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Death Dealing Tornado Swoops Down on Laredo

Laredo, Texas, via Messenger to Bermuda, Texas, May 1.—This city was Friday night visited by the worst tornado in its history. The loss of life is estimated at between twenty and twenty-five persons, and the damage to property is large. Shortly after 7 o'clock after an exceedingly sultry day a dark, lowering cloud made its appearance in the Southwest. Soon after rain began falling in torrents, accompanied by heavy hail. The wind began blowing at a hurricane velocity and signs, roofs and doors began to fly through the air. The wind wrought havoc with houses, telegraph poles, shade trees, and, in fact, everything that came within its path. The huts occupied by the poorer classes of the city were first leveled to the ground and as the wind increased in velocity the more substantially constructed buildings were unroofed and in many cases demolished. The storm lasted about an hour, and subsided almost as quickly as it had made its appearance. Every telephone and telegraph wire between San Antonio and points in Mexico was prostrated.

Five persons are reported to have been killed in New Laredo, opposite this city on the Mexican boundary. The roofs of the Hamilton and Ross Hotels of this city were removed by the wind. At the Hotel Ross the rooms were flooded to a depth of four feet to six inches and the guests abandoned their quarters for the night.

The lower of the city hall was partially blown from its foundation and is careening toward the streets in danger of falling any moment.

The streets are practically impassable, being covered with debris of all kinds.

The local telephone exchange was unroofed, the switch board demolished and every telephone is out of service.

It will require some time to complete repairs, as the lines will have to be entirely rebuilt and a new exchange installed.

The spans of the International foot bridge across the Rio Grande river were blown down on the Mexican side of the river and communication except by means of skiff and the railroad bridge is cut off.

The city of New Laredo suffered severely. Among the buildings entirely destroyed is the new Concordia Hall, which was used as an opera house.

Later details indicate that first reports were by no means exaggerated either as to the number of human lives sacrificed or the financial damage resulting.

Scores of people are attended by the various physicians. They are suffering from all sorts of broken bones and bruises.

It will be impossible to state the number of the injured, but it is thought many deaths will result from now on.

The number killed is sixteen in this city. So far as can be learned their names are: Juan Guerrero, aged 46; Julia Guerrero, aged 18; Pamela Guerrero, aged 22; — Guerrero, missing. Unknown negro man, servant at Laredo Seminary, aged 45; Pallio Nuncio, aged 56; Juanita Jaramilla, aged 13; unknown man, employed in the Bruni House; S. Munoz, aged 50; one woman and two young boys, aged 8 and 9, respectively, named Barrera; Miss Gayetan, aged 17 years.

The first four mentioned in the list were members of one family, and were employed on the ranch of George Woodman. They were all crushed to death by the falling in of the heavy walls of the adobe house which they occupied. The others mentioned in the list met their death in a like manner.

THE CZAR PROCLAIMS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

St. Petersburg, May 1.—Real religious freedom conferred upon his subjects by Emperor Nicholas as an Easter gift is a historic event of the highest significance in comparison with which the remission of millions of dollars of taxes to the peasantry, a long list of decorations and six pages of promotions of bureaucratic officials, are hardly worth mention.

Liberty of conscience has been repeatedly proclaimed and Procurator Pobedonostzeff in his famous reply to the evangelical petition of 1888 contended that it existed in the empire.

The fact is that as a trusting place all religions have been tolerated in Russia, but none has been allowed to trespass upon the orthodox faith enunciated from the mosque that faces the church of the Nevsky Prospect in St. Petersburg. People were free to remain true to the religion of their fathers, but were forbidden to make proselytes. Everybody might enter, but none might leave the orthodox church without forfeiting all civil rights, including the right to inherit crown property and in the train of that policy persecutions of every conceivable character was directed against the "Raskolniki" or dissident sects, especially the old believers.

The emperor's act will also affect about 40,000,000 belonging to alien faiths, such as Jews, Catholics and Lutherans, of Poland and the Baltic provinces, the Protestants of Finland

and the Furs of Islam and Buddha in the Urals, the Crimea, the Caucasus, Turkestan and Central Asia. These figures are only approximate as probably millions who are nominally orthodox secretly profess other religions.

Whole villages of Mussulmans baptized into the orthodox communion by a ruse, petition in vain to be permitted to return to Mohammedanism.

