

ALABAMA WILL BE ENGULFED BY SWIFT LANDSLIDE

WIDE AREA DEVASTATED

THOUSANDS LEFT DESTITUTE BY TORNADES

FORTY-SIX TOWNS PARTIALLY DESTROYED

Reports from Storm-Swept Districts of Five States Tell of Terrible Suffering Among the Victims

MERIDIAN, Miss., April 26.—A disastrous tornado passed through a sparsely settled section of eastern Mississippi south of this city late today. Meridian also was visited by a remarkable wind, rain and hail storm, much damage being done to crops and shrubbery. Timber properties are reported almost devastated.

A report received here tonight says the timber section of southern Mississippi and the adjacent Alabama territory has again been visited by a heavy storm and much damage done.

NEW ORLEANS, April 26.—The totals of death, misery and ruin caused in four southern states by Friday's tornado were completed today in approximately correct form.

Briefly stated they are: Killed, 350; injured, painfully or seriously, 1200; homeless, several thousand.

Towns reporting serious wreckage, forty-six; habitations and business houses practically complete ruins in 1,000 towns, about 2500.

These figures do not include the wrecking of plantations and farms, scores of which were struck and damaged.

The number of dead may never be known accurately, for the reason that about 300 of them were negroes and they were buried in many communities without careful records being made of their numbers.

While some of the first reports giving apparently reliable death lists have since proved unreliable, nevertheless the reports which were late in reporting their dead have served to hold the total death list around 350.

The manner in which this death list has grown up in spite of continued subtractions from early reports, has been a melancholy index of the interstate scope of the disaster.

Wide Area Swept

By following the wreckage of towns the general direction of the tornado belt may be traced closely. Apparently the storm struck in three square currents, each describing the arc of a circle, and traveling toward the northeast.

The first of these struck through northern Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee, before daylight on Friday morning. The second appeared farther south about noon, striking Louisiana and Mississippi. This apparently was the portion of the storm which had swept through Alabama and Georgia on Friday night and Saturday morning.

The third portion of the storm appeared during Friday afternoon, further south than either of its predecessors. The homes of which demolished Amite, La., and Purvis, Miss., where the wreckage was worst.

Why the fatalities were so large is apparent today from a glance at photographs that have arrived here from many portions of the tornado belt. They all tell the same story. Whole blocks of what were formerly little residences and cabins lie spread over the ground in separate boards. If a huge lumber pile had been scattered over these areas, the wreckage would be unattached to anything else could scarcely have been greater.

Under this mass of wreckage many hundreds of persons were buried, one in a hundred escaping without some injury. The houses which were thus scattered about were mostly negro habitations. The homes of the whites held together better, and the photographs show many of them with half the top of the upper part of the structure wiped off, but leaving the parts below as a protection to the occupants, thus saving scores from death.

Calf Blown Through House

Along with the accounts of suffering have come many recitals of many remarkable experiences, of which this is typical:

At Amite, La., when the tornado appeared, there were seven persons at the dinner table at Hamilton Warner's home, including three children. One of the diners, Claude Bennett, saw the whirling cloud in time to shout a warning and rushed outdoors, but the others remained in the room. The wind in a second blew two doors on opposite sides of the room, and an astonishing procession of live and inanimate objects began to pass into the room through these doorways. First came a calf blown by the wind. The animal jumped over the dining table and went out the opposite door. Afterward there came a horse. The three children sought refuge under the table and no one was injured.

Today has been one of relief measures throughout the wrecked district. The ruined towns have been visited by thousands of spectators, many of whom went with a few dollars in their pockets to distribute among the needy. Sheds made from the wreckage have become the homes of hundreds. Small parties of men on horseback have gone through country districts taking inventories of the assistance needed, and rendering aid where it was most necessary. At least a dozen relief funds have been started in as many cities and towns.

List by States

Following is a list by states of the forty-six towns representing more or less damage:

Louisiana—Lucerne, Kenmore, La-Mourie, Richland, Amite, Essie, Pine-Apple, Franklinton, Sheridan, Avard, Eunice—12.

