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CYCLONE'S DISASTER

Extent of the Storms in the South.

SEVERAL TOWNS WRECKED.

A Number of Lives Lost But Not as Many as at First Reported—Great Destruction Done at Bowling Green, Kentucky. Several Other Places Heavily Wrecked.

MEMPHIS, March 25.—The path of the cyclone which entered Tennessee Thursday afternoon in a southwesterly direction from Mississippi appears to have been about 20 miles in width, although serious damage was confined to a much smaller area. The wires are down in all directions. There is no telegraphic communication whatever with Nashville and intervening points, and little news is obtainable from places visited by the cyclone. This city barely escaped. A heavy rain fell and a high wind blew at the time the cyclone raged, and it became as dark as night for 30 minutes. Heavy damage was done to trees and small outbuildings.

At 2:30 o'clock Friday morning the wire at Kelly, Miss., was tapped and details telegraphed show that the early reports were not exaggerated. Not a house escaped the storm's fury and only a few are left standing, and they are badly damaged. The house of Roland Cox was lifted bodily and blown away, not a piece of timber left. The house of Robert Stevens was leveled and is a heap of ruins. The residence of D. N. Harris, a wealthy planter, was wrecked, and the houses of four of his tenants were blown away. The wind indulged in a queer freak with the dwelling-house of W. C. Boggs. It formerly faced north. It still stands in a damaged condition, but now faces south.

A mule was carried 100 feet and escaped alive. Bales of cotton were carried in the air like feathers. One house that faced the north was lifted from its foundation and turned completely around. Three mules were killed. The homeless people spent the night in the open air beside huge campfires, and are dazed by their sudden misfortune.

The calamity seems to grow in magnitude hour by hour, and the list of dead and wounded will probably reach into the hundreds.

In and Around Nashville.

NASHVILLE, March 25.—Reports of people having been injured and killed in Thursday night's windstorm are being received. In South Nashville a store filled with people was blown down and a number were injured, and a boy, Eugene Drumidge, was killed and Will Drumidge was fatally hurt. The residence of ex-Third Vice President Wood of the Louisville and Nashville road was unroofed. Smaller houses, barns and fences were damaged or blown down.

Mr. W. F. Bradford was also injured in the building in which Drum Wright was killed. Three tenements near by were unroofed and Miss Luella Oliver knocked senseless by a falling brick. Munn & Seigenthaler's grocery was completely wrecked. A heavy plate glass in the Nicholson House was broken by the wind. The Episcopal church in New Town was smashed to kindling wood and the new Bethel Baptist church, a brick building in the Nineteenth district, was blown down. All over this section houses and barns were unroofed but no other fatalities have been reported. The report that the penitentiary here was badly damaged was exaggerated. One small building was unroofed, causing only a trifling loss.

At Bowling Green, Ky.

BOWLING GREEN, March 25.—The cyclone which passed over this city Thursday night at 8 o'clock did great damage to property but no lives were lost. A negro employe of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, Jim Wallace, was hurt, his leg being broken. The Louisville and Nashville roundhouse was completely demolished but, luckily, all the men in it escaped. There were 19 engines and two tenders in it at the time and it can not be told how much they are damaged until the debris is removed. The loss to the Louisville and Nashville railroad on the building and locomotives is estimated all the way from \$75,000 to \$100,000. The roofs were blown off about 20 buildings, including the courthouse. The damage is about \$10,000.

At Rowland, Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 25.—A terrible cyclone swooped down on the town of Rowland, Thursday night at 11:15 o'clock and almost destroyed it. The postoffice building was swept entirely away together with all the mail, some of which was found two miles off. The storehouse occupied by Stephen's & Knox, was also demolished. Isaac Hamilton lost several tenement houses and storerooms besides having his residence badly wrecked. The Shelton House was unroofed as were the other buildings attached to it. Every house in Stanford was more or less damaged.

Through Mississippi.

MERIDIAN, Miss., March 25.—A cyclone struck 40 miles south of here Thursday night, crossing the Mobile and Ohio railroad three miles north of Shubuta, Miss., cutting a swath a quarter of a mile in width. On the Hard Place settlement of negroes a number of cabins were blown down, two negroes were killed outright and several wounded. The Western Union wires were blown down and the railroad track was strewn with debris. The track of the storm was principally through the woods, hence the fatalities are few.

