killed and several persons were wounded. The disorder culminated on May 7 in a pitched battle between Jews and Christians in the public square in the center of the city,

ARMOUR'S GRIP IS SHAKEN OFF

MICHIGAN CENTRAL WILL USE ITS OWN CARS

SHIPPER TO PAY ONLY COST

Evidence Shows That When Exclusive Contract for Icing Was Obtained Charges Were Nearly Quadrupled

Special to The Herald. CHICAGO, May 10.—The monopolistic grasp which the Armour car lines have had on the Michigan fruit trade for some time past was effectually broken today when the announcement was made before the interstate commerce commission that the Michigan Central railroad would hereafter use its own refrigerator cars and would charge shippers the exact cost for icing service. This pledge was made by Attorney A. D. Shaw, representing the Michigan Central, and resulted in the case against the railroad being dismissed by the commission. The split between the Michigan Central and the Pere Marquette roads came after an ineffectual attempt to induce the commission merchants, and later the interstate commerce commission, to accept a new schedule of tariffs, making reductions of between 15 to 30 per cent in the icing charges. Such reductions, Attorney Plummer for the commission men, declared to be ridiculous, the former testimony having shown that since Armour had obtained the exclusive contract for icing, charges have been advanced between 300 and 400 per cent.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATOR CHARGED WITH BRIBERY

Assemblyman Sent to Jail for Alleged Attempt at Corruption

By Associated Press. MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 10.—A special form Little Rock, Ark., says C. E. Andrews, representative from Nevada county, in the general assembly, and editor of the Prescott Picaune, is in the Pulaski county jail, on the charge of having received a bribe and of offering a bribe in connection with legislation. The information on which the warrants were based was furnished the prosecuting attorney by Representative Simpson of Hempstead county, who alleged that Andrews offered representative Simpson \$50, for his vote on the Killough levee bill and that he (Andrews) accepted a bribe of \$100 for his vote on the same measure. Andrews denies the charge.

SKIPPER MAKES CHARGE

Says Captain of Rival Ship Deliberately Ramm'd His Vessel

By Associated Press. VICTORIA, B. C., May 10.—Charges have been forwarded to Ottawa by Captain Johnson, of the river steamer Mount Royal, through the Merchant Service Guild of Victoria, alleging that Captain Bonser, a rival skipper of the Hazelton, deliberately and maliciously ramm'd his vessel on the Skeena river and also at a past date performed a similar act on the Ramona in the Fraser river. Further charges have been made that Captain Bonser endeavored to induce one of his crew to remove aids to navigation in order to precipitate disaster to a rival vessel.

Incorporates Carengie Fund

By Associated Press. ALBANY, N. Y., May 10.—The \$10,000,000 Carnegie fund to establish a retiring pension fund for college teachers was formally incorporated today with the secretary of state. The name of the corporation is the Carnegie Foundation. Its principal office is in New York city.

MIDNIGHT TORNADO BRINGS UNHERALDED DEATH TO HUNDREDS

RESCUE TRAINS RUSHING TO SCENE

Pitiful Call for Succor Comes From Stricken City. Specials Carry Scores of Physicians and Nurses Hurrying in Response to Cry

By Associated Press. GUTHRIE, O. T., May 10.—Late reports from Hobart, O. T., and Chickasha, I. T., place the number of dead and injured in the tornado at Snyder, O. T., at 500. The storm broke over the town at 11 o'clock at night, completely demolishing it, as near as reports can be obtained. The first news of the disaster was received at Hobart, O. T., by telephone, giving a bald statement of the tornado having struck the town. The wires, both telegraphic and telephonic, then went down, and no further news has been obtained directly from Snyder. It is now impossible to reach Lawton, O. T., the nearest telephone exchange to Snyder, and all telegraphic connections are reported down between that place and Snyder. Rescue trains have been started from Hobart, O. T., and Chickasha, I. T., which will arrive at Snyder this morning. Reports from Chickasha, I. T., recite details of special trains loaded with physicians, nurses and assistants which are leaving over the Frisco road for Snyder, Okla. Estimates of several hundred killed and injured are given, although no definite figures are named.

HOBERT GIVES FIVE HUNDRED AS THE FIGURE

By Associated Press. OKLAHOMA CITY, May 11.—The telephone operator at Hobart, 32 miles north of Snyder, states that it is believed in Hobart that five hundred people have been killed and injured. Every one who can render assistance in the capacity of physician, nurse or other necessary work has gone on the special train which left Hobart shortly before 2 o'clock. Nurses and physicians have been called for at all the towns possible to reach in three days. Snyder is a town of about 1200 people, located 40 miles west of Lawton in Comanche county.