Mississippi—Giles Bend, Purvis, Church Hill, Lorman, Tillman, Melton, Bexterville, Bruxton, Sun Flower, Wabialak, Winrate, Columbus, Walls, Fairchilds, Quitman's Landing, McLaurin, McCallum, Winchester, Pine Ridge—18.

Georgia—Columbus, Chipley, La-Grange, Harris, Griffin McDonough, (Continued on Page Three)

RACE TRACK EVILS WILL BE DENOUNCED FROM 2000 PULPITS

League Recently Organized in Berkeley Obtains Aid of Ministers in Fight Against Gambling

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—Sermons denouncing a protest against the race track evil will be preached in over 2000 churches of California next Sunday morning, the plan having been elaborated by the Anti-Race Track League recently organized in Berkeley. May 3 is to be known all over the state as "Anti-Race Track Sunday," and will mark the inception of an active campaign against the race track in California, the object of the league being to bring about state legislation to prohibit as at present carried on.

MESSENGER KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE

ACCIDENT UNAVOIDABLE, SAY WITNESSES

Youth Who Drove Car Which Struck Wheelman Is Allowed to Go Until Inquest is Held

John Haas, aged 25 years, a messenger employed by the Western Union Telegraph company, was run down and instantly killed by an automobile at Figueroa and Adams streets at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Haas was riding a bicycle south on Figueroa street. He was ahead of an automobile driven by Harry Brisacher, aged 20 years, who resides at 3108 South Figueroa street.

In the motor car were Herman Brisacher, the father of the young man at the wheel, and Lee and May Brisacher, younger members of the family.

When Haas reached Adams street he turned his wheel into that street and then abruptly wheeled back directly in front of the motor car.

He was struck before young Brisacher could stop his machine or turn out of the way. Haas was hurled to the pavement and his skull was fractured from the left temporal region to the base of the brain, the inner plate of the skull being driven into the brain.

Assistant Police Surgeon Huff, who was passing at the time in his machine, was the first person to reach the injured man, and gave him emergency treatment, but the nature of the injury was such that the surgeon's efforts were unavailing.

The body was removed to the morgue and the man's family, who resides at 1408 West Thirty-sixth street, notified.

Haas was the son of John Haas, a well known grocer at that number, and was married, having two children.

The automobile was traveling at a speed of about 15 miles an hour, and the accident was unavoidable. The coroner will hold an inquest.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

FORECAST For Los Angeles and vicinity: Fair Monday, continued warm; light west wind. Maximum temperature yesterday, 90 degrees; minimum, 58 degrees.

LOCAL Many Los Angeles people suffering from banquets. Los Angeles minister of St. Paul's cathedral preaches his farewell sermon.

Pastor of St. Patrick's church says hypocrites are in his congregation, and declares all such must get out of it. Pasadena man, crazed by whisky, cuts his throat.

Six officers pull off daring raid on gamblers after dark. Woman, many times victim of accidents, is badly burned and dies. Had prayed for death.

Unavoidable accident causes death of Los Angeles messenger boy under wheels of auto. Today's session of city council expected to be a heated one.

More than one hundred men said to have deserted battleships during sojourn of Los Angeles. Santa Barbara in gala attire in honor of visit of Atlantic fleet; battle of flowers is scheduled for today.

Admiral Evans continues to improve; goes on motoring trips nearly every day. Race track evils to be denounced from two thousand pulpits in the state next Sunday.

Ocean steamship lines in San Francisco to cut rates in opposition to tramp vessels. Bishop returning from Alaska tells of great gold strike on Nolan river; pans out \$500.

EASTERN Another disastrous tornado sweeps over the south; total number of deaths amounts to nearly four hundred. Taft denies rumor that he is to resign his office. Navy department seeking additional hospital ships.

Naval surgeons administering mercury as treatment for tuberculosis. FOREIGN Sailors of British cruiser which was sunk by liner St. Paul die like heroes, every man at his post.