Two Killed at Alexandria, Ind.

ELWOOD, Ind., March 25.—Last night

a severe windstorm, or hurricane, passed just north of this city, but did damage until it reached Alexandria, 10 miles east of here, on the Lake Erie and Western railway, where it partially wrecked the mammoth lamp factory of the Lippincott company, killing William Angel and his son, aged 10 years, who were crushed by falling timbers.

NOTED EDITOR CALLED.

Sudden Death of Colonel Elliott F. Shepard of the New York Mail and Express.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Colonel Elliott F. Shepard, proprietor of The Mail and Express, died at 4:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his residence, 2 West Fifty-second street, this city. His death was sudden and caused by edema, superinduced by inhalation of ether. Colonel Shepard has for some time been troubled with stone in the bladder. He arranged for an operation, and Dr. McClure and McLane, who were to perform the operation, began to give him ether about 1 p. m. At the first inhalation bad symptoms were produced and the inhalations were immediately discontinued.

Under a treatment of oxygen he rallied until 4 o'clock, when a reaction set in and he gradually sank, until at 4:30 o'clock he calmly and peacefully passed away. He was unconscious throughout. Only the two physicians were present at the final moment. Mrs. Shepard and her two youngest daughters had been induced to go to the family's summer residence at Scarborough on Thursday, to remain there until after the operation had been performed. They were immediately notified to return, and reached their home late yesterday evening. No arrangements have as yet been made for the funeral.

Elliott F. Shepard was born on June 21, 1834, in Jamestown, N. Y. His father was Charles Shepard, a prominent man and president of the National Bank Note company. Young Shepard attended the public schools in Jamestown, and when but 18 years of age, he came to this city and began studying at the New York university, graduating in 1855. He then entered the law office of Judge William Strong and finally became a partner with him.

In 1861 and 1863 he was aide-de-camp on the staff of Governor Edwin D. Morgan, was in command of the department of volunteers at Elmira, N. Y., and aided in organizing, equipping and forwarding to the field nearly 50,000 troops. He was instrumental in raising the Fifty-first New York regiment, which was named for him, the Shepard Rifles; he was the founder of the New York State Bar association in 1876, which has formed the model for the organization of similar associations in other states. In March, 1888, he purchased the New York Mail and Express.

Colonel Shepard was president of the American Sabbath union, and also vice president of St. Paul's institute in Asia Minor, which was mainly endowed by him. He was a member of the Union League club and the New York Yacht club. In addition to being the principal owner of The Mail and Express he was a director in the American Bank Note company and other organizations.

RUN DOWN BY A TRAIN.

Horrible Accident on the Lake Shore Road Near Sylvania, Ohio.

TOLEDO, O., March 25.—Upon the arrival of the midnight train from Chicago over the Lake Shore road, its driving wheels were found to be covered with blood and bits of human flesh. A man's hat lay on the pilot and part of a human leg hung on some of the machinery. The engineer says he felt his engine jar somewhere between here and Adrian.

A telegram from Sylvania solved the mystery. Just this side of the station at Sylvania was found the mangled body of John Kennedy, a young man of about 28 years, lying on the track. He had been struck and killed by the train without being seen by the trainmen. The foot was in an upright position on the beam and naked. Kennedy lived with his widowed mother, and was unmarried.

PASSENGER TRAIN WRECKED.

Ten or Twelve People Injured Though None Fatally.

FLINT, Mich., March 25.—A passenger train on the Flint river division of the Flint and Pierre Marquette railroad was ditched by a rotten culvert yesterday near Geneseeville.

The train consisted of five freight cars, a combination baggage and smoking car, and passenger coach. The engine passed over the culvert in safety, but all but one of the cars were thrown from the track. The freight cars were badly wrecked. There were 10 or 12 passengers in the coaches, and all were more or less injured, but none, it is believed, fatally.

Conflict of Authority.

CAMDEN, N. J., March 25.—The rival chiefs of police, Dodd, Republican, and Davis, Democrat, the latter the new appointee, were on duty at the city hall yesterday, each attempting to exercise his authority, but there was no clash between them. The Democrats talk of arresting Dodd, if he appears on the street in uniform, on the charge of impersonating an officer.

A Military Tax.

ROME, March 25.—The committee appointed some time ago to inquire into the matter of securing means for putting the army on a war footing has returned its report, and recommends the imposition of a so-called military tax of 200 lire on all young men who, for some reason or other, escape army duty.

