

DEATH AND DESTRUCTION IN WAKE OF STORM

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Storm of Tornado Intensity Rages Over the Central, Western and Southern States.

PROPERTY LOSS WILL REACH INTO MILLIONS

With Wire Communication Down Loss Cannot Be Properly Estimated—Towns Wiped Out.

More than one hundred persons are reported killed and hundreds were injured, some mortally by a storm of tornado intensity which raged over the Central, Western and Southern and parts of the Eastern states today.

Definite advices have been received accounting for at least seventy persons dead, with reports from points temporarily cut off from wire communication by the storm adding hourly to the list.

Reports from Alabama show the loss of life was heaviest in that state, the number of dead there being already definitely placed at sixty, with additional fatalities reported, but not confirmed.

Accompanying the death list are estimates of the injured totalling more than 200, with additions coming in at brief intervals.

Coming up out of the southwest early Friday morning, just as spring was ushered in, the storm swept with startling suddenness diagonally across the country from northern Texas to western Pennsylvania.

Shifting winds of great violence, accompanied in various sections by snow, sleet and hail, characterized the storm, easily the most destructive of the year and rarely equalled in the extent of its sweep and damage.

Buildings toppled before the blow in nearly a dozen states and death lay all along in its wake.

The property loss was heavy all about the storm's track. Besides demolishing or unroofing buildings and felling trees, the high winds, rain, hail and sleet did serious damage to early crops, according to reports from some of the affected sections.

Estimates of damage to property in Indiana and Michigan alone aggregated \$2,000,000 evenly divided between the two states.

Early reports of losses ranging from \$25,000 to \$500,000 or more from sections of the storm region indicated that the total would reach large figures.

Wires Are Down. Wires fell in all directions before the blow. Not in many years has there been such prostration of telegraph and telephone service.

The wind, which wiped out so much property and cost so many lives, attained record velocities at some points. Figures given by the weather bureau in Washington showed that at Detroit it reached 88 miles an hour, a new high record in that city; 84 miles at Toledo; 88 miles an hour at Buffalo; Memphis 64 miles and Louisville 52 miles.

Cold weather is trailing the destructive blow. The storm seems to have spent its force and to be taking the accustomed route of such disturbance out the St. Lawrence Valley.

HATFIELD TO SHOW MERCY TO MINERS

States That It Is Better, That Peace Reigns Now, Than to Punish Past Offenders.

While State Executive Will Show Miners Mercy He Will Keep the Militia on Scene.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 21.—Governor Hatfield to-day gave out his first observations on the trouble in the coal fields. He takes the view that peace now is better than punishment of past offenders.

"I am thoroughly convinced of the necessity of military rule," he said, "but am anxious for the time when peace, law and order can be said to exist in the Cabin Creek district." He does not indicate an early withdrawal of the troops, but expresses a desire to be lenient with those who show a willingness to return to walks of peace.

The courts have recognized and sustained authority in the chief executive in time of war, insurrection or rebellion to exercise military rule in the theater of actual war. Authority in the Governor to proclaim a state of war in any city, district or county of this State in the event of an insurrection or rebellion has also been recognized by the courts.

Peace Must Reign. "As Governor of the State, I am now trying to cope with the exigencies of an insurrection, in view of which my predecessor in office declared the existence of a state of war in certain portions of Kanawha and other counties; and to that end the knowledge powers of which I have spoken are in my hands and will be used so far as may be necessary for the accomplishment of the purpose stated, which is indispensable to the maintenance of the law and preservation of order, as well as the fair name and honor of the State.

"There are limitations upon the exercise of these great powers, of course, and moreover, I am not bound to use them to the limits of executive right, except in case of absolute necessity; and even then, mercy may be exercised in favor of offenders, and will be whenever the circumstances of wise policy seem to justify it. All other cases, however, must yield to this desideratum, supremacy of the law and powers of the state over lawless and destructive forces, and the destruction of property, bloodshed and murder, armed opposition to government and to orderly and effective execution of the laws; these must cease and the law must be maintained."

MONTENEGRO AND AUSTRIA WARLIKE

King Nicholas Sends Curt Reply to Austria, and the Austrian Warships May Open Fire.

