

Tornado Wipes out Towns; 23 Dead

Storm Sweeps Through West

Whiting, Kas., and Big Heart, Okla., Are Almost Completely Wrecked.

A HUNDRED INJURED IN BIG WIND STORM.

Believed With Progress of Search Many More Fatalities Will Be Found.

CHICAGO, April 12.—A heavy wind storm attaining the velocity of a tornado in some sections and accompanied by rain, hail and lightning, swept over western Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma to-day killing 23 persons, practically destroying two towns, injuring almost a hundred persons, wrecking scores of buildings and putting almost every telephone and telegraph wire in the territory out of commission.

The tornado levied its greatest toll of dead at Big Heart, Okla., where eight persons were killed, ten injured and almost every building in the town was wrecked. Whiting, Kan., was practically wiped off the map, sixty buildings being blown down, thirty people hurt and one, Mrs. David Stone, killed.

Loss of Life.
At Powhattan, Kan., a woman and child were killed. A high school building was wrecked at Eskridge, Kan., a number of houses damaged and from 15 to 20 persons injured. At Hiawatha, Kan., a school was blown down, an 18-year-old boy named Pelton killed and several buildings struck by lightning. Several persons are known to have been hurt at Netawaka, Kan. A boy was killed at Manville, Kan.

Reports Incomplete.
The Kansas end of the tornado started near Whiting and swept in a southeasterly direction for a distance of fifty miles. It is thought that many persons were killed and injured that had not been reported at this time. Telephone and telegraph wires are working now that the storm has abated, to get their wires in shape. It is an arduous job as only one wire is left intact between Kansas City and Topeka and telegraph communication between Kansas City and Oklahoma points was cut off.

In Kansas City the storm did little damage. Four horses were killed by lightning and some buildings struck. The rain in Kansas City lasted about one hour and was heavy. Hall accompanied it.

Many Towns Damaged.
TOPEKA, Kas., April 12.—A tornado, traveling in a southeasterly direction, destroyed the town of Whiting, 25 miles north of Topeka late this afternoon. Sixty houses were blown down and 30 persons injured. Meaker reports received here by long distance telephone to-night indicate that the town of Powhattan, Netawaka and Eskridge were struck by the same storm.

Go in Auto to Aid.
MUSKOGEE, Okla., April 12.—The town of Big Heart, Okla., has been blown away by a tornado, according to reports received here at the office of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway.

Fear Lynching

Abductors of Waldo Rogers to be Confined in Penitentiary for Safe Keeping.

LAS VEGAS, N. M., April 12.—The preliminary hearing of Will Rogers and Joe Wiggins, confessed abductors of little Waldo Rogers, opened here today. As Rogers is an uncle of the boy who was kidnaped from his mother on the night of March 17, there was much feeling against him, and it was decided to take him and Wiggins to the penitentiary at Santa Fe for safe keeping. A. T. Rogers, Jr., father of the kidnaped boy, paid \$12,000 for his recovery. Will Rogers told where the money was hidden after his arrest and confession, and last night it was restored to the father.