CONDITION OF TRADE

R. G. Dun & Company's Weekly Review.

DISTURBING INFLUENCES.

Still the Volume of Trade is Remarkably Well Maintained—Monetary Uncertainties Have Had But Little Effect on Business—Reports From All the Leading Trade Centers.

NEW YORK, March 25.—R. G. Dun & Company's weekly review of trade says: The condition of trade is less altered than might be expected in view of the extraordinary weather for the season, the scarcity of money, and other disturbing influences. The volume of trade is remarkably well maintained, manufacturers are on the whole better employed, with some increase of demand in industries where increase was most needed, and every indication that people do not yet begin to think of reducing purchases. Nor have monetary uncertainties yet perceptibly affected the activity of manufacturers.

The treasury has been gaining gold, in spite of exports of \$500,000 this week and some exports expected; but in view of the enormous excess of imports since Jan. 1, it is scarcely reasonable to hope that further outgoes of gold are to be avoided. The stringency in money markets here and at other points is probably due to slow collections, which appear to result rather from severe weather and impracticable roads than from any form of commercial uneasiness or ability to distribute products.

At Boston trade is conservative, but very hopeful; spring trade in dry goods opens well, and all mills are well employed. Shoes are firm, tending upward; lumber in better demand, and wood strong, with moderate sales. The money market is close, and likely to be until April 1.

At Philadelphia money is close, with dull collections in most departments. Iron is in better demand and wool very firm, with more activity in dry goods. Trade in paints has a better outlook, the collections are poor, and demand for foreign tobacco increases, while in other branches business is fair.

At Pittsburg steel is in better demand, and an advance in glass is talked of.

Trade in shoes at Baltimore is better and clothing manufacturers running nearly to full capacity.

The shoe trade at Cincinnati exceeds last year's 20 per cent, and a better dry goods trade is seen with improved weather.

At Cleveland general trade is good with large demand for structural iron, but collections are slow.

In spite of bad weather trade at Detroit about equals last year's.

At Indianapolis dry goods are active and manufacturers busy.

At Chicago general trade is good. Collections fair, except at some western points, but money is in strong demand, and partly because of bad roads receipts of many products declined, wool, corn and dressed beef 60 per cent, hogs 52, cheese 45, cattle 24, barley and seed 20, and oats 14 per cent. Receipts of wheat are 125 per cent larger than last year, rye 60, sheep 30 and hides 15 per cent.

Weather retards trade at Milwaukee and St. Paul and collections are slow.

At St. Louis it is satisfactory, with many buyers in the market, though bad roads make groceries dull. Money is unchanged, with a legitimate demand, but there is increased call for local investments.

Business at Kansas City is good, though receipts of grain and cattle are small, and at Omaha trade is good in hardware and groceries and otherwise fair.

Business at Denver is fair and at Salt Lake improving.

At most southern points improvement is seen and especially at Nashville and Knoxville, though money is somewhat close, but at Louisville the outlook is considered favorable. At Atlanta collections are slow, at Mobile exports of coal and lumber increase and money is in light demand, but at New Orleans trade is dull, with sugar in good demand and large exports of wheat restricted by the lack of ocean tonnage. Trade at Jacksonville is fair, but at Charleston dull.

Though other iron is less firm at Philadelphia, with more pressure to sell, Bessemer is strong, and the demand for manufactured products of iron and steel seems to increase. Nearly all works are well supplied with orders, the structural demand being especially large, and sales of 12,000 tons reported. Copper is slow at 11 3/4 cents for lake, but tin is advanced to 21 by speculation, while sales of lead have been large at 8.95.

The western movement of live stock about equals last year's.

Sales of wool are smaller, needs having been supplied, but satisfactory conditions in the manufacture and the dry goods trade continue, with very large increase over last year in sales of dress goods, notwithstanding unfavorable conditions, while supplies of flannels do not equal the demand, and blankets and sackings are stronger. Advance in carpets continues and the trade in knit goods is larger. The cottons are comparatively inactive, but prints are very firm.

Speculation in cotton fluctuates absurdly with rumors about the English strike, but the price is unchanged, though stocks in sight exceed the probable demand for the year. Wheat has declined 1 1/4 cents, with sales of 16,000,000 bushels, though western receipts in four days are over 1,700,000 bushels and exports only 668,000. Corn and oats are unchanged and pork and hogs slightly higher, though lard is lower.