Logically, the emperor's action involves a complete reversal of the Russian policy of seeking National unity in conquered provinces in religious unity.

He has accepted the axiom of the metropolitan Antonius: "You can not hold strange children in the church against their will," and recognizes in religious variety good for the nation, as well as for the Church itself, a principle which if acknowledged politically, would mean a federated Russia.

Unequal Taxes Scare Capital. Cleburne: W. A. McDonald, secretary of the Dallas, Cleburne & Southwestern Railroad, has returned from a directors' meeting in Fort Scott, Kan., and states that there is a disposition on the part of the directors to extend the road if finances can be raised, but that the 1 per cent tax on gross earnings imposed by the legislature will make it harder than ever to obtain Eastern money for railroad building in Texas.

Two Are Killed.

Hearne: As local freight in charge of Engineer Canterbury Thad Shell, was coming into Hearne Saturday night the train was badly wrecked at a result of a washout, and the sixteen cars and the engine were ditched. Engineer Canterbury and Head Brakeman Lee Gordon were instantly killed. Fireman Joe Selsher saved his life by jumping and his injuries are only burns.

Fourteen Men Buried Alive.

Wilburton, L. T.: Degnan & McConnell's mine No. 19, two and one-half miles west of Wilburton, blew up at 1 o'clock Sunday morning, fourteen miners positively known to be buried, and there is a strong possibility that there are more men entombed. There is no hope of rescuing any alive, and very little that the bodies will be recovered for several days, as the shaft is 380 feet deep, and the whole lower part has caved in.

The Methodist Catechism.

Louisville, Ky.: New junior standard catechisms, compiled by a joint committee for the Methodist Episcopal Church, both North and South, have been presented to the board of bishops of the M. E. Church. The junior catechism is for children and the standard is for persons older than 12 years. They differ in matters of form from the old books, but the doctrines are identical and it is believed they will be adopted.

Will Hang in Jefferson County.

Marshall: Sheriff G. W. Munden has arranged for the building of a scaffold upon which to hang Sam Fite, alias Sam Collins, a negro, convicted of the murder of a negro. The date of the execution has been set by District Judge R. B. Levy for Friday, May 19. The gallows will be erected on the county farm, four miles northeast of this city. Sheriff Munden has procured from the Sheriff of Bowie County the rope recently used there.

The Jefferson Iron Company has begun the shipment of 1,300 tons of their celebrated charcoal iron; 1,000 tons go to car wheel works in Colorado and 300 tons go to car wheel works in Texas. As a car wheel iron this is said to have no superior.

It is reported that John P. Hughes of Fort Worth has been awarded the contract for the construction of the Orient line of railway from Sweetwater to San Angelo, ninety miles.

GOLDIER, CITIZEN, PATRIOT.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee Is Dead of Apoplexy and Paralysis.

Washington, April 29.—Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, U. S. A., retired and one of Virginia's foremost sons, died at the Providence Hospital here last night from an attack of apoplexy, which he suffered early yesterday morning on a train while en route from Boston to Washington.

After Gen. Lee had been removed to the hospital early yesterday morning it was evident to the attending physicians that his case was a very serious one, but they believed that his strong vitality and will power would assist materially in at least a partial recovery from the attack.

His condition remained fair, considering the severity of the attack during the day, but shortly after 9 o'clock he began to grow weaker, his breathing became more rapid and his pulse lower, terminating in less than two hours in death. The end was peaceful and without pain, the General remaining conscious until within five minutes of the end.

Half an hour before death Gen. Lee recognized his brother, Daniel Lee, who came into the room for a moment.

A pathetic feature of the case is, although Gen. Lee was blessed with a family, consisting of a wife and five children, not one of them was with him at the time of his death. The General was 65 years of age.

Gen. Lee's seizure and death are attributed largely to his activity in behalf of the military and naval review, which is to be held in the vicinity of Jamestown, Va. His heart and soul were in the work and he labored zealously to make it a success.

Gen. Lee was long a prominent figure in Washington and he always was given a hearty reception wherever he went. Before the Civil War, at the beginning of which he resigned his commission in the United States Army, Gen. Lee saw considerable frontier duty in movements against the Indians. He was an expert cavalry officer and on one occasion, June 16, 1860, he was engaged in a hand-to-hand encounter with Comanche Indians near Camp Colorado, Texas.