Count Leo Tolstoy writes a new novel which is to be published after the author's death. Solemn requiem mass to be said over body of Duc de Chaulnes. Premier Clemenceau of France leaves for London.

28 MEN DIE AT THEIR POSTS

28 MEN OF CRUISER'S CREW PERISH IN COLLISION

SUPREME BRAVERY SHOWN BY DOOMED SAILORS

English War Vessel Which Was Rammed by Big Liner St. Paul Now Lies at Bottom of Channel

LONDON, April 26.—The total number of dead and missing of the Gladiator's crew, as the result of a collision between the American liner St. Paul and the British cruiser off the Isle of Wight is twenty-eight.

The admiralty late tonight issued a revised list of the names of the Gladiator victims, which includes an additional death in the hospital, bringing the total deaths known up to five.

Twenty-three men are missing, according to the list, and six are suffering severe injuries.

The secretary of the admiralty expresses fear that there are still eight others missing, but is unable to give the names as yet. Divers today searched part of the sunken cruiser for bodies, but were not successful in finding any.

Accident Unavoidable

The opinion among shipping men and naval officers and officials appears to be unanimous that the accident was unavoidable, being one of the chances of the sea which all seamen must risk.

There will be the usual naval court and an inquiry by the board of trade. The officers of both ships refuse to discuss the affair until they have given their testimony officially.

All witnesses of the disaster agree practically that both crews behaved as well as possible. Coming to meet the loss of the torpedo boat destroyer Tiger, on April 3 last, thirty-six men being drowned, the sinking of the Gladiator is a severe blow to the British navy.

Rough weather prevails in the channel today and many of the channel steamers were unable to make their usual trips to the continent.

Die at Their Posts

Interesting details concerning the collision between the St. Paul and the cruiser Gladiator in the Solent yesterday and of the rescue of the men of the British cruiser were told today by various of the passengers of the liner J. T. Hills of London, speaking of the delay in lowering boats from the St. Paul, said:

"In response to our offer of assistance the captain of the Gladiator replied that it was not needed. That accounts for the time—it seemed to me about twenty minutes—that elapsed after the collision before the St. Paul's boats were put into the water. At that time the cruiser was turning turtle. Some of the bluejackets on board her cried 'Lower your boats!' and the vessel heeled over we could see the bluejackets clinging to the uppermost side, and those who failed to get a sure hold slipped into the water."

"The discipline on the Gladiator was magnificent. We could see every man at his post. There was no excitement on either ship. One would have thought that it was a moving picture instead of a real disaster. It was lucky that the collision happened so close to land. That very fact gave the seamen and passengers more chance of escape."

The passengers on the St. Paul, who acted so coolly during the trying few minutes following the collision, could hardly have realized the danger which they were in. They were assured by the officers who hurried among them directly the boats came together that there was no danger, but the condition of the steamer's bow disclosed as she lies at the bottom that she had a narrow escape from meeting the same fate as the Gladiator. As it was, the St. Paul was more seriously damaged than at first supposed.

She showed a quantity of water through her broken plates, and from the moment she backed away from the wrecked cruiser until she reached her wharf all her pumps were kept going to their full capacity.

St. Paul Nearly Sunk

The damaged bows of the St. Paul indicate that the nose of that vessel at least twenty feet through the cruiser's side, but fortunately the greatest damage she received was above the water line. The bow post was buckled while the plates on which were starboard bows were crushed in and gaping cracks extended along the side. Just along the water line the paint has been scratched away, but from that point downward there is no apparent damage, although the bolts must have started, which would account for the water pouring into her hold.

Captain Passow and the first, third and fourth officers were on the bridge with Pilot George Bowyer, the American company's regular pilot, at the time of the accident, and the closest lookout was being kept, two men being stationed in the bow and two in the crow's nest.

Neither Captain Passow nor any of his officers would discuss the accident, preferring to wait until the reports of the proper officers. It is learned, however, that Captain Passow is sorely grieved at the disaster, this being his first serious mishap. A friend who has been much with the captain says the St. Paul since his return here, in speaking of the collision, and doubtless giving the captain's version of it, said it could not have been avoided.

