

WEPT BY A STORM

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The Wind For a Time Blew at the Rate of 90 Miles An Hour—A Large Number of Persons Were Injured.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 22.—Death to persons and destruction to property in private and public estimated in the twin cities at \$8,000,000, rods on the Mississippi at 3 o'clock yesterday night, at a point somewhere between the Minnesota and the Mississippi rivers near Fort Snelling. At about that point the fury of the winds seemingly divided and the wind descended on the Twin Cities and their environs.

St. Paul suffered to the extent of \$2,000,000. Minneapolis' damage estimated at \$1,500,000, while in the other districts it is feared that \$500,000 will not cover the damage done to crops and farm property.

Beginning at a point below Fort Snelling there is the first known evidence that the storm struck with damaging effect. It came from the southwest and heading in its fury uprooted trees and demolished buildings in its way toward St. Paul. It tore two spans of the fifth bridge company. There the bridge connected with the high bluff at West St. Paul. It is 100 feet above the river.

The mass of steel was carried to the base where flying steel girders and heavy plates fell on several small houses of the flat dwellers and crushed them. None of the occupants were hurt, but they having had no time to escape, they were killed.

The storm rushed to the north of the city, the wholesale district, and then heading for the south from Grand street for blocks east on Third street had scarcely a whole block of glass in any window which was on the opposite side were also broken.

The roofs on several buildings were lifted in bundles and deposited in the street. Flying plate glass mixed with steel battered everything which was before it and horses and carriages were swept along the streets which in an incredibly short space of time were filled with water.

Windows were torn down and part of the city was in darkness. The high buildings reaching skyward and several of the smaller ones on East Third street were shaken to their foundations. The fine large plate glass windows were blown in and several windows were blown out.

In Minneapolis the wind blew at the rate of 90 miles an hour. There storms from north, west and east gathered and broke over that city. Hundreds of buildings were badly damaged, all the great wire systems were paralyzed and thousands of beautiful shade trees uprooted. The street car service was held up until noon Sunday, trolley wires being down in all parts of the city as the result of falling trees.

STORM IN ST. LOUIS. Two Persons Were Killed and About Fifty Injured.

St. Louis, Aug. 20.—A terrific thunder storm broke over St. Louis early Friday night and rain fell in torrents, accompanied by heavy wind. The weather bureau reported that .67 of an inch of rain fell within ten minutes and the velocity of the wind was 52 miles an hour.

A concert was in progress in Festival hall at the exposition during the heavy thunder storm Friday night, when suddenly there was a flash of lightning and immediately all the lights went out. A panic was only prevented by a woman's voice taking up the strains of "America," the others joining in. Other familiar songs followed and the audience left the building singing but without excitement.

The World's Fair Admissions. St. Louis, Aug. 22.—The attendance at the World's fair for the past week almost equals that of the week previous. The total number of admissions for the past week was 641,283, and the total for week previous was 646,697.

Business Failures During the Week. New York, Aug. 20.—Business failures in the United States for the week ending August 18 number 203, against 147 last week, 167 in the like week in 1903, 151 in 1902, 141 in 1901. In Canada failures for the week number 25, as against 16 last week.

High Price For Wheat. San Francisco, Aug. 20.—There was a repetition of the upward movement in the market Friday. December wheat scored a new high record of \$1.32 1/2 per cental. This is one cent higher than the best price made earlier in the week.

Price of Flour Advanced. Baltimore, Aug. 19.—Owing to the recent strength of wheat the price of local flour advanced Thursday about 1/2 cents a barrel. This advance follows an advance of 25 cents a barrel made the latter part of last week.

MORE MEN DEPORTED.

Three Attorneys and 12 Others Sent Away From Cripple Creek.

Cripple Creek, Col., Aug. 22.—No secret is made here of the fact that the deportation of Attorneys Eugene Engley, Frank J. Hange and J. C. Cole and 12 other men from this district Saturday night was planned by members of the Mine Owners' association and Citizens' Alliance and was carried out under their direction. The El Paso, Vinland, Findley and other large mines were closed down when the day shift stopped work and the miners of both day and night shifts were requested to assemble in Cripple Creek as trouble was brewing. A report had been in circulation that several hundred deported union men were returning to the camp in a body and it had been determined to drive them away again should they come.

