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TORNADO TOYS WITH VILLAGE

Tumbles Buildings Around In Promiscuous Manner

People Rush From Houses—Many Are Injured By Flying Articles—Party Of Eight Are Trapped On Upper Floor Of Three-Story Structure Which Is Wrecked, But All Are Rescued Alive—Cars Blown From Tracks And Trees Torn Out By Roots

Middletown, N. Y., April 8.—South Fallsburg, Sullivan county, was devastated by a tornado, which demolished buildings, threw railroad cars from the tracks, uprooted trees and injured a number of people, none of them fatally. There had been several light showers and the temperature had fallen from 65 to 40 when a black cloud made its appearance in the west. It swept down on the village with a roar. Buildings rocked on their foundations and roofs of buildings and small trees and limbs of trees were flying through the air. Scores of people, thinking that their dwellings were about to collapse, rushed to the streets only to be blown over or knocked down by flying missiles. The big three-story general store of Chester Couch was razed. His big feed mill and Garner's elder mill were partly demolished and a number of other buildings were unroofed. It was known that just before the tornado struck there were several people in Couch's store. Crowds quickly surrounded the debris and commenced tearing away the beams and plaster in the hope of rescuing alive some of those supposed to be buried. Just as the crowd began to work, throwing aside the debris, there was a shout and a man's head was seen to pop out of the hole in the roof. He said there were seven other persons alive under the roof. Rev. J. C. Carley, pastor of the Presbyterian church, who was calling at the house at the time of the storm, was next dug out. He

had sustained a broken leg. Then Postmaster Charles Denniston, who occupied part of the building and had charge of the postoffice in the same building, climbed out and helped out his wife. In quick succession followed Mr. and Mrs. George Atwell and Samuel Lynch of Mountaineer, who were visiting Postmaster Denniston. All were cut, bruised and badly shaken. There was a general aspect of rain about the town. At the Ontario & Western station several loaded cars which stood on a switch were unroofed and several empty cars were blown from the rails. A number of houses were twisted from their foundations. The tornado seemed to center its intensity at Fallsburg, for although there were high winds and rain all around the village, no great damage was reported elsewhere.

POSTMASTER IS GONE

Kenton, O., April 8.—Postmaster Harry Haynes of Patterson, Hardin county, has disappeared and his bondsmen have sent to Columbus for a government postoffice inspector to take charge of the books of the office.

POSSES SCOUR COUNTRY FOR A MURDERER

Tacoma, Wash., April 8.—Three posses of woodsmen are seeking John Tornow, the outlaw, supposed to have murdered six people about the headwaters of the Wyanochie river, north of Gray's Harbor. Rewards offered by the authorities aggregate \$5,000. Tornow's brother believes the hunted man is demented.

He has asked the posses to use the greatest caution. Probably no effort will be made to capture Tornow alive.

"I've got an hour or two to kill. I wish I knew what to do." "Just go over and ask Brown how the new baby is getting along."—Detroit Free Press.

AN ERIE-OHIO CANAL FAVORED BY COMMISSION

Washington, April 8.—Important recommendations for legislation affecting the railroads of the country that own or are interested in steamship lines are contained in the final report of the United States national waterways commission, just made public. The commission recommends to congress that the power of the interstate commerce commission be extended so as to include control over all water lines. The commission recommends further that all water lines be made subject to the same rules and regulations as are now imposed on railroad corporations insofar as they are applicable. The commission says the time has come to take steps to prevent the elimination of water competition

through railroad ownership. The waterways commission is headed by Senator Burton of Ohio, and among its members is Senator Smith of Michigan.

The commission believes the federal government would be justified in co-operating with the local localities which are to furnish funds for the construction of the canal connecting Lake Erie with the Ohio river near Pittsburg, to the extent of building the approaches to the canal and of lending army engineers to perform engineers' work. It is estimated that this canal will cost about \$50,000,000.

An eminent reputation is as dangerous as a bad one.—Tacitus

GREAT FIGHT IN THE MIDDLE WEST AGAINST THE FLOOD OF WATER IN THE MISSISSIPPI AND MISSOURI VALLEYS



St. Louis, April 8.—Thousands of men were put to work throughout the Mississippi and Missouri valleys to keep back the rush of water in the flooded districts. The situation at Hickman, Ky.; Memphis, Tenn.; Cairo, Ill., and other points beggars description. The death list probably never will be known. The property loss will run into millions and thousands of persons are homeless. The quartermaster's department of the United States army here is rendering aid to the suffering under orders from President Taft.

DELEGATES AT CON. CON. WANT AN ADJOURNMENT

Columbus, O., April 8.—For the first time since it began its sessions Jan. 8, the constitutional convention can see daylight ahead in its work. Much remains to be done, but work is shaping in such a way that final adjournment before May 10 seems now assured. Indeed, so many delegates are candidates in the primaries May 21 that it is next to impossible to keep them at work longer than May 10.