In Dense Snowstorm

The snow was falling so thickly that it was impossible to see a yard ahead; it was far worse than the thickest fog. The weather had cleared before the St. Paul left her dock, but snow began to fall again as the Solent was reached. It was then impossible to stop, as a very strong tide was running, which might have carried the steamer on the rocks. The only alternative was to go ahead and keep the closest lookout, and this, he explained, was done.

Had the cruiser been painted any color other than white, it would have been seen sooner. (Continued on Page Three)



BISHOP IN GOLD RUSH; PANS \$500

CLERGYMAN TELLS OF STRIKE IN ALASKA

RICH FIND REWARDS MINERS ON NOLAN CREEK

Prelate of Episcopal Church Arrives in Seattle from the Far North and Describes New El Dorado

SEATTLE, April 26.—P. T. Rowe, bishop of the Episcopal church for the territory of Alaska, who arrived in the city today from the north on the Yukatan, brings the first detailed authentic information regarding the big gold strike on Nolan creek at the head of the Koyukuk river.

Bishop Rowe was in the Nolan creek camp when the strike was made and claim with his own hands, and saw pans washed out that ran as high as \$1800. Nolan creek is only about 200 miles from the Arctic ocean, and there were only 125 men in the camp when he left for the outside.

The strike was made at a depth of about 150 feet and about \$40,000 has been washed by crude operations, and it is estimated that the cleanup at the end of this summer will reach \$1,000,000.

"The big strike was made as the result of an agreement between a number of the miners who have been in the Kookuk district since 1898," said Bishop Rowe. "All of these miners have been taking out sufficient gold for grubstake for the past ten years, but have never attempted to go to bears or before."

"Last winter a number of the miners at Nolan creek agreed to give 300 feet each of their claims to the man who would sink to bedrock, or to the pay streak on his claim. This proposition was accepted by a man named Olson and his partners. He was a lucky Swede and struck the rich pay at a depth of 150 feet."

"The gold is the highest quality of any gold that has been taken out of Alaska, running from \$19.40 to \$19.50 per ounce."

Bishop Rowe came out to go to the Lambeth conference in London, England, and will leave Monday morning for New York to sail for England.

NAVAL SURGEONS ADMINISTER MERCURY TO CONSUMPTIVES

WASHINGTON, April 26.—A preliminary report on the treatment of tuberculosis by the administration of mercury has been made to the surgeon general by Surgeon B. L. Wright of the navy, who has been conducting investigations at the naval hospital at Fort Lyon, Colo.

In commenting on this report Medical Inspector C. T. Hibbert said the subject is engaging much attention by officers on duty at the hospital, and the treatment is being applied personally by Surgeons W. H. Hucher and Wright in order that there may be no danger of infection by the needle to discourage the patients.

The clinic, it is said, is steadily growing by voluntary applications for treatment, and the results so far are encouraging.

Clemenceau Leaves for London

PARIS, April 26.—Premier Clemenceau left here today for London to represent the French government at the funeral of the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

SOCIALISTS' REPLY DRAWS A DENIAL FROM TAFT

Secretary of War Says He Was Misquoted Regarding Great Struggle Between Labor and Capital

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Secretary of War Taft tonight said:

"My attention has been called to the action of the New York section of the Socialist party in respect to certain alleged utterances of mine in a recent speech before the Order of Railroad Conductors in Chicago. In the report I am made to say: 'There is no denying the fact that we must look forward to a gigantic controversy between labor and capital, hoping and trusting that it will be settled peacefully.'"

"This is not an accurate report of what I said. I have the stenographic notes taken of what I did say. What I said was this: 'That unless laborers united into organization, the laborer would stand no chance in that inevitable controversy that we always hope will be peaceful, but that must exist—that inevitable controversy as to how labor and capital shall share the joint product of both.'"

