

Northwest News

EIGHT DEAD IN DAKOTA CYCLONE

Twister Cuts Wide Swath in
North Dakota, Leaving Death
and Ruin in Wake.

MANY HOUSES ARE WRECKED

Grand Forks, N. D., June 1. — A cyclone or tornado swept through Northern and Central North Dakota and Western Minnesota like a blast from a furnace and blazed a trail of death and destruction.

Eight lives snuffed out like so many flickering candles, five persons injured so that they will probably die, a score of others more or less hurt, a quarter of a million dollars' worth of property destroyed with one fell swoop and telegraphic and telephonic communication broken and crippled is the record of the whirlwind which wrought terrific havoc in a few hours Saturday.

The worst sufferer from the storm was Langdon, N. D., where five persons were killed and twenty or more injured. The loss to property there will reach fully \$175,000, and the general demoralization of business caused by the damage will reach a considerably larger sum.

Forty Houses Razed.

With but little warning the storm swept down on the town about 6 o'clock in the evening. With a wild swirl it swept about the streets and roadways and in less than five minutes forty houses were razed to the ground, the Methodist church was torn from its foundation and scattered in the streets like driftwood in the surf, and the huge grain elevators were swept aside like so much kindling and left a pitiful heap of broken planks.

People rushed from their homes in wild dismay and as they did so were hurled by the wind like bits of paper.

Ypsilanti Is Wrecked.

From Jamestown, N. D., it is reported that Ypsilanti, a village thirteen miles south of there, has practically been destroyed by the cyclone. The farm house of George Graves was blown into the James river, and Mrs. Graves and her two young daughters, who were in the house at the time, were instantly killed. Every house in the village was either entirely or partially destroyed.

After leaving Ypsilanti the cyclone sped down the James river, destroying farm houses and wrecking everything in its path.

Damage in Jamestown.

In Jamestown all the buildings of the Jamestown Fair association were demolished, the Russell-Miller flour mill was wrecked and a large portion of the Northern Pacific roundhouse caved in, burying in the debris a number of locomotives and severely injuring several Italians who had fled to the roundhouse when the storm first came up.

At Tyler, Minn., a grain elevator was lifted from its foundations and carried several yards away. Four cars on the railway tracks were turned upside down and three men in them were severely injured.

At Lakota, N. D., several buildings were struck down. At Wahpeton the state fair buildings were demolished, and at Devils Lake the Great Northern wires and telegraph poles were thrown down and communication cut off.

Langdon Hit Hardest.

Reports from over the state last night indicate that outside of Langdon and Ypsilanti there was no loss of life in the cyclone of Saturday. Small losses of property are reported from various sections of the state, but the loss in Langdon overshadows all others.

Residents of Langdon, dazed by their misfortune for a brief spell, have bravely responded to the needs of the unfortunate people who lost all in the disaster. No help from outside the city will be required, it is announced.

STRANGER KILLED BY TRAIN.

Body of Unidentified Man Held by Coroner at Anoka.

Anoka, Minn., June 1.—An unidentified man, believed to be about thirty-five years of age, was killed by a passenger train at Fridley station. He stepped from a track upon which a freight train was approaching directly in front of a second train, which he had not seen. The body was brought here and the coroner is investigating.

FATAL ACCIDENTS AT WINONA

School Teacher Takes Acid by Mistake and Soma-nambulist Is Killed by Train.

Winona, Minn., June 1. — Two fatal accidents, with peculiarly distressing features, ushered grief and sorrow into two Winona homes yesterday.

Mistaking a phial containing carbolic acid for a castor oil bottle, Miss Mabel Kirst, aged twenty-two years, drained the contents while in her home.

The young woman held her nostrils to make the medicinal dose less disagreeable, and for that reason several ounces of the deadly poison had been taken into her stomach before she realized her mistake.

Physicians, hastily summoned, worked over the girl, but she died in terrible agony several hours later.

Miss Kirst, who was a teacher in the school at Plainview, had come home to spend Sunday with her parents.

Fred Sieboldt, aged forty-five, soma-nambulist, was found at daybreak lying between the rails in the North-Western yards. His arm had been cut off and the victim apparently bled to death.

Sieboldt had been known to walk in his sleep, and the accepted theory is that he walked from his home to the railroad yards and there lay down, with his arm lying across the rail. The protruding member was cut off by an out-going freight train.

