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CONGRESSMAN MANN ANNOUNCES PAPER TRUST IS PREPARED TO TELL THE COMMITTEE ITS STORY

Hastens to Offer Official Testimony at Pretended Investigation.

PUBLISHER IS HEARD

Makes Clear Presentation of Manner in Which Buyers Are Held Up.

Washington, April 27.—The select committee of the house appointed by Speaker Cannon to inquire into the complaint of the American Newspaper Publishers' association regarding the price of print paper in the United States, continued its hearing today.

Other Side Willing.
At the outset Chairman Mann announced the receipt of a letter from President Burbank of the International Paper company expressing a complete willingness to send to Washington suitable officials with full information regarding the affairs of this company as you will be apt to wish.

Hearing Is Begun.

Washington, April 27.—Fighting at close quarters began Saturday between the forces contending for the consideration of the Stevens free wood pulp bill and the house triumvirate which is determined to throttle that measure by means of a pretended investigation of the price of paper. A delegation of nearly half a hundred, constituting a special committee of the American Newspaper Publishers' association, arrived in Washington to tell Speaker Cannon's special committee of the house all it wanted to know about the paper situation. The investigation committee was unprepared for such a sudden commencement of proceedings, but nevertheless started the hearing.

New York Manager Heard.

John Norris, business manager of the New York Times, speaking for the Publishers' association as a whole, was before the committee throughout the afternoon, first presenting an elaborate statement of the reasons why legislation, and not a prolonged committee investigation designed to prevent the consideration of legislation during the present session of congress, ought to be taken up. Later Mr. Norris testified as to his personal knowledge of the cost of producing paper, the increase in prices to consumers, actual and prospective, and many other things about which members of the committee asked questions.

Mann Recites Charges.

Chairman Mann, Speaker Cannon's specially chosen inquisitor, at the outset assumed a manner indicating that the publishers of the country might be regarded as the defendants in the case instead of those forming the paper manufacturers' combine. Mr. Mann appeared to resent the charges the publishers have made, such resentment on his part being a sympathetic connection with Speaker Cannon's disturbed tranquility over the necessity of having to provide for an investigation that nobody, including himself, cared for, in order to sidetrack a popular demand for action in conformity with recommendations by President Roosevelt.

Majority Want Action.

In spite of investigation that has been provided for, the obstructors of legislation are not out of the woods. It is more apparent than ever now that a clear majority of the members of the house want action on the Stevens bill, or some kindred measure. This being the case, it likewise is becoming apparent that members cannot return to their constituents and give the Cannon investigation as an excuse for not acting.

Argument Given Quietly.

One of the leading arguments against placing wood pulp on a free list—that Canada would retaliate by an export tax on wood pulp—is knocked out, by advice received here from high official sources in the Dominion.

FLOOD CONDITIONS PREVAIL IN SOUTH

Cause Mills to Close in Columbus, Ga.—Has Been Raining There for Several Days.

Atlanta, Ga., April 27.—As a result of heavy storms the past few days flood conditions prevail in a majority of the rivers of Georgia and portions of Alabama. The most serious conditions exist at Columbus where the mills are closed down and street car service suspended.

GREAT AMERICAN WHO IS SERIOUSLY ILL



Ex-President Grover Cleveland's Condition is Such as to Cause Grave Doubts as to His Recovery—He is Suffering From Stomach Trouble.

RAISULI DEAD AT THE HANDS OF ASSASSIN?

Reported Moroccan Bandit Was Ambushed by Band of Loymes.

Tangier, April 27.—Reports are in circulation here that Raisuli, the bandit, has been assassinated.

Native rumors current here are to the effect Raisuli was ambushed by a band of Loymes while journeying toward Tazart.

Has Purported Confirmation.

Paris, April 27.—The News agency here has what purports to be a confirmation of the report of the assassination of Raisuli by a number of Loymes tribesmen while returning to his home from a native feast offered in his honor. Other reports express doubt as to the truth of the rumors.

DID NOT REALIZE

Danger to Passengers of Steamer St. Paul Greater Than Was Known

AFTER STRIKING A CRUISER

Barely Able to Make Dock—Snow Caused Delay in Lowering Boats of the Liner.