Expected disposition of the judicial reform proposal tomorrow leaves fewer than half a dozen propositions of such importance that the convention will feel called upon to extend its sessions and take them up. Among the more important proposals left are home rule for municipalities, double liability of bank stockholders, taxation and the 1 per cent proposal, and method of amending the constitution.

WILSON'S PRIVATE LETTERS PURLOINED

Governor Says Thieves Welcome to Their Loot.

Chicago, April 8.—Burglars with undeniable political affiliations raided the rooms of Governor Woodrow Wilson in the Sherman House during his absence at St. Mary's rectory and stole all his private correspondence, vouchers and other documents. Two men did the work, which was carefully planned. They escaped in a taxicab.

Governor Wilson said he regretted the loss of letters which were strictly personal, but predicted that the thieves and their employer would be disappointed, as there was nothing that could be published that would injure him or his cause.

A large force of detectives was put on the case. They have good descriptions of the thieves. Considerable valuable silver and other property in Governor Wilson's room was not touched. The governor's dress suit and extra underclothing were included in the plunder.

Vermilya Jury Discharged.
Chicago, April 8.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Louise Vermilya, charged with murdering Richard T. Smith, was discharged by Judge Sullivan after members of the jury informed the court that they could not agree on a verdict. Members of the jury, from the time the first ballot was taken, stood 9 to 3 for conviction, it was said.

KILLED BY BROTHER

Stuebenville, O., April 8.—Because Mele Mersaures of Ramsey refused to quit playing an accordion, his brother, Vince Mersaures, stabbed him to death.

MORE BOYS RUN AWAY

Lancaster, O., April 8.—Several more boys ran away from the Boys' Industrial school, stealing out of the dormitory. None of them has been captured.

Steamship Is on Fire.
Newport, R. I., April 8.—The steamship Ontario of the Merchants and Miners line is afire off the coast between Block Island and Montauk Point. A wireless call for help was picked up by the Point Judith wireless station this morning.

Tragedy Ends Puppy Love.
Logansport, Ind., April 8.—Otto G. Brown, 19, shot and probably fatally wounded his sweetheart, Leona Ellinger, 15, then committed suicide, because the girl's mother refused her consent to their marriage.

MISS MYRA LEE

First Chinese Woman to Register in California.



Photo by American Press Association.

COLLIERIES RESUME

Trouble Brewing in Vicinity of Wilkesbarre, Pa., Today.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 8.—The first break in the peace of the anthracite field is expected to come today. Operators started work at two washeries and prepared to ship coal to market. The washery of W. T. Payne at Luzerne borough and the washery of the West End Coal company at Mocaqua were fitted up for operation several days ago and the necessary men taken behind the stockades.

The Payne washery is a small operation, but working under full steam 400 tons of coal can be daily prepared. The West End washery is a much larger one and will be able to get out 1,000 tons daily.

The district leaders will leave here tomorrow for the conference in Philadelphia. They go with the determination to accept nothing but recognition of the union as basis of settlement.

English Miners Go Back.
London, April 8.—Reports from the mining districts state that with few exceptions the miners are ready to obey the order of their federation and return to work on Tuesday. The men at some points were so anxious to return that they ignored the Easter Monday holiday and resumed work this morning. The remainder are likely to go back to work tomorrow as ordered.

Knox Party at Kingston.
Kingston, Jamaica, April 8.—Secretary of State Knox and party arrived here this morning on the cruiser Washington, coming from Guantanamo, Cuba. They took autos and today are crossing the island, their destination being Port Antonio, where they will arrive some time this evening.

Would Supervise Corporations.
Washington, April 8.—The creation of a permanent administrative bureau for the supervision of corporations doing an interstate business, is recommended in the annual report of Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations.

Easter Eggs Fatal.
St. Louis, April 8.—Mrs. Barbara Steiner and her daughter, Mrs. Bertha Bruz, are dead and the latter's husband and daughter, Anton Bruz and Erna Bruz, 8, are probably dying as a result of poisoning, thought to have resulted from eating dyed Easter eggs.

House Collapses; Man Killed.
Passaic, N. J., April 8.—During the terrific wind and rain storm that swept over this section, a two-story frame building collapsed under the onslaught of the gale, killing one man, seriously injuring another and cutting and bruising others.

Money Trust Probe Begins.
Washington, April 8.—The "money trust" investigation began today before a subcommittee of the banking and currency committee of the senate.

AS YOU LIKE IT
Soon after securing a divorce from her third husband, Mrs. Mary Ann Hedges of Pittsboro, Ind., hanged herself.
Samuel Dickey, wealthy ranch owner of Montana, died on a train near Newburg, N. Y., while on an eastern tour.
Before asphyxiating himself at Lafayette, Ind., James Hall planned a note on the front door warning his absent family not to strike a match when entering the house.