DIES BEYOND CENTURY MARK.

Odest Woman in St. Paul Expires at Age of 103 Years.

St. Paul, June 1. — With her mind lucid until a few hours before her death, Mrs. Liza Fletcher died at the age of one hundred and three years. Mrs. Fletcher was the oldest woman in St. Paul.

She was born in Scotland and located in St. Paul in 1849. Her husband was drowned before any children were born, and she began to earn a livelihood for herself. For many years she was employed in the home of J. Mayall when the latter was an extensive property owner in the city. Afterward, owing to advanced years, she was admitted to the poor farm.

OLD SAWMILL BURNS.

Machinery Made Ready for Shipment Damaged Beyond Repair.

Eau Claire, Wis., May 31. — The old Sherman sawmill was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. The machinery had been taken apart and was ready for shipment to Saginaw, Mich., but the fire damaged it beyond repair. Wicks Bros. of Saginaw had just purchased the machinery from the O. H. Ingram company. The total loss is \$5,000, with no insurance.

UPSETTING BOAT FATAL TO ONE

Railway Shop Foreman Meets Death and Companion Has Narrow Escape.

Duluth, June 1. — Peter Ressar, foreman of the Great Northern shops at Superior, Wis., was drowned in Cass lake by the capsizing of the boat from which he was fishing with Abe Shaw of Proctor, Minn.

Shaw was rescued by Ressar's son as he was going down for the third time. Ressar's body was not recovered.

EXPLOSION ON A DREDGER.

Engineer Killed and Two Others Fatally Injured Near Wausau, Wis.

Wausau, Wis., June 1.—Joseph Sellers of Mondry, Ind., an engineer, was killed and William Bry of Milladore, Wis., aged twenty-five, and another man were fatally injured in a boiler explosion on a dredge in the Little Eau Pline river, near Dancy, a village a short distance south of here. A defective boiler was the cause.

SUIT TO RECOVER MINERALS.

Northern Pacific Land Grant Attacked by Government.

Helena, Mont., June 1. — United States District Attorney Freeman has instituted suit in the federal court to recover from the Northern Pacific Railway company all lands within its grant which are mineralized. The exact amount is not known.

Attended His Own Funeral.

Gas City, Ind., June 1. — Elias B. Burns, who knowing death was near, called his preacher and his friends to his bedside three weeks ago and had his funeral service, died yesterday. His body will be buried without further services, as he requested. He was eighty-eight years old.

MONTANA NEWS

RIOTERS FREED FROM JAIL.

Principals in Claim Raid Ending in Two Deaths Must Serve Terms.

Ed Kennedy, Thomas Kennedy, George Isbell, Chris Paulson, John R. Johnson and Walter Booi were recently released from the county jail of Valley county, having served the term imposed upon them for complicity in a night raid in July, 1908, which resulted in the death of John Hayes and his daughter. Booi, who turned state's evidence, was sick while in jail, and died soon after his release.

This case, which attracted wide notice, grew out of accusations of claim-jumping preferred by Walter Long and Milo Long, who lived about eight miles north of Culbertson, against John Hayes. The testimony showed that the Longs collected several neighbors, armed them with guns of various kinds and visited the Hayes place about midnight one night in July, warning Hayes that he must move. The next night practically the same crowd again visited Hayes.

Hayes had armed a few neighbors for his defense, and in a fight which followed he and his daughter were killed. Sixteen men were suspected of having a hand in the raid, and remarkable to relate, all were either convicted or pleaded guilty to the charges preferred against them.

Walter Long was found guilty of murder in the second degree and was sentenced to thirty-five years' imprisonment. Milo Long was convicted of murder in the second degree, and the jury fixed his penalty at thirteen years' imprisonment. The other fourteen defendants pleaded guilty to a charge of riot, and were punished by sentences ranging from a few months to two years.

RACES WITH THE SHORT LINE.

Gilmore & Pittsburg Surveyors Are Still in the Lead.

Reports reached Dillon of a strenuous race on between the Gilmore & Pittsburg surveyors and the Oregon Short Line surveyors to reach the Salmon river canyon, south of Salmon. This canyon is the only pass out of the Salmon river country to the coast, and there is room for but one track through the eighty miles that will have to be traversed along the river, and much heavy work will have to be done to construct even one track.