Southampton, April 27.—The passengers on the St. Paul, who acted so coolly during the trying few minutes following the collision with the cruiser Gibraltar Saturday, could hardly have realized the danger in which they stood. They were assured by the officers who hurried among them that there was no danger, but the condition of the steamer's bows, disclosed as it lies at the dock, shows that it had a narrow escape from meeting the same fate as the Gibraltar. As it is, the St. Paul was more seriously damaged than at first supposed. It shipped a great quantity of water through its broken plates and from the moment it backed away from the wrecked cruiser until it reached its wharf all its pumps were kept going to their full capacity.

Plates Are Crushed In.

The damaged bows of the St. Paul indicate that it forced its nose at least 20 feet through the cruiser's side, but fortunately the greatest damage it received was above the water line. The bow post was buckled, while the plates on both the port and starboard bows were crushed in and gaping cracks extended along the side. Just along the water line the paint was scraped away, but from that point downward there is no apparent damage, although the bolts must have been started, which would account for the water pouring into its hold.

Men Show Rare Bravery.

J. T. Hills of London, a passenger on the liner, speaking of the delay in lowering the boats from the St. Paul, said:

"In response to our offer of assistance the captain of the Gibraltar replied that it was not needed. That accounts for the fact that some time—it seemed to me about 20 minutes—

elapsed after the collision before the St. Paul's boats were put in the water. At that time the cruiser was turning turtle. Some of the bluejackets on board of her cried: 'Lower your boats.' As the vessel heeled over we could see the bluejackets climbing to the uppermost side and those who failed to get a secure hold slipped into the water."

Men Show Rare Bravery.

"The discipline on the Gibraltar was magnificent. We could see every man at his post. There was no excitement on either ship. One would have thought that it was a moving picture instead of a real disaster. It was lucky that the collision happened so close to land; that very fact gave the seamen and the passengers more confidence."

The admiral commanding the Portsmouth station has issued a list of the victims of the collision as follows: Drowned bodies recovered, Cowdrey, first writer; Widgery and Sieberros, stewards, and one unknown man. Injured, one seaman, since died in Golden Hill hospital, and six injured in hospital. Missing, Lieutenant William G. P. Graves, five petty officers and 17 seamen and stokers.

EVANS MAY AGAIN COMMAND

Likely to Take Charge of Fleet Entering Golden Gate.

Paso Robles Hot Springs, April 27.—It is announced if Rear Admiral Evans continues to improve as rapidly as he has during the past two weeks he will join the fleet at Monterey and be in command when the ships pass through the Golden Gate.

Louis Klaw Dead.

New York, April 27.—Louis Klaw, brother of Marc Klaw of the theatrical firm of Klaw & Erlanger, died today. He was associated with his brother in theatrical enterprises.

German Discount Rate Cut.

Berlin, April 27.—The rate discount of the Imperial bank of Germany was reduced today from 5½ to 5 per cent.

BALLOON IN WHICH SHERBIE BECKER WILL STUMP WISCONSIN SEEKING GOVERNORSHIP BIGGEST IN CAPTIVITY

Chicago, April 27.—Sherbie Becker's balloon—the largest in "captivity"—from which the mayor of Milwaukee will stump Wisconsin during his gubernatorial campaign, arrived in Chicago yesterday.

The aerial contrivance is really the property of Charles A. Coey, but during the coming political fight will belong to Mr. Becker. From the floor of the basket to the top valve the balloon measures 125 feet.

George L. Bimbaum, inventor of the car, which has been christened the "Chicago," will make the initial ascent next week with Mr. Becker and Mr. Coey. The balloon, he says, can stay in the air six weeks without a landing.

Basket Comfortable as Pullman.

The basket in which Mr. Becker expects to pass much of his time ex-

THIRTY KILLED IN LANDSLIDE IN THE NORTH

Notre Dame, Canada, Wiped Out by Vast Movement of Earth.

CAUSED BY THE FLOODS

Base of Hill Undermined by Stream—Digging for the Bodies.

Ottawa, Ont., April 27.—A landslide which took place on the banks of the Lievre river in the county of La Belle, Quebec, buried more than a score of houses and caused the loss of 30 lives.