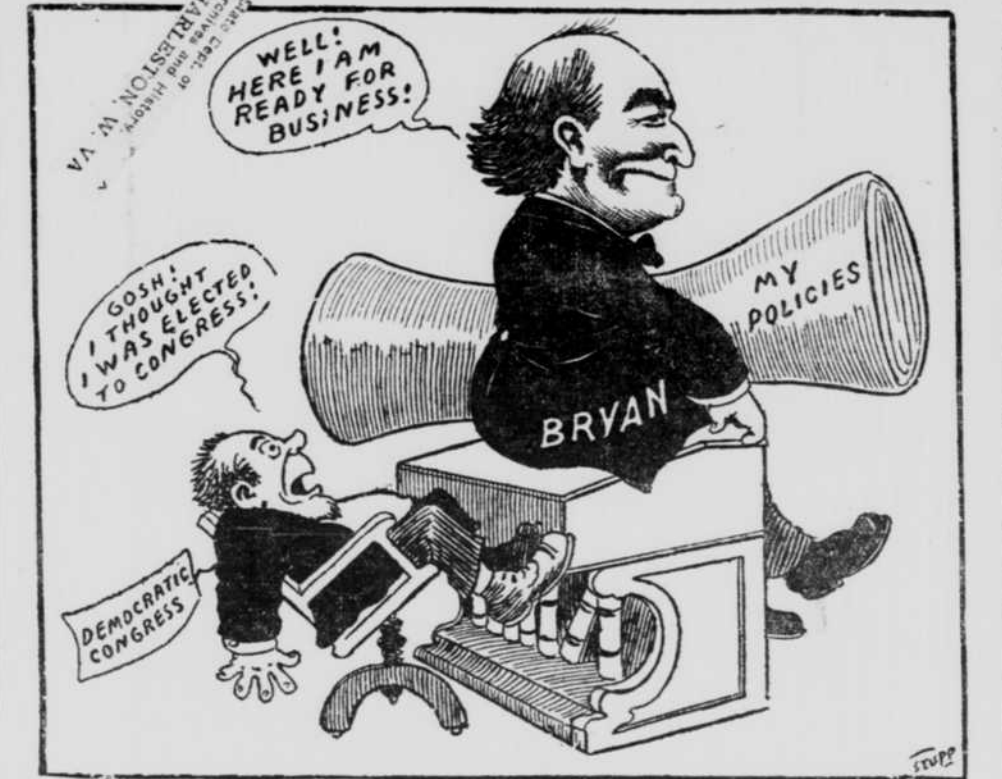
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No Location for Sanitarium

Board of Health States No City Has Asked for Anti-Tuberculosis Hospital.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 12.—Because two members of the State Board of Control are out of the city, the contemplated meeting between West Virginia and the State Board of Health was not held to-night and cannot be held to-morrow, as the members of the board heard will return to their homes.

THE USURPER



RECKLESS AVIATOR FLIES CHANNEL IN A FOG

ISSY LES MOLINEAUX, France, April 12.—Aviator Prier arrived here at 5:45 o'clock this evening from London, having made the trip of about 250 miles in a monoplane without a stop.

Prier left Hendon, near London, on his flight to this suburb of Paris, at 1:37 o'clock this afternoon. Above the English soil the aviator found fog and squalls and going higher and higher in an endeavor to obtain better weather, crossed the English channel near Dover at the height of 2,200 feet.

Leaving the channel behind him, Prier encountered fine weather until he reached Beauvais, 5 miles from the French capital, and from that city the rest of his voyage was made through a haze.

Three Battles in Mexico

INSURRECTOS ACTIVE SOUTH OF CIUDAD PORFIRIO DIAZ.

Heavy Loss Said to Have Been Sustained in Two Engagements.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 12.—Three fights between federals and insurrectos occurred Monday, south of Ciudad Porfirio Diaz, in the first of which four federals and two insurrectos were killed. How the other two fights resulted is not known, but reports say they were attended with much heavier casualties than the first.

This is the report brought to San Antonio by Jose Rodriguez, a courier, with messages to Don Francisco Madero.

Release Americans Soon.
WASHINGTON, April 12.—Brigadier-General Anson Mills, the American member of the United States and Mexican boundary commission, today conferred with Assistant Secretary of State Wilson in regard to the capture of Edwin Hatt and Lawrence Conroy, the American prisoners held at Juarez, Mexico.

The state department expects the early release of both prisoners, regardless of the fact whether the point of capture was on American or Mexican soil. In its latest request to the Mexican government for their release the department pointed out that though it decided the arrest was on Mexican territory, the captors probably crossed American territory with their prisoners in taking them into Mexico. The men were captured at a place opposite Guadalupe, Chihuahua, on a strip of land known as the "Island."

