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TORNADO IN SOUTH

Severe Storm Sweeps Over Parts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

FIFTEEN LIVES ARE PROBABLY LOST

Damage Greatest at Alexandria, La., Where Many Houses Were Blown Down.

ASYLUM FOR INSANE IS DESTROYED

Three Female Inmates of Institution at Jackson, La., Are Killed.

PART OF FOUR TOWNS DEVASTATED

Course of Storm Three Hundred Miles Long—It Traverses This Distance in Eleven Hours.

NEW ORLEANS, April 5.—Probably fifteen lives were lost today by a tornado which swept across portions of three gulf states, which was traceable for a distance of 300 miles.

The tornado began at Alexandria, La., soon after 1 o'clock this morning, instantly killing four persons there, fatally injuring three and seriously injuring thirty others.

The tornado swept across the Mississippi river, killing five persons at Jackson, La., while at Bayou Sara, La., at least half a dozen others are reported killed.

There was one fatal injury at Jackson. The tornado first appeared at Carson, Miss., where great property damage was done.

About noon near Selma, Ala., the inhabitants saw whirling clouds rise into the air and the storm disappeared.

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Several houses were blown down at Pineville and injuries were reported. The hail did much damage to crops.

Insane Asylum Wrecked. The insane asylum at Jackson, La., was almost wholly wrecked, with a loss of about \$50,000.

At Bayou Sara several passengers on the steamer Betsy Ann had a thrilling escape.

At Carson, Miss., the Mississippi Central railroad depot was blown down, also a church, school house and two business buildings and several cabins.

From Carson the storm crossed the state line into Alabama, where it began to lose much of its destructive power.

ALLEGES RATE NOT KNOWN

Standard Oil Company Raises Point Which Jury May Not Hear

CHICAGO, April 5.—A discussion as to the right of the defense to introduce evidence showing that the defendant did not know the lawful rate on oil from Chappelle, Ill., to St. Louis occupied the early session of the court in the trial of the Standard Oil company, charged with accepting illegal rates on oil shipments.

The government attorneys moved that the answer be stricken from the records as irrelevant, but the attorneys for the company insisted that it was one of the most important features of the case inasmuch as the indictment charges that the company "willfully and knowingly" used the illegal rate.

"Do you think," asked Judge Landis of the defendant's attorneys, "that the defendant would be justified if it were shown that he was ignorant of the rate?"

The jury was excused and the attorneys entered upon extended arguments regarding the importance of the evidence.

MERGER UNDER ADVISEMENT

Arguments on Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Consolidation Concluded.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—After two days of argument, the Interstate Commerce commission today concluded its hearing in the investigation of the transactions of E. H. Harriman in Southern Pacific and Chicago & Alton securities, and took the case under advisement.

There were three addresses today, one by Attorney John G. Milburn in defense of Mr. Harriman's course and one each by Special Attorneys C. A. Severance and Frank C. Kellogg in criticism of it.

Mr. Milburn enlarged upon the contention that the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific had not been competing lines before their consolidation, but urged that even if they were, one of them had the right to purchase the property of the other.

Severance and Kellogg contended for the applicability of the anti-trust law to the purchase of the Southern Pacific by the Union Pacific and Mr. Kellogg criticized sharply Mr. Harriman's dealings in the Chicago & Alton securities.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Table with columns for days of the week and temperatures for 1907 and 1906.

FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA—Fair Saturday and Sunday; warmer Sunday. FORECAST FOR IOWA—Fair and warmer Saturday and Sunday.

Both houses of the Nebraska legislature pass resolutions of confidence in the president and the present controversy with E. H. Harriman.

Four companies of militia under arms ready to assist officials of Lorain, O., in preserving order.

Tornado sweeps portions of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, killing fifteen persons and injuring many.

Attorney Jerome will not apply for writ of prohibition in Thaw case and trial may end next week.

John R. Walsh is indicted on 175 counts for illegal banking in Chicago.

Senator Penrose declares he knew nothing of "rich man's conspiracy" against Roosevelt.

Fifth district Woman's club meet at Holdrege, with eight towns represented.

Queen of Great Britain goes to France to meet king and both will go to Spain.

Japan proposes to establish an embassy at Constantinople.

London papers say czar's mind is failing and that he will abdicate within a month.

Members of the local board of Fire and Police Commissioners took the common ground that higher respect for the law must be cultivated.