BODIES SCATTERED ABOUT THE STREETS OF SNYDER

By Associated Press. OKLAHOMA CITY, May 11.—It is reported from Hobart via Chickasha that between 350 and 400 people are dead at Snyder and that bodies are scattered all over the streets and surrounding country. The storm struck the town from the southwest, traveling north until about 100 yards of the Oklahoma City and Western railroad tracks. Then it took a northeasterly course through the business portion of the town. North of the track not a building is left standing. The first relief train sent from Hobart has arrived on the scene.

TRAIN CREW DESCRIBES THE APPALLING SCENES

By Associated Press. HOBERT, O. T., May 11, 3:45 a. m.—A train crew which took a special from here last night to the wrecked town of Snyder returned here this morning, bringing a partial report of the scenes of horror in the hurricane's path. They give heartrending descriptions of the desolation which marks what remains of yesterday's happy and prosperous community. The rescue trains were unable to get close to the town owing to the wreckage which straws the railway. The wires of telegraph and telephone systems are down and lay in an inextricable mass across the railway tracks. The railroad men tell of half clad and demented people wandering about the prairies calling about the names of their dear ones. Bodies of the dead lie on every hand. Every cottage has its dead beneath

the wreckage and the streets are strewn with bodies. The first work of the physicians and nurses was to establish temporary field hospitals, which were almost immediately filled with injured. When the trainmen left Snyder the work of collecting the injured was progressing slowly. They can place no reliable estimate on the number of the dead.

TO RESTRAIN SOONERS Troop of Fifth Cavalry Ordered to Uintah Reservation

By Associated Press. DENVER, Colo., May 10.—Colonel Mansfield, acting commander of the department of the Colorado, today ordered Troop M, Fifth cavalry, to Fort Duchesne, for patrol duty on the Uintah reservation. The troop is stationed at Fort Apache, Arizona, and it will reinforce Troop F, Fifth cavalry, now at Fort Duchesne. Any man attempting to locate on the reservation prior to its opening will be arrested by the soldiers.

SOUTHWESTERN WYOMING BLANKETED WITH SNOW

By Associated Press. CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 10.—Southwestern Wyoming is covered with wet, heavy snow. The snow is over two inches deep on the level.

THE DAY'S NEWS

FORECAST Southern California: Fair on Thursday; light west wind. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 68 degrees; minimum, 50 degrees.

1—Tornado kills over five hundred. 2—Once brilliant mind is no more. 3—Guests visit Mt. Lowe. 4—Southern California news. 5—Editorial. 6—City news. 7—Classified advertisements. 8—Sports. 9—Markets. 10—Registration is completed.

EASTERN Five hundred persons are killed by tornado in Oklahoma. Fifty persons killed, one hundred injured, by fire in Pennsylvania railroad. President Roosevelt received with wild enthusiasm by Chicago Democrats.

FOREIGN Reports of anti-Semitic riots in Russia grow more serious. Lord Charles Beresford says that American and British fleets in combination command the world's peace. Togo reported to be awaiting Rojstvensky where the navigation is peculiarly hazardous.

COAST Collector of San Francisco port sustains former appraisal of Japanese importations. Victoria captain says rival skipper deliberately ramm'd his ship. State supervisors at San Diego discuss various subjects of importance.

LOCAL Petty "graft" in sale of material to city. President Ripley of Santa Fe evades local ticket brokers. Plan huge catalogue of 117,000 volumes in public library. Library board to ask council to call special election for voting \$500,000 library bonds. Census marshal completes report, showing that there are 50,947 children under 17 years of age in Los Angeles. Equitable's general agent for California says young Hyde will be decapitated. Salt Lake officials visit Mt. Lowe. Wholesale poisoning of dogs in Highland Park. Garbage incinerators to have another inning before city council. Satecrackers blew open safe in the Kaufman, Davidson & Co. warehouse early yesterday morning. Capt. Bradish has adventures on a fishing trip in Ventura county. Mrs. J. E. Lewis, a negress, alleges that she was beaten by a constable. Attorney George D. Blake committed to Patton asylum for the insane. District attorney issues statement of the law regarding the coming elections. Aged rancher tries marriage for third time. Young men hurrying weddings in order to get marriage licenses before May 11.