Speculation in stock has been quite variable, but stronger for the week, with less pressure in money markets.

Foreign trade continues to show a large adverse balance, for exports at New York in three weeks are \$4,500,000 smaller than last year, while imports show a larger increase. The heavy excess of imports in February, continued this month, make the future of money markets so far uncertain that commercial undertakings for the future are somewhat affected. Exports of \$500,000 in gold have been ordered for today and larger are expected next week, while purchases on foreign account do not as yet indicate reviving confidence in American securities.

The business failures during the last seven days number over the United States 217, Canada 26, total of 243, as compared with 220 last week and 235 the week previous to the last and 200 for the corresponding week of last year.

EXPLOSION IN A COLLIERY.

One Man Killed and Four Others Badly Injured.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., March 25.—One man was killed and four others badly injured by an explosion of gas at Oak Hill colliery, near Minersville, yesterday morning. When the men came to work, as is customary they received their orders from the fire boss, who informed them that the mine was clear of gas. The men went to work in different parts of the mine, and within half an hour after the whistle blew. A terrible explosion occurred, which was felt in every part of the mine, and even on the surface a severe shock was felt.

Down below, rock coal and timbers were hurled in all directions. The explosion occurred in the east gangway on the lower drift. A miner entered an old breast, when his lamp ignited a body of gas which had accumulated there unknown to the bosses, with the direful result above stated.

The names of the killed and injured are:

William Purcell, aged 24 years, residing at Pine Mill Gap, instantly killed.

Patrick Malley, burned about the head and face and otherwise injured, lives at Jonestown.

John Morgan, single, skull fractured and burned about the face, probably fatally, lives at Delaware.

David Davis, slightly injured, resides at Minersville.

William W. James, back and side injured, lives at Minersville.

Christian Ward, fire boss, slightly shaken up by the concussion.

ANN ARBOR STRIKE.

Things Are Running Smoothly and Quietly Now.

TOLEDO, March 25.—Things are running smoothly and quietly on the Ann Arbor road. General Manager Ashley says there is no truth in the report sent out that a train was ditched by the road by sympathizers of the strikers. He says that he has investigated and found that it was purely an accident and the fault of the switchman. No one was injured.

Judge Ricks has requested Judge Taft to preside with him Monday and he has consented to be present. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is expected here next week. His coming will have something to do with the Ann Arbor strike, but in what way has not been divulged.

Talk With Grand Master Sargent.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 25.—Grand Master Sargent has not as yet received legal notice requiring him to appear before Judge Ricks at Toledo, Monday. It is supposed that the railroad people have learned that the Brotherhood of Firemen were not directly or indirectly ordered to boycott Ann Arbor freight and that there is nothing in the laws of the brotherhood permitting such action. Neither had Mr. Sargent received legal notice of the reported suit for damages brought by the Ann Arbor road against Chief Arthur and himself.

CALLERS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

But Few People Get a Chance to See the President.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Mr. Cleveland saw but few visitors yesterday, the regular cabinet meeting interfering. To one of the callers, Representative Enloe of Tennessee, he made the important statement that he would appoint "no demagogic politician" to the commissioner of pensions. It is inferred from this significant announcement that the president will appoint to the office of commissioner of pensions a man more closely connected with business than with politics.

The resignation of Representative McCreary as a member of the international monetary conference and the doubts raised as to whether the president will appoint new commissioners to represent the United States, brought Senator John Sherman and Senator Teller, holding opposition views on the silver question, to the White House yesterday morning. They had a talk with Mr. Cleveland on the selection of a new commissioner.

Amazing Charge Refuted.

NEW YORK, March 25.—S. E. Halberstadt, formerly manager of the New York Life Insurance company in Mexico, prints a card in which the charge that he embezzled \$70,000 of the company's funds while in Mexico, is refuted. Several prominent papers which printed the statements have published retractions in justice to Mr. Halberstadt.

Says There'll Be No Strike.

CHICAGO, March 25.—"The rumor that telegraph operators may strike during the world's fair is as false as the report that we are dropping men from our offices without explanation," said District Superintendent Tubbs of the Western Union Telegraph company.

GREAT DISASTER.

A Tremendous and Destructive Phenomenon.