This report proved to be groundless. However, other work had been laid out for the two thousand or more miners who swarmed into town and acting under orders given by leading citizens they proceeded to "round up" the federal attorneys, employees of the International Mercantile Co. store and others who have openly expressed sympathy with the Western Federation of Miners, and escorted them beyond the city limits.

Sheriff Edward Bell arrived from Denver after the mob had finished its work and took measures for the protection of the prisoners in jail. He said Sunday that he had no intention of asking the governor to send troops to the district. He had advised President Meyer and Secretary Heywood, he said, not to carry out their announced purpose of sending the deported miners back to this camp, as he would be powerless to protect them.

BERMUDESE ASPHALT LAKE.

Demand That President Surrender It and Other Property.

Caracas, Venezuela, Aug. 20.—It is reported that United States Minister Bowen has handed President Castro an imperative order that he surrender the Bermudez asphalt lake and other properties of the New York and Bermudez Co., which were seized by Venezuelan troops on July 22 last.

Washington, Aug. 20.—At the request of the New York and Bermudez Asphalt Co., the state department has instructed Minister Bowen to demand of President Castro that he instruct the attorney general to denounce the receivership proceedings for the asphalt property, pending a final adjudication of the case.

The grounds on which the demand is made are that the company has a number of valuable contracts, which cannot be filled so long as A. H. Carter is receiver and in possession of the workings. There is considerable doubt whether Venezuela can comply with the demand, since the receiver was appointed by the superior court, which adjourned on August 15 for 30 days.

INVOLUNTARY ASCENSION.

A Wisconsin Boy's Experience on a Balloon.

Sparta, Wis., Aug. 19.—A boy carried by the breeze 200 feet into the air by an ascending balloon was the closing incident of Thursday at the Sparta fair. The boy came to earth unhurt. Oscar Frederick, 14, while watching the flying of the big gas balloon, became entangled in the ropes of the bag. When the balloon was cut loose the boy was carried up with it. While the boy was wriggling and screaming for help, Aerogram Henry was smiling and bowing to the crowd. Women and girls faint. Some tried to shout to the aeronaut, but they could not make him understand. At last he heard the boy and looking up ordered the little fellow to turn his face up and not to look at the ground. After the parachute had risen 300 feet into the air Henry opened the valves of the balloon and came gently to the earth.

GEORGE SALTER DEAD.

During His Life He Killed 18 Indians to Avenge the Murder of His Wife.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 22.—A special from New Lisbon, Wis., says: George Salter, known throughout this part of the state as a bitter Indian hater and who, during his life, killed 18 Redskins to avenge the murder of his wife, died here Sunday, aged 78. Salter's wife was murdered in 1852, and at that time only a company of soldiers prevented an Indian massacre. He is said to have slain the murderer of his wife and since that time is credited with having slain 17 other Indians.

Will Stop Buying Beef.

New York, Aug. 22.—Five hundred members of one of the local branches of the Retail Koshor Butchers' union met here and voted unanimously to stop buying beef for a week. Other branches have called similar meetings to consider the matter.

Eighty-Three Horsemen Murdered.

Algiers, Aug. 20.—Eighty-three horsemen sent by the Moorish pretender, Bu Hamara, to Chief Amada, of the Beni Bazagora tribe, to ask his daughter in marriage, were treacherously murdered by the chief.

Valuable Gowns Ruined By Rains.

St. Louis, Aug. 22.—Magnificent Parisian gowns, valued at \$500,000, are in a ruined condition in the palace of manufactures, the result of the heavy rain storm. The gowns were exhibited by French dressmakers.

NOVIK VANQUISHED

Severe Battle Between Two Japanese Cruisers and the Russian Vessel Sunday.

A RUNNING FIGHT TOOK PLACE.

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Japs Vessels Caught Up With Czar's Ship Saturday and the Battle Begun—It Was Resumed and Terminated Sunday.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 20.—Acute anxiety prevails regarding the situation at Port Arthur on account of the desperate character of the fighting as reported taking place, though the war office does not seem to believe that danger of the fall of the fortress is so imminent as is generally asserted. According to reports received by the war office, there is still an ample supply of ammunition and provisions there. While it is realized that the Japanese probably outnumber the defenders six or seven fold, the great strength of the fortifications, it is believed, will do much to make up for the disparity in numbers.

Tokio, Aug. 22.—After a severe engagement with the protected cruisers Chitose and Tachina, the greyhound of the Japanese navy, the fast Russian cruiser Novik has been vanquished. The fight occurred Sunday. After it the Novik, in a sinking condition, was run ashore in Korsakovsk harbor, on the island of Sakhalin.