"From nothing I said could the inference be drawn that I was prophesying a gigantic controversy in the future. I was only referring to an existing and always present condition, an ever recurring controversy."

RAILROAD CLOSES SHOPS TO FORCE MEN TO TERMS

Canadian Pacific Announces There Will Be No More Work Until Employees Accept New Wage Schedule

WINNIPEG, Man., April 26.—The Canadian Pacific shops closed down Saturday night and will remain closed until the men agree to new terms proposed by the company. The present hours and a wage schedule ends Thursday.

"The employees in the shops completed a federation last week, and 1000 men organized to resist the company's terms. A strike appears to be imminent."

OCEAN LINES TO CUT RATES TO HURT TRAMP STEAMERS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—With a view of driving tramp steamers from this port radical reductions on freight rates on flour and grain for overseas ports, such as Chinese and Japanese, are to be put in effect immediately on all the principal lines running out of San Francisco.

It is agreed among the ship owners that the rate on flour will be reduced from \$3 to \$2 for shipment from this port to Hongkong and Japan, and that the rate on flour from this port to Singapore will be reduced from \$4.75 to \$3.50. This, it is thought, will make it impossible for tramp steamers to get much San Francisco trade.

CARACAS BEGINS CRUSADE TO EXTERMINATE RODENTS

CARACAS, April 24 (via Willemstad, April 26).—President Castro has asked the Academy of Medicine to formulate measures for the sanitation of Caracas to combat the bubonic plague, if it should break out. Following this request the academy has issued orders for the immediate destruction of rats, the daily washing of the streets and buildings, and the destruction of existing infection of any kind.

TOLSTOI WRITES ANOTHER NOVEL

BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED AFTER HIS DEATH

REQUESTS FRIENDS TO REFRAIN FROM CELEBRATION

ST. PETERSBURG, April 26.—Although in deference to the wishes of Count Tolstoy, the plans for an international celebration at Yasnaya Polyana this summer of the writer's eightieth birthday, to which delegations from Russia and abroad have been invited, has been abandoned, Tolstoy's Russian novelist propose to signalize his jubilee by the formation of an international Tolstoy society, similar to the Goethe, Dante and Shakespeare societies, designed to study and propagate the ideas of Tolstoy, to collect materials concerning his life and activity, and ultimately to purchase the home of Yasnaya Polyana for a Tolstoy museum.

Celebrations of the anniversary will be held in St. Petersburg, Moscow and other cities.

Tolstoy's reasons for declining the honor are given in a letter to Michael Stakhovich, in which he writes:

"I address myself to you with a very great request, namely, to stop the plan of a jubilee celebration, which will give me nothing but pain, and, what is worse, the consciousness of evil doing. You know that, particularly at my age, when I am so near death, nothing is more precious than the love of my fellow men, and I fear lest this affection suffer from this jubilee. I received yesterday a letter in which it was said that the jubilee celebration was being planned (from which Tolstoy, as is well known, was uncommunicated) would be affronted by this celebration. I had never thought of it in that light, but what was written was correct. Not only among the orthodox, but also among many others, the celebration of my jubilee would provoke evil feelings. 'Those who love me (I know them and they know me) need no outward forms to express their affection. Therefore, do what you can to prevent this celebration and free me from this sorrow. I shall ever be thankful.'"

Count Tolstoy has, it is said, written a new novel, which will only be published after his death. It is entitled "Father Sergius." It has for its hero a young guard officer who retires from the world and becomes a monk on learning of the unchastity of a young girl with whom he has fallen in love. He becomes famous for sanctity, but is subjected to repeated worldly temptations, finally yielding to a temptress of sensual passion, and after killing the victim of his lust leaves the monastery to become a wanderer upon the earth.

TAFT DENIES RUMOR THAT HE IS TO RESIGN OFFICE

WASHINGTON, April 26.—"The story is wholly unauthorized," declared Secretary of War Taft tonight, when his attention was called to the statement from Havana that Thomas P. Eagan of Cincinnati, in an interview, is quoted as saying positively that Secretary Taft would resign immediately if nominated at the Chicago convention, and that Governor Magoon of Cuba would succeed him as secretary of war.