Peace Plans.
WASHINGTON, April 12.—Tactical steps to bring about peace in Mexico were taken here to-day. Mr. Vanden Gheest, head of the confidential agency of the revolutionists in the United States, announced he had completed his arrangements for a meeting of Madero in Chihuahua and Washington.

The first message from Mr. James H. Moore was sent to-day in the shape of a revolutionist and an answer is expected within 24 hours.

Mine Inquiry Delayed.
SHELDON, Pa., April 12.—Reasons of an accident to the main shaft of the Porcupine colliery, which made it impossible to descend into the mine, the owners say to inquire into Friday and will not meet until possibly Saturday. The relief fund has now reached the \$25,000 mark.

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Elect Kenyon

U. S. Senator

CHOSEN IN IOWA ON SIXTY-SEVENTH BALLOT.

Legislature Deadlock at Last Broken to Choose Successor to Senator Dolliver.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 12.—The deadlock in the Iowa legislature ended this afternoon, shortly before 1 o'clock, when Judge William S. Kenyon, of Fort Dodge, was elected United States senator to succeed the late Senator Jonathan P. Dolliver, following perhaps the hardest senatorial contest ever fought in Iowa. The election came with the sixty-seventh ballot and was attended by tumultuous scenes, in which Kenyon adherents displayed their enthusiasm by tossing books and papers about the legislative hall.

On the second ballot of the day victory was brought to Attorney General Wickersham's assistant, when Senator Chapman of Cedar county, and Representative Van Camp of Adair, who had been consistent supporters of Supreme Court Justice Horace E. Deemer changed their votes. Then came other changes in quick succession, and when the ballot was counted, it stood 55 for Kenyon to 19 for Deemer and 51 for Claude R. Porter, Democrat.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The election of Wm. S. Kenyon for United States Senator from Iowa was especially pleasing to President Taft, because of Mr. Kenyon's official connection with the administration and because of his progressive attitude in many matters in which the president has been interested.

RATIFY RECIPROCITY

Expected Canadian Parliament Will Act Soon After Easter on Treaty.

OTTAWA, Can., April 12.—The position of reciprocity in the Canadian parliament has been greatly improved by the decision of congress to deal with it before taking up other questions on the extensive program of the Democratic leaders, said a member of the government today.

The opposition, which has been aggressive against reciprocity from the first, has been basing its hopes largely on the expectation that at Washington the Democrats would delay ratification of the agreement until they had carried through the remainder of their legislative program, or would combine the consideration of the agreement with the woolen schedules or something else.

"I expect to see parliament ratify the agreement soon after the Easter recess, which ends on the 19th. Parliament adjourned for a week's recess covering the Easter holidays."

Boy Blows Hand Off.
SOMERSET, Pa., April 12.—Alvin H. Warden, aged 14, while playing with a dynamite cap in the school room to-day exploded it and blew off his right hand.

Breaks Jail To Escape Execution

Charles Hickman, Condemned Murderer, Gets Out of Beaver Jail Second Time.

RECAPTURED BY GUARDS AFTER SIX HOUR CHASE

Expect to Escape Again But Threatens Suicide Rather Than Be Recaptured

BEAVER, Pa., April 12.—Charles Hickman, convicted wife murderer who escaped for the second time within six months from the county jail to-day was recaptured seven hours later at Shippingport, one mile from here. "The next time I go no one will catch me" said Hickman when brought back to jail late this afternoon. "No one will need to go after me." Domestic trouble caused Hickman and his wife to separate. On February 1910, Hickman waylaid his wife and shot her. He was tried and convicted of murder in the first degree. An appeal was taken to the Supreme court and while this was pending Hickman saw his way out of the jail and for three days was at liberty. He was finally arrested at Monaca-hela, Pa.