The details of Sunday's fight are not known here, but it is evident that the Chitose and Tachina, caught up with the Novik Saturday and that a running fight ensued. The contest was resumed and terminated early Sunday morning. Capt. Sukelchiro Takahashi, who is in command of the Chinese, reported the engagement in a brief telegram which reached the navy department here Sunday afternoon.

He says he first attacked the Russian cruiser Saturday afternoon and that on Sunday morning he inflicted heavy damage upon her. The Novik nearly sank, but she was beached at Korsakovsk.

The foe, Aug. 22.—The Japanese have swept the Russians from Pigeon bay and captured the most northern fort of the western line of inner defenses at Port Arthur. The Russian artillery prevents the Japanese from occupying the fort on Pigeon bay.

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THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

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Louisville, Ky., Aug. 19.—The supreme lodge of the Knights of Pythias Thursday elected its officers for the ensuing two years.

Supreme chancellor, Charles E. Shively, Richmond, Ind.; supreme vice chancellor, Charles A. Barnes, Jacksonville, Ill.; supreme president, L. H. Farnsworth, Salt Lake, Utah; supreme keeper of records and seal, R. L. C. White, Nashville, Tenn.; supreme master of eschequer, Thomas L. Mears, Wilmington, N. C.; supreme master-at-arms, Cyrus W. Hall, Charleston, W. Va.; supreme inner guard, J. T. Haggard, Winnipeg, Man.; supreme outer guard, J. W. Thompson, Washington, D. C.; president of the board of control, C. E. S. Neal, Chicago; major general of the uniform rank, J. R. Carnahan, Indianapolis, Ind.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 20.—The supreme lodge of Knights of Pythias Friday decided to hold their next biennial encampment in New Orleans, which was by a vote of 93 to 41. The encampment will be held the third Tuesday in September, 1904.

The Rainbow Sisters have voted to discontinue the insurance feature. The Rainbow Sisters completed the major portion of their program for the biennial encampment, Knights of Pythias, with the election of officers. The following were chosen: Lydia A. Monroe, Riverside, Cal., supreme chief; Anna M. Young, Zanesville, O., supreme senior; Nellie E. Merriam, Muskegon, I. T., supreme junior; Mrs. J. T. Cotton, Texas, supreme manager; M. Joste Nelson, Union City, Ind., mistress of record and correspondence; Mrs. Oera Bassant, Lancaster, Mich., supreme mistress of finance; Mrs. Clara L. Sawyer, Montana, supreme protectress; Mrs. Sarah Beecher, Connecticut, supreme guard.

The committee appointed to confer with the Pythian Sisterhood announced that owing to legal difficulties, amalgamation of the two orders was not feasible even under existing conditions.

BY ACCLAMATION.

Gen. W. W. Blackmar Elected Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R.

Boston, Aug. 19.—Gen. Wilson W. Blackmar, of this city, was elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic by acclamation at the closing session of the national encampment, Thursday, and Denver, Col., was selected as the place for the encampment of 1904.

The other national officers elected were: Senior vice commander-in-chief, John R. King, Washington, D. C.; junior vice commander, George W. Patton, Chattanooga, Tenn.; surgeon general, Dr. Warren R. King, Indianapolis; chaplain-in-chief, Rev. J. H. Bradenford, Washington, D. C.

Later Gen. Blackmar made the following appointments: Adjutant general, Joe E. Gilman, Massachusetts; quartermaster general, Charles Burrows, New Jersey; assistant quartermaster general and custodian of the records, J. Henry Holcomb, Pennsylvania; assistant adjutant general, E. R. Stillings, Massachusetts.

The G. A. R. convention was adjourned sine die shortly after 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The principal business was the passage of the resolutions declaring that any modification of the voting franchise should be along lines of "intelligence and fitness, and not along lines of race and color," disapproving of the admission of Sons of Veterans to secret G. A. R. meetings and the laying on the table of a resolution regarding the proposed fraternal convention of the survivors of the union and confederate armies.

Boston, Aug. 19.—Maj. Gen. D. W. Gould, of Chelsea, was elected commander-in-chief of the Union Veterans' union at Thursday's session of the order at Chelsea. The superannuation bill introduced in congress was bitterly attacked by a number of the delegates.

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WATSON KNOWS IT.

Formally Notified of His Nomination For the Presidency.