LONDON, March 21.—The relations of Austria and Montenegro have become acute, even to the point of breaking, as a result of the curt reply of King Nicholas of Montenegro to Austria's note concerning Scutari, in which he expressed regret for any injury done the civil population of Scutari, but refused to concede Vienna's demand that civilians be allowed to leave the besieged city, or to permit an Austrian official to participate in the inquiry into the alleged murder of the priest Palle, the forcible conversion of Catholics and interference with the Austrian steamer Skodra.

Austria already has decided to send Montenegro a more urgent note, which will really be a thinly veiled ultimatum, and if this does not have the desired effect, to issue a formal ultimatum which will be backed up by the Austrian fleet now off the coast of Albania.

Russia, which country Austria is reported to have reached a complete agreement, it is understood, will urge Montenegro to show a more conciliatory spirit, but the previous Russian efforts in this direction were fruitless, and it is feared King Nicholas, who believes his crown depends upon the capture of Scutari, will remain stubborn.

VIENNA, March 21.—Beyond promising that the future bombardment of Scutari will be directed against the fortifications and not against the town, Montenegro's reply to Austria's remonstrances is a refusal to comply with the Austrian demands.

Former Governor Black Dead. The Hon. J. S. Black, late prominent in the Republican political party, died at his home in the morning. Valgular disease had been attacking him for some time, and he was afflicted for some time, was the cause.

MR. CITIZEN, DON'T WORRY



The Cloud Will Soon Pass Over

CAMP CLARK IS FOR JOHN DAVIS

Clark and Other Congressmen Call on Attorney General in Davis' Behalf—Get Encouragement.

Intelligencer Bureau. Washington, D. C., March 21.—Representative John W. Davis, of West Virginia, to-day received a boost caused by the resignation of Judge Goff, of West Virginia. Speaker Champ Clark and a half dozen Congressmen called on Attorney General McKeen and formally urged the selection of Representative Davis. This is the first time Mr. Davis' claim has been formally presented to the Department of Justice.

The Davis forces were delighted with their interview. One of them stated afterwards that Attorney General McKeen casually remarked that Representative Davis may be the man, after all. Mr. Davis, easily comes within the age limit, being only about 43 years of age, and he has no corporation clients, which Attorney General McKeen said a few days ago would be a bar against any applicant.

SYLVIA PANKHURST WINS HUNGER STRIKE AND IS GIVEN LIBERTY.

LONDON, March 21.—Sylvia Pankhurst, the militant suffragette, today won her freedom from Holloway prison by means of a hunger strike. Her release was granted on the ground to further detain her, would endanger her life.

Miss Pankhurst, who is the daughter of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, leader of the militants, was sentenced February 18 to two months' imprisonment for engaging in a window smashing campaign in the east end of London. At the same time, Miss Zella Emerson, of Jackson, Mich., received a like sentence for the same offense. Immediately Miss Pankhurst went on a hunger strike and the prison authorities resorted to feeding her forcibly by means of a tube.

POPE IS WEAK AND LISTLESS

Heart Failure May Attack Aged Pontiff If He Does Not Rally Soon.

ROME, March 21.—The condition of Pope Pius X was not alarming today, said the Vatican physicians, but they admitted it is to be expected that heart failure might attack the pontiff if he does not rally soon. Pope Pius did not seem to be in his normal health, and it was reported that he had been ill for some time.

LETTER BY EATON MAY SHOW WHY HE IS MURDER VICTIM

Mrs. Eaton's Denial of Charge of Murdering Husband, Admiral Eaton.

"The idea of accusing me of poisoning is ridiculous. They have absolutely nothing to base an accusation upon. My whole income and maintenance depended absolutely upon the selection of Representative Davis. This is the first time Mr. Davis' claim has been formally presented to the Department of Justice.

BOSTON, March 21.—Two important links in the chain of circumstances in the mysterious poisoning of Rear Admiral Joseph G. Eaton, U. S. N., retired, whose widow is in the Plymouth county jail and is charged with his murder, still are missing. There are two queries which may play a big part in the conviction or acquittal of Mrs. Jennie May Harrison Eaton, the accused widow. The questions are: Where was bought the arsenic?

PERSONNEL OF NEW FRENCH MINISTRY

Jean Barthou Announces Personnel of the New Government to President Poincare.