Careful Planning.
Hickman's second dash for liberty today showed careful planning. The bars of his cell door, seven in number were sawed. This work he believed to have been done in progress for some weeks past. Early this morning he gained entrance to the main corridor of the jail. A key which he possessed in some unknown manner broke in the lock of the door leading to the outside, and he attempted to saw the bars of the outside window. His saws were dull and he made little headway. Hickman then hid himself near the door. When the Sheriff's son entered the jail proper this morning he left the door open. Hickman passed through into the hall of the Sheriff's home. Making his way into the cellar of the condemned man gained the open through a basement window. Hickman walked to Van Port where he stopped a buggy containing county Commissioner Ewing. Hickman recognized the commissioner but was not recognized. He asked the way to the nearest town. When Mr. Ewing learned that Hickman had escaped he told the sheriff of having met a man near Van Port, and a short time later county detectives captured Hickman at Shippingport.

A death watch has now been placed over the man.

Tariff Bills

Reciprocity and Farmers' Free List Measures Offered in House by Underwood.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Two of the tariff measures which the Democratic house expects to pass in advance of any general legislation were introduced to-day by Chairman Underwood, of the committee on ways and means. They are Canadian reciprocity, following the identical lines of the McCall bill passed last session, except for a clause authorizing the president to continue negotiations for reciprocity with Canadian articles not covered by the pending agreement, and a bill to put on the free list about 100 articles now dutiable under the general tariff. Both will receive early consideration.

The free list bill is designed to please farmers for agricultural losses which they feel they will sustain under the Canadian agreement, and it contains also some foodstuffs and boots and shoes, sewing machines and agricultural tools.

PROTECTS HONOR WITH SHOT GUN

Kentucky Woman Kills Wealthy Married Merchant in Her Room.

NOVEMBER, Ky., April 12.—Mrs. Maggie Lewis shot and killed Dalton Meadows, a wealthy merchant and tinware dealer, in a room in Mrs. Lewis' home. The woman surrendered and declared that she had been compelled to shoot Meadows after he had assaulted her.

Canal Hearing

To Be Held at Pittsburgh On Lakes to Ohio River Project.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The National Waterways Commission will be in Pittsburgh Monday next for a hearing on the proposed Pittsburgh and Lake Erie canal, and a scheme for the control of flood waters.

OLD PROCEEDINGS.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., April 12.—Charged with "playing Indian" to the detriment of Ontario Lippie, aged five, three boys ranging in age from 12 to 15 were given a hearing to-night. A settlement was effected by their father. The boys were charged with being young Lippie to a tree, building a fire near him and then doing a "war dance" to the accompaniment of blank cartridges. The boy was rescued by his mother, badly scorching about the legs.

Base Ball Race On

Doctor Guilty

WILLIAMSON PHYSICIAN CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER.

Stabbed to Death Grover Waldron, Who Before Dying Accused Defendant.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. HUNTINGTON, W. Va., April 12.—Dr. G. L. Baisden, on trial at Williamson charged with the murder of Grover Waldron was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter. The jury reported this verdict late tonight after deliberating six hours. The finding carries with it a penalty of from two to five years in the pen.

Waldron was stabbed to death and in an ante-mortem statement accused Baisden of the crime. Baisden who is one of the most prominent physicians in the southern part of the state, claimed he acted in self defense.

Like Trilby

Girl Disguised As Boy in Tent On Sea Shore Under Physician's Power.

REMARKABLE STORY TOLD BY THE GIRL.

Pitiful Confession On Wrapping Paper to Family Led to Discovery of Plot.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 12.—F. M. Girard, a physical culture exponent, was held in \$3,000 bail here to-day as the result of serious charges made by Katharine Potter, who is said to be a member of a wealthy and prominent family of Sandy Lake, Pa. Girard and his accuser, who is about 21 years old, were discovered last night by her brother, S. E. Potter, of Chicago, living in a tent on the beach. The girl's hair had been clipped and she was dressed in boys' clothing. She had been missing from her home for more than a month.

Unusual Story.
SHARON, Pa., April 12.—Katharine Potter, who was located in Atlantic City with F. M. Girard, is a member of a prominent family of Sandy Lake, Pa., Mercer county. She has been missing five weeks. It is alleged she left home through an advertisement, and, according to a message received by her family to-day, is anxious to return home.