New York, Aug. 19.—Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, the people's party candidate for president, and Thomas H. Tibbles, of Nebraska, the candidate for vice president, were formally notified of their nomination here Thursday night at Cooper Union.

The big hall was crowded when at 6 o'clock the two candidates, accompanied by Alfred G. Boulton, of Brooklyn, chairman of the meeting, appeared on the platform. There was much cheering.

Chairman Boulton at once introduced Judge Samuel W. Williams, of Indiana, who made the speech officially notifying the candidates of their selection.

When Mr. Watson arose to speak, the cheering continued nearly four minutes. Chairman Boulton introduced him in half a dozen words, simply referring to him as the candidate of the people's party.

Jay W. Forest, of Albany, N. Y., was introduced and formally notified Mr. Tibbles of his nomination for the vice presidency by the people's party which he characterized as the only "purely democratic party in this campaign." Mr. Tibbles was greeted with cheers.

IMMENSE HIPPODROMES.

New York Firm Will Erect Them in the Ten Principal Cities.

New York, Aug. 20.—The immense hippodromes that is being built on the Sixth avenue block from 434 to 44th streets, this city, while it will be the first of the kind in the country, will not be the only one.

Elmer S. Dunphy, of Thompson & Dundy, made a statement Friday to the effect that it was the intent of the firm, together with the parties who are interested with them in erecting the hippodrome in Sixth avenue, to erect a similar hippodrome building in the ten principal cities of the United States.

The hippodrome is a radical venture in the amusement line in this country and the immense size of the building affords many advantages to presenting a permanent circus.

A VENOMOUS REPTILE.

It Came Near Ruining a Portrait of Judge Parker's Residence.

Esopus, N. Y., Aug. 20.—A snake four feet long, said to be a poisonous adder, Friday afternoon came very near ruining the oil painting which a Kingston artist is engaged in making of Judge Parker's home on an order from Chairman Taggart to decorate the rooms of the national committee in New York.

At sight of the approaching snake the artist sprang up, overturning his easel, which so startled the snake that it made for a hole in a tree. A bystander, more courageous than the artist, seized the tail of the snake, and jerking it out, dispatched it. In the body of the snake a toad was found.

IN THE FOREST RESERVES.

A Wireless Telegraph System of Fire Alarms To Be Established.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson Thursday announced that as a result of his recent trip west plans are in progress looking to the establishment of a wireless telegraph system of fire alarms in the various forest reserves under the control of the government. The secretary's idea is to construct an automatic service which will give the alarm when contact is made with the flames or excessive heat. Prof. Willis Moore, chief of the weather bureau, will go to the Black Hills reservation to make a thorough examination of the country and report on the proposition.

APPOINTEES TO WEST POINT.

They Must Take the Shortest Route From Their Homes to the Academy.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Young men who receive appointments to West Point must take the shortest route from their homes to the military academy if they expect to be reimbursed by the government for the traveling expenses unless a decision just rendered by Controller Treadwell, of the treasury, under a decision just rendered by Controller Treadwell, of the treasury, the controller holds that the same rule applies to West Point appointees, and as to army officers in the matter of traveling expenses.

The Battleship Connecticut.

New York, Aug. 22.—Considered by naval experts to be the highest type of a battleship, the Connecticut will be launched at the New York yard on September 29. She will be one of six great battleships which are now under construction.

The Deadlock Broken.

St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 22.—Francis Wilson, of Platte City, was nominated for congressman by the democratic convention of the Fourth district on the 101st ballot. The convention had been in a deadlock since July 16.

A Fourth Shamrock.

London, Aug. 20.—Sir Thomas Lip-ton is paying a visit to the Clyde for the purpose, it is believed, of arranging for the design of and construction of a fourth Shamrock to compete for the Americas cup.

No Anthracite Coal Strike.

Wheeling, W. Va., Aug. 22.—T. L. Lewis, national vice president of the United Mine Workers of America, received a telegram from the conciliation board, at New York, that there will be no strike in the anthracite coal region.

HE TOOK IT BACK.

Cashier Gave Cassin \$45,000 More Than the Check Called For.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 22.—Harry Cassin, 16, a runner for the First national bank, was handed \$45,000 too much when he had a check for \$12,500 cashed at the Southern national bank.

Young Cassin, who is the son of United States Commissioner Henry Cassin, was sent by his bank to get the cash. The money was handed out in packages of bills. There were ten packages, which were supposed to contain \$500 each. He noticed that they seemed different from \$500 packages, and after he had received the bag which was supposed to contain just \$1,800 he made an investigation.