PARIS, March 21.—Jean Barthou, who was requested by President Poincare to form a ministry to succeed that of Premier Briand, which resigned Tuesday, submitted to the president tonight the personnel of the new government. The portfolios are distributed as follows: Premier and Minister of Public Instruction—Jean Barthou. Minister of Justice—Antony Rattier. Minister of Finance—Charles Dumont. Minister of Foreign Affairs—Briand. Minister of the Interior—Louis L. Klotz. Minister of War—Eugene Etienne. Minister of Marine—Pierre Baudin. Minister of Agriculture—Elienne Clement. Minister of the Colonies—Jean Morel. Minister of Public Works—M. T. Parry. Minister of Labor—M. Choron.

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WILSON TO FILL ALL POSTS SOON

President is Anxious to Fill More Important Diplomatic Posts Before Extra Session.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—President Wilson is making an effort to fill the more important diplomatic posts before the extra session of Congress begins, so that he may otherwise devote his energies when the time for legislation arrives.

The President is desirous of filling the American embassy at London as quickly as possible and is said to be in hopes that Charles W. Elliot, former president of Harvard would accept though there were intimations among some of Dr. Elliot's friends today that he might decline.

DOROTHY ARNOLD REPORTED FOUND AND IS DYING

Heiress Who Mysteriously Disappeared From Her New York Home in 1910 Found.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 21.—Mystery again surrounds the home from which Dorothy Arnold disappeared in New York, Dec. 12, 1910. Rumor that the heiress, whose mysterious disappearance has puzzled two continents, has been found spread like wildfire this week, and as a consequence the Arnold home at 108 East Seventy-ninth street is again being watched.

CHILDREN WITNESS MURDER OF MOTHER

Three Boys of Tender Years Saw Their Father Beat Their Mother to Death.

BELFAST, Maine, March 21.—Three boys, the oldest twelve years, told the police today that they witnessed the murder of their mother by the father at their home last night. They are the sons of Emery Danforth, a coal dealer who is missing. The body of the woman, who had been beaten to death, was found in a bedroom. When the father had left the house, Emery, the oldest child summoned a physician. Later in company with Warren, six, and Lawrence, three, he sought the police.

How the Des Moines Charter Works

If the Paul-LaFlam charter is modeled after the charter of any one city more than another, it is after that of Des Moines, Iowa. Des Moines has been held up as the model commission city, yet the commission form of government has been in effective operation in Des Moines only about three years, and already loud protests against it are going up from many citizens.

P. H. Ryan, a prominent attorney of Des Moines, has gone to the trouble of writing a book descriptive of the Des Moines plan and the evils that have arisen under it. Here is what Mr. Ryan tells of how the commission form of government operated in one particular in Des Moines:

"To illustrate how this theory of selecting heads of departments as a corporation would do, when put into operation, Des Moines elected a commissioner with the understanding that he was to be placed at the head of the department of public safety. The place was assigned him, as expected, but recently, because the head of another department desired to shift him about, presented a resolution for that purpose one morning at a meeting of the council when but three members were present, the one sought to be changed being absent, with the result that when he arrived at his office he found himself in the predicament of a certain general with a title but no army to command. Things were patched up by the deposed superintendent being placed at the head of streets and public improvements, and the commissioner causing the change pulled on the shoes left vacant in the department of public safety.

"Beauties of the commission plan of government were very pronounced for a while thereafter. The commissioner changed to the department of public safety immediately commenced to make changes in clerical help and police officers from chief down. The one transferred to streets and public improvements followed suit, reinstating in his department those deposed from the other, and vice versa; no heed given to civil service rules, and whole performance, as a consequence, a very poor example of efficiency in public affairs. But such might be expected under this style of government. Instead of the management of affairs of the city being carried on in the manner a board of directors would do for a corporation, the conduct transpiring and permitted by this form of government, as has well been said, 'puts us to shame at home and abroad.'

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DECISION IN THE STRIKE CASES

Supreme Court Hands Down Written Opinion in Case of Mather Jones

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 21.—West Virginia supreme court of appeals this afternoon handed down a written opinion in which he of Mather Jones, Charles H. Howell, Paul F. Frazier and Hatfield, against Governor H. D. Hatfield and members of the military commission, asking for writs of habeas corpus to compel them to turn the prisoners over to the civil court, and to give the right of the military authorities of the military and to give habeas corpus to the prisoners several days ago asked for an early written opinion. That they might say to the United States supreme court for an appeal. The opinion was handed down yesterday, one point in which the majority decided, one point in which the majority decided, one point in which the majority decided.

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