MANY PEOPLE HAVE PERISHED.

The Volcano of Sotara in Panama Again Becomes Active—An Entire Range of Mountains Disappear—Rivers Dammed Up and a Disastrous Flood Follows.

PANAMA, March 25.—A tremendous and destructive phenomenon has occurred in the department of Cauca in the republic of Colombia. The volcano of Sotara has been unusually active, and the people of that region were greatly excited by the rumbling of the earth and the extraordinary violence of the volcanic eruption. Suddenly, while the volcano was belching forth flames and smoke to a great height, the earth began to shake as if a most violent convulsion were in progress, and the mountain ridge called Cruz Loma suddenly sank along its entire extension.

The inhabitants in the vicinity who had a chance to escape fled in terror from the scene, and not too soon, as the sunken ridge dammed up three rivers and added devastation to the terrors of earthquake and volcano. Twelve persons are known to have perished, and many cattle were destroyed.

More destruction is feared, as the rivers whose channels have been obstructed are rising rapidly. Great suffering prevails in Cauca, usually the most flourishing department of Colombia, and many people are starving, owing to the failure of crops. This new and unexpected calamity has added greatly to the general wretchedness.

GUNNING FOR EACH OTHER.

Evangelist Sam Jones and Another Cartersville Minister.

ATLANTA, March 25.—The little town of Cartersville is greatly wrought up over the antics of her preachers, two of whom are armed for any attack that one may make upon the other. They are the Rev. Sam Jones, the celebrated evangelist, and Rev. Charles Debbis, the Baptist preacher of that place. For a year past the air around Cartersville has been laden with stories of an unsavory nature, in which prominent families have been victims. This resulted in the sending of anonymous letters to Mr. Debbis and others. Debbis placed the blame on Rev. Mr. Massburn.

An investigation conducted by Methodist preachers resulted in Massburn's acquittal. This did not please Debbis, and he has been talking so freely lately that Rev. Sam Jones, whose family has suffered from the rumors afloat in the Methodist church, last Sunday night denounced Debbis as only Sam Jones can, intimating that he would be ready to meet Debbis next day. This coming to Debbis' ears, he fortified himself with a pistol, and Mr. Jones was equally ready for what might happen. Methodists and Baptists have ceased speaking to one another, and the town is in a fever of excitement, crowds following the two preachers every time they make a public appearance.

FIREMEN'S FATE.

Two Crushed to Death at Denver by a Falling Wall.

DENVER, March 25.—A fire broke out yesterday morning in the warehouse of the Summit Fuel and Feed company at the corner of Third and Larimer streets.

Not many minutes later four firemen were lying on the ground covered with debris and falling bricks of the east wall of the fire trap. One was dead and three severely wounded. A second one died less than two hours later.

The list is as follows:

Killed—Frank Mahoney and Fred Pierpont.

Wounded—Mel Baker and A. Riley. The unfortunate men were in an alley and when the wall was seen to topple made a rush out for life, but were caught like rats.

Besides the building and contents four loaded freightcars were destroyed. The loss is \$25,000.

An Unfounded Rumor.

NEW YORK, March 25.—An unfounded rumor was circulated Friday afternoon that Oswald Ottendorfer, proprietor of the Staats Zeitung, was dead. Mr. Ottendorfer has been in bad health a number of years. Mr. Ottendorfer's friends assure him that he will recover.

Two Men Drowned.

MOBILE, March 25.—By the upsetting of a skiff in Bigbee river, near Mount Sterling, Ala., Friday afternoon. Hubert and John Dix, mill men of Choctaw county and Edward Westcott of Mount Sterling were drowned. They were members of a fishing party.

Ex-Senator Fassett's Loss.

ELMIRA, N. Y., March 25.—It is estimated that ex-Senator J. Sloat Fassett will lose about \$75,000 by the failure of the wholesale grocery firm of Tomkins, Fassett & Crocker of this city. Mr. Fassett was an indorser of nearly all the firm's paper.

Confidence Men Arrested.

BOSTON, March 25.—James Mack, alias James Johnson, of New York, and Joseph Murray of Boston, two old-time professional confidence men, were arrested here Friday on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Why He is Missing.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Francis Leggett & Company, wholesale grocers, state that William J. Everson, an employe, who has been missing since early in February, is short in his accounts \$7,000.