Frank Little is burned at a fire on North Sixth street, which has its origin in the lighting of a can of gasoline.

Ballroom in Omaha big passenger revenues for the month of March, during part of which the 3-cent fare law was in effect.

Huntington, Hoyt, Reid and Todd, land men indicted by the federal grand jury with Bartlett Richards and W. G. Comstock, now face trial in the federal court.

Official announcement that Topeka is to remain in the Western association this year at least.

Omaha shuts out Comiskey's Langlans, whom Creighton gives a close rub.

NEW YORK, April 5.—Arrived. Sailed. NAPLES, Naples, Buenos Ayres.

ST. JOHN, Liverpool, Friesland, Emp. of Brit'n.

QUEENSTOWN, Nostrand.

GENOA, Liguria.

MOVILLE, Tunisian.

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COURT-MARTIAL FOR FREMONT Son of Famous General to Answer Charges Growing Out of Petition in Bankruptcy.

TROOPS TO GUARD LORAIN

Four Companies Under Arms Awaiting Call of the Mayor.

DAY PASSES WITHOUT SERIOUS DISORDER

Trainload of Strikebreakers Escorted to Yards of Ship Building Company by Detectives and Deputies.

LORAIN, O., April 5.—With the members of Company B of this city under arms in the armory, close to the seat of trouble, and three companies of Cleveland troops under orders and ready to respond to a call here at any moment, quiet prevails tonight at the yards of the American Shipbuilding company.

The troops are under orders to respond at the call of the mayor, who has also sworn in a large force of special deputies, who are co-operating with the police and company detectives.

Major King made an address to the strikers this morning. He told them that he would tolerate no more violence, and in necessary force will be used henceforth to quell any rioting.

Soldiers in uniform were at the railway station today to assist the special deputies in case of trouble.

Captain Cobe of Company B of the Fifth regiment, Ohio National Guard, wired Adjutant General Critchfield saying that he believed the situation to be serious and recommending that two or three companies in addition to the local company be sent to Lorain.

The adjutant general replied that he was keeping in close touch with the situation and would co-operate with Mayor King in maintaining order.

General speaks to investigate. COLUMBUS, O., April 5.—Considerable rioting at Lorain because the ship yards' officials there are importing strike breakers.

The case of Louis Glass, former manager of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company, under trial here last night.

The case of A. K. Detweiler of Toledo, indicted in connection with the Home Telephone company franchise, has also been postponed until the same date.

Beer famine in Pittsburgh. PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 5.—Pittsburgh is threatened with a beer famine as the result of the strike today of 1,500 workers employed by the twenty-four breweries in this city.

Meetings of the Western Pennsylvania Brewers' association are being held to decide whether or not to give the men shorter hours and more pay if they would submit the other questions to arbitration.

There are about 1,700 brewery workers employed in this city.

Strike breaker Uses Gun. POMEROY, O., April 5.—Trouble broke out at a hotel in Pomeroy here last night when Charles Campbell, a "strike breaker," shot John Walters, a union miner, with a shotgun.

Five Thousand Painters Out. NEW YORK, April 5.—It is now said that more than 5,000 painters are on strike in New York city.

WESTERN MATTERS AT CAPITAL. First Lieutenant Stone Succeeds First Lieutenant Little as Recorder of Retiring Board at Omaha.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—(Special Telegram)—First Lieutenant Edward R. Stone of the Thirtieth Infantry is detailed as recorder of the Army Retiring board.

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LULL IN GRAFT PROCEEDINGS

Reef Case Continued Until Monday and Grand Jury Takes Short recess.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 5.—A lull in the graft proceedings came today, the grand jury having returned from Thursday until Saturday afternoon, and the sessions of Judge Dunne's court have been suspended until Monday.

Special Agent Burns received a telegram from his son in Toledo, O., saying that George Detweiler, brother of A. K. Detweiler, had agreed to confer with the latter's attorneys in an effort to arrange the fugitive's bail bonds and facilitate his surrender to the California authorities.

Chief Justice Beatty of the state supreme court said that Ruef's application for a writ of habeas corpus releasing him from the custody of Ellisor Biggy will likely be decided next Monday.

Ruef exchanged his Fillmore street prison chamber for the dentist's chair today for an hour or two, making the trip in his own automobile under the eyes of Ellisor Biggy and a guard.

Assistant District Attorney Heney issued a subpoena that a grand jury has under consideration eight more indictments against "high officials" five in connection with the Home Telephone company.