The Gilmore & Pittsburg surveyors passed through Salmon two days ahead of the Oregon Short line surveyors, but it is reported that the latter have caught the former and passed them Saturday.

However, the Gilmore & Pittsburg people have the advantage in that they have engaged the services of Harry Gulke to take their surveyors through the Salmon river rapids by boat, a very hazardous undertaking at any time of the year, and especially so at this time, when there is high water.

Gulke is the only man in Lemhi county who knows the rapids of the Salmon river, and it is doubtful whether the Short Line people will be able to find any other person who would undertake the journey this spring.

JUDGE SCORES PRISONER.

Pioneer of Butte Sentenced to a Year and Heavily Fined.

One thousand dollars fine and a year in jail was the bitter dose administered to Leander Duncan, gambler and pioneer of Butte, Duncan, who is an old man, fairly wilted in his chair. The sentence was accompanied by an arraignment from the bench which has not often been equaled in severity by a court in Montana.

"For forty years you have bilked the public," thundered District Judge Michael Donlan, "gambling forty years that might have been spent in useful effort that would have landed you in comfort and respect, not in jail. Now, your string is up. You are an old man, and I'd like to be lenient with you, but it is time that the gamblers learned there is no place for them in this country. You have been arrested in every raid made since the raids began, and we are going to put you out of business. The court orders you imprisoned in the county jail for twelve months and fined in the sum of \$1,000."

CARS LEAP INTO THE RIVER.

Spectacular Wreck Occurs on the Great Northern.

A rather spectacular wreck occurred on the Montana Central division of the Great Northern at a point between Helena and Great Falls, when an ore train was wrecked, jumping the track, precipitating eighteen cars into the Missouri river. Brakeman Rogers was killed and Engineer Sieben seriously injured.

IN THE SCANDINAVIAN NORTH

Gleanings of Important News of Norway, Sweden and Denmark, with Occasional Comments.

By MARTIN W. ODLAND.

NORWAY.

The well known missionary, Skrefsrud, has suffered a stroke of paralysis, and is in a helpless condition at Sathalistan.

Four hundred thousand barrels of frozen herring, valued at 2,000,000 crowns, have been exported from Haugesund to England and Germany during the past season.

Rev. Christensen of Stavanger, who is married to a sister of Bjornstjerne Bjornson, has handed in his resignation as pastor of the "Domkirken" congregation. He was born in 1838.

A company now being organized at Bergen will engage in business and engineering pursuits in China. It will assume the business of the "China General Engineering Co." of Shanghai.

Some of the representative men of Bergen have sent a petition to the church department, asking that the government devote 30,000 crowns to the restoration and decoration of Haakonshallen.

The committee in charge of the plans for the great exposition of 1914 is holding regular meetings and shows a spirit of earnestness that augurs well for the ultimate success of the ambitious undertaking.

Specimens of flint tools and weapons, like axes, arrows and knives, etc., supposed to have been used 2,500 years before Christ, were recently found near the home for boys at Garnes, near Bergen. The Bergen museum is excavating in the hope of making further discoveries.

A dispatch from the Hague says that the court of arbitration, to which was referred the adjudication of the Grisebaa boundary dispute between Norway and Sweden, will make a journey to the scene of the disputed territory next July and hence will not render a decision before August.

Three hundred Russian school teachers will visit Finland, Sweden and Norway the coming summer. In Norway they will make trips to Trendhjem, Gudvangen, Vossevangen and Christiania, and will be given a royal welcome at each place. They will not travel in one body, but in groups of fifty.

Director Meldahl of the mechanical works of Fredrikstad, a competent engineer, is working out plans for a tunnel under Glommen between Krakeroen and Fredrikstad. The idea of attempting such a tunnel has aroused deep interest and the authorities of Fredrikstad have asked for further particulars as to the matter.

The receipts of the national railway of Norway in February, 1909, were 1,255,622 crowns, as against 1,272,807 crowns in February, 1908. The total receipts from April 1, 1908, to March 1, 1909, were 16,497,929 crowns, as against 15,463,237 crowns during the same period the preceding year. The traffic on the new Bergen railway has increased rapidly.