Secretary Taft will leave here tomorrow morning to fill speaking engagements at Bridgeport, Conn., and New York city.

HAMLET IS DESTROYED

MANY PERISH; FAMILY OF 11 AMONG VICTIMS

DOCTORS, NURSES AND COFFINS ARE RUSHED TO SCENE

Without Any Warning, Mountain of Earth and Rock Crashes Down as an Avalanche

BUCKINGHAM, Quebec, April 26.—Half the little French hamlet of Notre Dame de Salette, sixteen miles from here, on the Lievre river, disappeared today under a sliding mountain, and at least thirty of its small population are known to have perished.

The hamlet has no telephone or telegraph, nor is it on a railroad. Meager bits of news of the disaster come in by messengers from the physicians and other rescuers who were hurried there when the first calls for aid came early this morning.

The river Lievre winds at the foot of the hamlet, and a mountain towers behind. Spring rains for days have been melting snow and ice on the mountain side, and streams have been coursing down the river.

At 5 o'clock this morning, just as the little hamlet began to stir for early mass, part of the mountain started to slide toward the river. It tore a path of death and destruction in its way, and those who were not killed when their homes were engulfed were left buried under the mass of rock and earth.

Family of Eleven Perish

Camille La Pointe's house stood first in the path of the avalanche. He and his family of eleven are known to have perished.

Eight others whose names have not been obtained are known to be missing, and the rescuers are attempting to find definitely how many more are missing.

Mrs. Desjardins' cottage also was swept away, and she, with her two children, a domestic and a hired man, are known to be buried in the landslide.

De Salette, like many hamlets of its kind, rambles into the gardens and little fields on the mountainside, so about half of it was not in the path of the slide.

Avalanche Comes with Roar

The sliding mass rushed with a roar and spread fanlike over part of the place, and dumped itself in the swollen stream at its feet. Cut off from the outside world, messengers were dispatched to Houperre, the nearest hamlet. Those who arrived first estimated that at least a dozen houses were crushed in the path of the landslide.

Buckingham was appealed to, but the flight of the messengers across the spring roads was slow. Those first on the scene found De Salette in a panic, with the uninjured ones packing their belongings for flight.

The first messengers to Buckingham ordered twenty-five coffins to be sent to De Salette, and all the physicians of the town were hurried across country with rescue parties.

CONFIDENCE MEN BLAMED FOR NUMEROUS CRIMES

RENO, Nev., April 26.—Sevante Davis and Salvador Luhanio, Italian confidence men, now held in the county jail for robbing a countryman of \$1000 in gold, after hanging him, are believed to be the same men who committed similar crimes in San Francisco at Twenty-ninth and Mission streets, securing \$4000 San Jose, securing \$600; Los Angeles, securing \$900; and Victoria, B. C., where \$1400 was stolen.

L. Dondere, Luhanio's partner, was taken to Victoria for the last crime, but Luhanio escaped. The information came to Chief Burke in a letter and postal card, both from San Francisco, and unsigned.

BAGS OF MAIL CONTAINING \$500,000 STOLEN IN NEW YORK

LONDON, April 26.—The London postal authorities have learned that two bags of mail from this city containing securities and other valuables worth \$500,000 were stolen in New York the latter part of last month.

According to the reports received here the bags were destined for St. Louis and were shipped by the Majestic, which arrived in New York March 26. The other, destined for Brooklyn, was shipped by the steamer Quila, which arrived at New York March 26. Both bags disappeared in transit between the steamers and the postoffice.

REQUIEM MASS TO BE SAID OVER BODY OF DE CHAULNES

PARIS, April 26.—After the celebration of a solemn requiem at the Church of St. Philippe du Roule tomorrow morning the body of the Duc de Chaulnes will be conveyed to Damperre, where a second service will be held on Tuesday.

This will be attended by the members of the family and the most intimate friends, after which the body will be interred in the mortuary chapel of this historic chateau.