The message received by Miss Potter's family is from a brother who details a statement from the girl. Miss Potter says she had been a student of physical culture and had corresponded with "Doctor" Girard after seeing his advertisement in a newspaper. Girard had represented himself as being possessed of occult power, according to Miss Potter, and once I had placed myself under his influence, I was completely in his power. I managed to escape his vigil, however, after having accompanied him a few days and fled to Outcault, a physical culture settlement in northern Pennsylvania. He soon found me and I again fell under his influence. With him I went to Newark, N. J., and other New Jersey points. We returned to Atlantic City a week ago. Since that time we occupied the tent, within hearing of hundreds of persons passing daily, but undiscovered until to-night."

Conflicting Stories.
"Doctor" Girard told the dectiva according to the message, that the young woman was his student by her own wish. He said she had shown marvelous mental development due to his psychic treatment, and that his relations had been purely professional.

A few days ago a letter was received at the Potter home from the young woman. It was written on a piece of common wrapping paper and contained a pitiful confession. Her brother took the first train to the seashore with the detective and had it difficultly in finding the tent at the foot of Arkansas avenue, though half hidden by a building in course of construction.

Sixth Century Relics.
CORFU, April 12.—The German Emperor, who is now residing here was informed to-day of the discovery near the Monastery of St. Theodore of the sixth century treasury of Christ by workmen engaged in excavating.

Crushed Under Car.
BUTLER, Pa., April 12.—J. H. Steen, a wealthy dairyman here, was crushed to death by a trolley car to-day after being thrown from a horse he was riding.

Pirates Win

DEFEAT CINCINNATI BY SCORE OF FOURTEEN TO NOTHING.

Byrnes Batting Feature of Game—Reds Played Miserably—Pirates Were Classy.
CINCINNATI, O., April 12.—Pittsburgh overwhelmed Cincinnati this afternoon by a score of 14 to 0, in the opening game of the season. Both of the Cincinnati pitchers were hit hard and often while Adams, for Pittsburgh, was well nigh invincible, holding Cincinnati to four scattered hits. Byrnes batting was the feature of the game, he getting five hits and a base on balls out of the six times that he batted in the field. The Pirates played miserably in the field. The Pirates played an exceptionally good game in every department. Adams had speed, curves and slants that fairly puzzled Cincinnati and the Reds scarcely got within firing distance of home plate. One man reached second, a solitary player got as far as third and all the others with three strikes were out or perished at the initial cushion. One of them earned his right to a temporary treasury of the base by a single, another reached there through Adams' generosity and the third profited by Wagner's fumble which was the only pirate error in the nine innings.

A Byrnes batting was a feature. Miller played a good game and was the pivot in a remarkably fast double play.

Terse Telegraphic Tips

ANTHURTON, Ind.—B. C. Barnes, of Washington, D. C., a cash register salesman, was placed on trial here to-day for forcing his way into a house on a train occupied by Miss Cora Hill, daughter of a Chicago University professor. Cash register owners and persons having hidden on a Pullman sleeper are barred from the jury.
PHILADELPHIA.—After three years illness J. M. Hodok, Jr., a former athlete, died near here to-day. His ailment, a peculiar vegetable growth which attached itself to the urethra, was the thirteenth case in the history of medicine.
OMAHA.—A fashionably dressed woman tried to squeeze through the gates of the Union station, when her base relied the eye of Gatekeeper William Peppers. He loses the sight and came near having his brain pierced.
LOWELL, Mass.—The flag which flew over Fort Sumter when it was fired on fifty years ago to-day, is thought to be in the possession of Miss Ellen Cowley, of this city.
MONTE CARLO.—Attempting to fly from France to Corsica, Lieut. Tegus crashed over the Bell line to Denver, 2,500 miles, the farthest the human voice has been carried.
BALTIMORE.—Champ Clark will be toastmaster at the National Peace Conference here May 13rd. Taft is to preside at the opening session.