TAKE COUNT OF FLOOD VICTIMS

Thirty Dead And Thirty Thousand Without Homes

Vast Territory Inundated—Estimates Made By Government Engineers Of Two Weeks' Deluge In Mississippi Valley Present Appalling Figures—Property Loss Will Reach \$10,000,000—Many People Yet Marooned On Roofs With Water Sweeping Past

St. Louis, April 8.—As a result of a two-weeks flood in the Mississippi valley, 30 persons have been drowned, 30,000 are homeless, 2,000 square miles of country inundated and a financial loss of \$10,000,000 sustained. These figures were arrived at by government engineers and officials of state levee boards engaged in battling with the ravaging sweep of the Mississippi river from points in Illinois to threatened places in Mississippi and Arkansas.

Water is pouring into Arkansas through three new breaks in the levee south of Memphis. These gave way and several hundred square miles are subject to flooding.

Railroad traffic in these sections is practically paralyzed. Hundreds of persons still are marooned by the tide of the river at points in lower Missouri, northwest Tennessee and Arkansas. They are marooned on house-tops, in trees and on anchored rafts directly in the sweep of the rampaging river. Conservative judgment at Memphis was expressed in belief that the great majority of these flood prisoners will be rescued.

Golden Lake Levee Holds.
The most dangerous point in the flood situation was at Golden Lake, the Arkansas levee guarding the pressure of the Mississippi. Had this embankment been breached it would have added to the tide already sweeping through northwest Arkansas. The Golden Lake levee held and, as it continued to baffle the swirl of the flood, danger in the

southern part of the valley increased. As long as the flood remains in the levees north the strain on the southern embankments increases.

Hourly the danger zone works southward. In the upper reaches, the Ohio and Mississippi rivers are practically at a standstill. This means that the flood's crest now is exerted on the dikes from the Missouri line southward.

WAS SOME "KIDDER"

Lima, O., April 8.—That she was merely "kidding" when she promised to marry Frank Canper was the plea made by Miss Emma Brewer when Canper caused her arrest for obtaining money under false pretenses, alleging that he had bought her an Easter outfit and numerous articles of jewelry on the strength of her promise to marry him.

Murdered and Robbed.
Ossining, N. Y., April 8.—The body of Stephen Dixon, a carpenter, was found lying partly immersed in a brook on the outskirts of the town here. There were more than 30 stab wounds in his face, neck and chest, and his pockets had been turned inside out.

ELEPHANT TO ADVERTISE

Columbus, O., April 8.—"Lil," the big elephant to be used in advertising the Ohio-Columbus centennial and the state fair, will appear for the first time in this capacity in Columbus next Wednesday. Miss Mary Besong, one of the candidates for the honor of being selected to ride the elephant as the most beautiful girl in Ohio in the trip over the state, will ride "Lil" on Wednesday.

VICTOR IN ARKANSAS

Governor Harmon Sweeps State at County Conventions.
Columbus, O., April 8.—According to telegrams received at Harmon headquarters, Governor Harmon will head the delegates of Arkansas. The Clark and Wilson forces were utterly routed in their efforts to capture the state. They tried to corral the endorsement of the Arkansas Democracy, but were frustrated by the Harmon forces, who swept the entire state. Telegrams bearing this information were sent by H. K. Toney and Meyer Solomon of Pine Bluff. The latter in his telegram said: "The Harmon sentiment ruled supreme in Arkansas, when the Clark and Wilson forces failed to carry the county conventions."

Noted Meteorologist Dies.
Cambridge, Mass., April 8.—Abbott Lawrence Hitch, known the world over as an expert on meteorology and a professor of that science at Harvard, died in his Boston home, following a nervous breakdown.

PIN SCRATCH IS FATAL

Zanesville, O., April 8.—After having survived the battles of Gettysburg and Bull Run, Robert Love, a civil war veteran, died of blood poisoning, the result of a pin scratch.

- STATE OBSERVED EASTER.
- Columbus, O., April 8.—In round numbers 950 dozen, or 11,400 eggs, were consumed in observing Easter at the state and county institutions in Columbus.
- At 22 cents a dozen, the prevailing price on the markets, these represented \$299 worth of hen product.

VOTERS TO DECIDE

Presidential Primary in Illinois Overshadows State Issues.
Columbus, O., April 8.—For the first time in the history of Illinois the rank and file of the voters will tomorrow have an opportunity to declare their preference for a presidential candidate. Illinois will also be the first great pivotal state in the present campaign to have a preferential presidential vote, and this fact to a great extent overshadows the contests over state offices, some of which have been running for months. Three names will appear on the Republican ballot for presidential preference, Taft, Roosevelt and La-Pollette. The Democratic ballot will have Speaker Champ Clark and Governor Woodrow Wilson.