He found that the supposed \$500 packages contained \$3,000 each and that he had \$15,000 instead of \$12,500. Young Cassin notified the Southern national bank of the mistake and brought back the \$45,000 to the bank.

THROUGH CORNFIELDS.

Girls Gave the Officers a Chase Before Being Captured.

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 19.—Superintendent E. H. Duak, of the Kentucky house of reform, left Thursday night for Cynthiana to bring back four girls who made their escape from that institution last Saturday. The girls were captured by Sheriff Leach, of Harrison county. They are Hattie Johnson, 17, of Mayfield, Ky.; Lilly Tucker, 18, Paducah, Ky.; Desiah May Brier, 17, Paducah, and Alice Featherstone, 20, of Henderson, Ky. The girls gave the officers a two hours' chase through cornfields before they were captured.

COAL MINERS' STRIKE.

The Situation at Sturgis, Ky., Remains Unchanged.

Madisonville, Ky., Aug. 20.—Two hundred coal miners Friday went out on a strike at the United States coal mines at Sturgis, Ky. It is said more may follow. The company is making efforts to install non-union labor. All the coal mines at Sturgis have been strictly union. The United States mine closed down on account of the strike.

Madisonville, Ky., Aug. 22.—The situation in the coal miners' strike at Sturgis is unchanged, with the exception that many consultations have been held between the striking miners and those at work Sunday, and it is understood that the latter will continue at work until it is made necessary for them to come out.

Operators of the United States Co. have made no statement as to the steps they will take, and their mine will remain idle.

Pratest Against Annexation.

Henderson, Ky., Aug. 19.—A petition was filed in the circuit court protesting against the annexation of Audubon and outlying territory to the city of Henderson. There are about two hundred plaintiffs. The petition, among other things, sets up that the city has a debt of \$400,000, and that they would have their proportion of taxation to pay this debt.

Keene Will Return.

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 22.—J. O. Keene, the well-known trainer and turfman, who gave up a successful career in Russia to campaign a string of horses this year in America, has met with such bad luck that he has decided to sell off his entire racing stable of 16 head of horses at Chicago and return to Russia at the earliest convenience.

Gardner is Ahead.

Prestonburg, Ky., Aug. 22.—Complete returns from all but four precincts in Floyd county give Gardner for circuit judge 333 majority. The other precincts are favorable to Gardner. Two precincts from Knott county give Gardner 147 majority and two from Magoffin give Garner 34 majority.

Found Burglar at Work on His Safe.

Petersburg, Ky., Aug. 20.—When Al Rogers opened his store at sunrise Friday morning he found a burglar working at the safe. The burglar fled after being kicked in the stomach by Rogers, who says the intruder is a citizen of Rising Sun, Ind. He had it a fuse, but Rogers stamped it out.

Mysterious Death.

Augusta, Ky., Aug. 19.—The body of Alfred Beckleshamer, of New Richland, O., was found in the river here Thursday morning. He was here at work three or four days ago. Upon the body was found \$10 in paper money. It is thought he committed suicide.

Will Defend C. W. Bruce.

Covington, Ky., Aug. 22.—Judge Jas. P. Tarvin has been engaged to defend Charles W. Bruce, the alleged murderer of Charles W. Powell. Judge Tarvin left Sunday morning for Green castle, Ky., to consult with Bruce's father.

Hunter Accidentally Killed.

Winchester, Ky., Aug. 22.—William Graves, a prominent young farmer of Fleming county, who was visiting here, while out hunting attempted to take his gun from the buggy when it was discharged, killing him instantly.

Kentucky Methodist Conference.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 19.—The approaching session of the Kentucky conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, which meets at Lexington August 21, will be one of the most interesting and important church assemblies ever held in Kentucky.

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Current News Matter Reduced For the Busy Reader.

One person was killed and ten injured by a tornado at Venice, Ill. A number of houses were unroofed.

A tornado struck the townships of Rich Valley and Bergen near Glen-cove, Mich., killing four persons and destroying thousands of acres of grain and many barns, houses and sheds.

Fire, the result of lightning, caused a loss of \$75,000 to the plant of the Nubian Paint & Varnish Co., Chicago. Explosions of tanks of oil and varnish endangered the lives of firemen, five of them and a volunteer being overcome by the gas and smoke.