The number of emigrants from Norway that have sailed from Trendhjem during the first quarter of the year 1909 is 2,124, which is nearly three times as great as the number that left from the same point during the first quarter of 1908. The principal reason for this increase is the return of prosperity in America. The panic of 1907 kept ever so many Norwegians from leaving for the New World in 1908.

SWEDEN.

The statistical bureau has given out a report as to population which contains the following interesting information: The total population of Sweden at the close of 1908, was 5,429,600, which is an increase of 51,887 people during the year. The relative and actual increase in population is greater for the year than any year since 1898. Of the whole population 1,332,097 live in the cities. The population of Stockholm is 339,582, with an increase of 2,122 during the year. During the year the percentage of increase of population was 8.52 per thousand, and in the cities 13.15 per thousand. During the year emigration fell off from the 22,978 of 1907 to 12,277. Of all cities of over 10,000, Sundsvall alone shows a decrease, reporting 69 less population than a year ago. The proportion of women and men is 1,045 of the former to every 1,000 of the latter.

A company has been organized in Sweden for the production of radium, and a large tract of land where the precious metal is supposed to be found in paying quantities has been secured and work will commence at once. The country will watch with interest the efforts of the company to produce this metal, which a few years ago was worth a million dollars a pound.

The 15th. and 16th. of June the Schubert Men's chorus, the most noted of Austria, will give concerts in Stockholm. The chorus consists of 250 members from the musical and professional circles of Vienna. The club will arrive by special steamer at Stockholm, and will give two concerts. They have already appeared in Paris, Dossien, Switzerland and Herzegovina. The proceeds of their concerts in Stockholm will be turned over to the city for various philanthropic purposes. Adolf Kirchl is honorary choir master, and Prof. Hans Wagner is active director, both men being considered the most prominent musicians of their country.

DENMARK.

All Danish-Americans will be interested in a dispatch from Aarhus, which says that the Danish-American association has made arrangements for a festival of a novel character to take place here July 4, in connection with a national exposition now in progress. It is the first time that an attempt has been made to have a Fourth of July celebration in a foreign country arranged by naturalized American citizens descended from that country.

The object is to afford Scandinavians an occasion to learn the truth about the country which many of their nationality have made their home and learned to love as their own country, where they have availed themselves of the opportunities offered them and with which they are thoroughly familiar.

The crown prince of Denmark and both the American ambassador to Denmark and the Danish ambassador to the United States, as well as George Brandes and other well known Danes, will participate in the exercises. At least 1,000 persons from the United States will be present in Aarhus on the Fourth of July. An attendance of 50,000 is expected by the exposition authorities.

The program arranged by the Danish-American association follows:

First Part, 10 A. M.

Cantata by Ivar Kirkegaard, Racine, Wis.; music by Carl Busch, Kansas City, Mo.; chorus of 100 voices; solo by Helge Nissen of the Danish Royal opera.

Address by the president of the exposition, Mayor Drechsel.

Remarks by the chairman of the Aarhus Day committee by Dr. Max Henius, Chicago.

Address by the representative of the Danish government.

Orchestra.

Second Part, 1 P. M.

Orchestra. "The American From a Danish Point of View," by the Danish minister at Washington, Count Carlo Moltke.

"Brief History of the American of Danish Descent," by Ivar Kirkegaard, Racine.

"The Danish-American of the City," by Carl Antonsen, Chicago.

"The Danish-American of the Prairie," by Carl Hansen, Tyler, Minn.

"Our Homes in the United States," by Rev. Adam Dan, Chicago.

Danish national hymn, by audience, accompanied by orchestra.

Third Part, 3 P. M.

Orchestra.

"The American of Danish Descent," by the American minister at Copenhagen, Dr. Maurice Francis Egan.

"The Call of the Outer World," by Theodor Bredsdorff, director of the high school at Roskilde.

Orchestra, cello solo by Herman Sandby, New York.

"The Call of the Home," by Prof. George Brandes, Copenhagen.

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee," by audience, accompanied by orchestra.

The orchestra under direction of Carl Busch.

In the evening grand concert, Soloist Peter Cornelius (the famous Danish tenor, who intends visiting the United States in 1910); Helge Nissen, Mrs. Ulrich and Miss Krarup Hansen, all of the Danish Royal opera, Copenhagen. After the concert a banquet tendered the Americans by the city of Aarhus.

The crown prince has accepted the invitation of the committee, and will participate in all the festivities.