Gen. Lee was a nephew of the famous Confederate General, Robert E. Lee, and like him, saw active service in the Confederacy. In Washington he was well and popularly known, and his appearance on public occasions was always the signal for outbursts of applause from the hosts of admiring friends. Gen. Lee's record includes an honorable service of the cavalry branch of the army with the United States during the Mexican War and up to the time of the Civil War; years of active service in the Confederate army and the filling of important Federal and State positions since that time, and finally a commission as Brigadier General in the regular army and his retirement and death in that official rank.

A widow and five children survive Gen. Lee. Two of the boys are army officers, while the remaining child is a young woman still in her teens. The children are Mrs. J. C. Rhea, wife of Lieut. Rhea, now at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.; Lieut. Fitzhugh Lee of the cavalry branch, now in Manila; Lieut. George Mason Lee of the Seventh Cavalry, who is now in San Francisco; Mrs. Annie Brown, wife of Lieut. Brown of the Seventh Cavalry, who is now at San Francisco and Miss Virginia Lee.

Bishop Hoss will leave for Brazil about June 1, and will be gone some four or five months.

Trinity River Fund Forwarded. Dallas: The fund which Dallas pledged to secure the appropriation from the government for the navigation of the Trinity River has been raised, and Saturday morning a check for \$66,000, the full amount of Dallas' individual appropriation, was sent to the Secretary of War. The committee in charge of raising the subscriptions completed their work Friday afternoon and that night at a mass meeting held at the Commercial Club rooms enough additional subscriptions were reported to make up the amount required of Dallas.

Two Men Lost in a Stampede. El Paso: In a cattle stampede on the Rio Grande at Sierra Blanca, below El Paso, Joe Flatley, a range boss and Ross Russell, herd boss, were carried in a stream by the cattle and drowned. The cattle were on the Riverside ranch in Mexico and made a run to the United States, carrying the two men into the river when the cowboys tried to stop the stampede.

Washington: Secretary of Navy Paul Morton to Go into Business. Paul Morton, when he retires from his present position, will become an official of a great institution in the city of New York. The New York position has been offered to Mr. Morton and he has accepted it with the proviso that he shall not be expected to enter on his duties before he has fulfilled his promise made to President Roosevelt to remain in the cabinet year from that date.

Railroads Accept the Situation. San Antonio: At a meeting of the general attorneys of the Texas railroads held in the Menger Hotel in this city Friday it was decided to accept the new franchise tax law and pay the tax without contesting the validity of the law in the courts. The Love gross receipts law was talked over, as was the also the Williams intangible assets measure, and the new rate on cotton to Galveston and Houston points.

RIOT AND DISORDER REIGN.

The Business District of Chicago Is Turbulent.

Chicago, April 29.—Violence is rampant upon the streets of Chicago, surging through the streets and alleys, springing from unsuspected places armed with stones, clubs and revolvers and the deadly black-back, "strike sympathizers," cursing, jeering, hailing every opportunity to fall upon a non-union man and grind him into the pavement.

The heart of the business district witnessed terrible struggles all of the day. Guests at the Palmer House were regaled with a fierce riot at their door, and at all points the angry conflict went forward, the first struggle of the teamsters' strike, which is designed to be the worst labor struggle in history. A total of 3,526 teams are now idle.

Chicago now faces a new peril—that of having to walk. Owing to the strike of all coal teamsters, the traction companies are unable to secure coal to operate power plants. At the utmost there is but three days' supply of coal, and then the cars must stop. In addition, the striker leaders are bending every effort to spread the strike to the smaller concerns. This, if successful, will shut off the food supplies of the residents.

Early today the Federal government stepped into the strife and issued injunctions against the strikers interfering with traffic. At about the same time many soldiers began to appear on the streets without arms. Orders have been issued by commanders of regiments of State troops to their men to hold themselves in readiness for immediate call. Express companies are bringing in from Western points all of their old tried, "pony riders" and mounting men with rifles on their wagons.

Mayor Dunne, who has been in conference with Governor Deneen at Springfield, hastened home last night and reiterated his statement that he would preserve order and protect life and property at all costs. All the department stores have notified their patrons that no deliveries will be attempted for some time.

Thermal aim of the strike leaders now is to embroil the railway unions. Extraordinary efforts are being put forth to this end, in which event other cities will begin to feel the strike.