It has just been learned that the "ex-cess" will present a contract in evidence on the basis of his chief defense in the case now before the court and also on the other indictments charging him with extortion in the French restaurant case.

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PENROSE PRESENTS ALIBI

Could Not Have Told Story of "Rich Man's Conspiracy."

WAS WITH OFFICIALS IN WEST INDIES

PHILADELPHIA, April 5.—United States Senator Penrose had time to say today about the published report that he took a dinner at the story of a "rich man's conspiracy" to prevent the selection of President Roosevelt's choice of a successor to himself.

"It is absolutely an untruth. I have never said any such thing. It is all untrue. I have always been a supporter of and believer in President Roosevelt's administration, and all its policies."

"I have never heard of a \$50,000 fund to prevent President Roosevelt naming his successor."

"No, absolutely not."

"No, I never attended a dinner where such a subject was discussed. I could not have done so any how for I just came back from the West Indian cruise with Secretary Metcalf and Senator Flynt of California."

"I arrived in Philadelphia Tuesday night after a month's trip. During that time I did not follow the newspapers or kept in touch with affairs in the United States."

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HEERMANN STILL ON STAND

Defendant at Washington Tells of Course in Matter of Land Prosecutions.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The third day oflinger Herrmann's testimony in his trial for the destruction of certain letter books while commissioner of the general land office was begun with a line of questions intended to show that Mr. Herrmann had no information or interest in the Hyde-Benson-Diamond-Schneider combination.

"I have never seen or heard of it until it was produced in the court. The indorsement of the letter in Mr. Vaik's handwriting, 'honorable commissioner of the United States,' Mr. Herrmann said was a mistake, as he had never seen the letter."

"The letters written by Zabrickie in 1902 to Mr. Herrmann, in which the latter was informed of the Hyde-Benson operations, was the subject of extended testimony on the part of the witness. He said he had known Zabrickie in California, and the facts disclosed in Zabrickie's letter were the first he had regarding the alleged fraudulent operations of the Hyde-Benson combination.

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FAITH IN PRESIDENT

Nebraska Legislature Passes Resolution Commending His Attitude.

ESPICAL REFERENCE TO HARRIMAN TILT

Only Trifling Amount of Legislation Attempted During Day.

WAITING FOR THE CONFERENCE REPORTS

After Pruning Down House Bills Appropriations Are Still Large.

GOVERNOR YET HAS A CHANCE AT THEM

Senator Glover of the Fifteenth District to Wed Miss Johnson, Whom He Met at the Governor's Reception.

From a Staff Correspondent. LINCOLN, April 5.—(Special.)—Both houses of the legislature today expressed their confidence in President Roosevelt with reference to his controversy with E. H. Harriman in the following resolution, adopted in both the house and the senate:

"Whereas, a controversy has arisen between President Theodore Roosevelt, representing the interests of the people of the United States, on the one hand, and Mr. E. H. Harriman, representing the interests of the great corporate interests that have hitherto, in all controversies that have been able to and has successfully maintained the rights and interests of the people; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the senate of the state of Nebraska, that the senate hereby express its confidence in the ability of President Theodore Roosevelt to always maintain the dignity of high office and protect the interests of all the people; be it further

Resolved, that the senate by this resolution to the president, with the assurance of the high esteem and affection of the members of the senate and of the people of the entire state.

Promises All Redeemed. The thirtieth session of the Nebraska legislature probably the only legislature Nebraska ever had which has kept every pledge its members made to the people, has practically gone into history. Yesterday, the last day, was spent in listening to the reports of conference committees and a general jollification and goodbye service were given by the members of the legislature.

Late last evening it became apparent the enrolling clerks could not finish their work before morning, and as there was no business to transact until their labors were completed, both houses took a recess until 9 this morning.

Strange as it may seem, the senate, that did not adjourn until 11 o'clock, did not adjourn until 11 o'clock, and did not adjourn until 11 o'clock.

Work on Appropriations. The day was spent mostly on the appropriation bills and the conference committees probably the only legislative body that has kept every pledge its members made to the people, has practically gone into history.

Following is the appropriation bills in the hands of the governor and a few that have been signed by him:

Table listing various bills and their amounts, such as H. R. 112—Kearney Normal building, \$30,000; H. R. 113—Normal building, \$30,000; H. R. 114—Normal building, \$30,000.