About twenty-five cases of smallpox have been discovered among the negro population of Lancaster.

Peace Negotiations.

Washington: Expecting that Washington is to play an important part in the preliminary negotiations that will precede the cessation of hostilities between Russia and Japan, even though the American capital may not be the scene for actual peace negotiations, Baron Sternburg, the German Ambassador, and M. Jusserand, the French Ambassador, will sail for their respective countries soon after conferring with President Roosevelt when he returns from the west.

To Clean Up Mosquitoes.

Houston: Dr. J. Hamilton of the marine quarantine service at Laredo says a city can be cleared of mosquitoes if the inhabitants will all cooperate with the authorities. Screens all sisters, barrels or other water reservoirs with 18-inch mesh wire, drain water holes or cover with oil and clean away all old tin cans and other debris where mosquitoes hide and the thing is accomplished.

H. C. Holloway Is Dead.

Fort Worth: Friday evening, a few minutes after 8 o'clock while H. C. Holloway, one of the pioneers, and one of the best-known citizens of Fort Worth, was seated at his table in his home 513 West Fifth street, he suddenly pushed his plate from him in acute pain, affecting, as his features indicated, his chest, and then his throat. In a few minutes he was dead from heart failure.

Mr. Holloway was one of the leading citizens in all of the enterprises which went to the upbuilding of Fort Worth. He was born in South Carolina, 68 years ago, and in 1858 came to Texas, locating at where Fort Worth now is. In 1860 he was married to Miss Margaret Loving, who survives him. Of this union there was born one daughter, the wife of A. S. Dingle, a prominent merchant of this city. Mr. Holloway was a Confederate soldier, in the command of Gen. Gano.

A homely figure in petticoats may have a handsome figure in the bank.

Fort Worth Rolling Mill Started.

Fort Worth: The first run of the Fort Worth Iron and Steel Manufacturing company was made Wednesday and the results were very satisfactory. The run consisted of two tons of "inch rounds" and was shipped to Terrell to be used in the shops of the Texas Midland railroad. The works will be started up regularly Monday morning and will furnish employment for fifty people.

Burbanks New "Pomato."

San Francisco: The Examiner says that Luther Burbanks, of Santa Rosa, has succeeded in producing another wonderful creation which will come under the head of potato experiments and known as "Potato Fruit." Briefly the evolution is a matter of planting the tuber and gathering from the potato vine a luscious white fruit, one that is delightfully palatable and makes excellent preserves.

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House and lot No. 421 St. Peter street, \$2000.

Lot 149x210 with 8 room house, barn, buggy house, stable and office. Pratio avenue, between Main and Bayou; easy terms.

Lot 98x150 with good house, 9 rooms, 2 halls, No. 124 West Washington street, near French. Easy terms.

120 acres good land, with improvements, near St. Martinville, La. Cheap.

House and lot, corner of Main and Chestnut streets, 8 rooms, in good order, \$2,250.

House and lot No. 519 Main street.

Lot 50x200, running through to Jane street, 5 rooms and hall, large barn, fruit trees, \$2,400; easy terms.

House and lot on Corinne street, \$700.

House and lot on Corinne street, \$900.

House and lot on Corinne street, fine residence, \$1,900.

180 acres, cane farm, with mules, tools, seed cane; 5 1/2 miles from town, on west side Bayou Teche, 9 acres front, dwelling, barns, laborers' houses, 12 acres woodland.

House and lot on Duperier avenue, running to Hortense avenue, 96x232 feet. Price, \$1,250.

House and lot on Laughlin lane, very cheap.

Lot 55x100 feet, corner Vine and Main street, \$600.

Lots on Bank avenue.

747 acres in St. Martin Parish, good new house; 60 acres in cultivation, all high land. Price, \$10 per acre.

Lot in Lee addition, \$250.

House and lot on Bank avenue, lot 90x300 feet. Price, \$300.

House and lot, corner Fulton and Lasalle streets, lot 50x95. Price, \$500.

House and lot on Duperier avenue, lot 210x185, 6-room house, 5 minutes from bridge.

The Turner place, corner Bank avenue and public road, one mile from town, 16 acres, improved; pear orchard and other fruits.

Lot on Madison street, near Bank avenue, 90x200.

Neat cottage, No. 932 Iberia street, \$500.

House and lot, 421 St. Peter street, near Corinne.

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