The village of Notre Dame de Sablette was completely swept away. It stood on both banks of the Lievre at a spot where the river is 50 yards wide and at this season is swollen by the melting snows.

On the west bank, which was about 60 feet above the water's edge, were two houses, one containing the telephone office, the other the postoffice, kept by Camille La Pointe.

Twenty Buildings Buried.

At 5 o'clock yesterday morning the west bank began to slip toward the stream. Before the occupants of the two houses could escape the great mass of blue clay tore across the

river, completely overwhelming the 20 buildings situated on the east bank and dammed the river, thus cutting off the escape of the unfortunate villagers.

At last accounts 11 bodies had been recovered. The nearest town of importance to the scene of the catastrophe is Buckingham, which is 25 miles from Ottawa by the Canadian Pacific railway. There are no Sunday trains, however, so that the reporters were obliged to drive the entire distance of 35 miles over roads deep in mud and obstructed in the bush country by snow banks.

Due to Spring Freshet.

The disaster was due to the disintegrating effect of the spring freshet. For miles on either side of the river the country is of a deep blue clay formation. The tongue of land on which the west portion of the village was situated was about 500 yards long. This mass of clay moved out bodily with incredible rapidity, burying the occupants of the two houses in their ruins and carrying death swiftly to the dwellers on the opposite bank.

HEAVY SNOW IN THE NORTH IS REPORTED

Blocks Traffic in Places and Is One of Most Serious of Season—Far South as Missouri.

St. Paul, Minn., April 27.—A wet snow fell here today delaying street car traffic.

Heaviest of Season.

Superior, Wis., April 27.—This section is today experiencing one of the heaviest snow storms of the season.

In Missouri, Too.

Sedalia, Mo., April 27.—There was a light fall of snow in central Missouri early today.

Fruit Suffers in Colorado.
Denver, Col., April 27.—Damage by frost the past two nights to orchards in the fruit growing regions of Colorado is estimated at \$1,000,000.

Killing Freeze in Nebraska.

Omaha, April 27.—The minimum temperature in Nebraska dropped to 29 last night, accompanied in some parts of the state by a killing frost. Intermittent snow fell throughout the northern part of the state.

South Dakota Has Snowstorm.

Pierre, S. D., April 27.—A snowstorm started here Saturday night and continued most of yesterday. The temperature is mild, however, and the snow is melting as fast as it falls. It is not likely that there will be any damage, unless it is to weak lambs and stock on the ranges.

In Northern Iowa.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 27.—In the northern part of the state of Iowa the temperature fell below the freezing point last night and early today.

High Wind on Lakes.

Marquette, Wis., April 27.—A storm today, almost of hurricane velocity,

CONDITIONS IN DISTRICT SWEEP BY WIND SHOW NO IMPROVEMENT, DEATH LIST MAY MOUNT TO 450

from the northeast swept over this section doing considerable damage to shipping and other property. In Squattertown, the home of local fishermen, the water is four or five feet high. Fishing boats were wrecked and people driven from the town by the water which flooded their homes.

MINE FUTURE IN STATE UNCERTAIN

Conference Adjourns in Deadlock and Both Sides Will Vote on Propositions Split On.

Springfield, Ill., April 27.—The joint state convention of the Illinois coal miners and operators ended Saturday afternoon in a deadlock. The session lasted an hour, and in that time it was decided to refer both the shot firer question and the closed shop proposition to a referendum vote. The operators will vote on the closed shop proposition; and if they decide to continue their stand on this subject, negotiations will be broken off between the miners and operators. The companies of Illinois will vote on the shot firer question and if they decide they will no longer pay these men a strike may follow.

Should the miners vote to continue paying shot firers and the operators decided the closed shop proposition to the satisfaction of the miners, a new agreement will be formulated and signed and the mines will then be reopened. Should such an agreement be formed, it is agreed it shall hold good for two years.

CANNON TO LET SUBJECT COME BEFORE HOUSE

Speaker May Permit Discussion of Paper Pulp Duty by Congress.

Washington, April 27.—As a result of representations of the American Newspaper Publishers' association, Speaker Cannon has agreed that the subject of removal of the duty on wood pulp and the price of print paper in the United States shall be discussed at a caucus of republicans to be held this week, providing a reasonable number of republican members make a request to that effect.

Prepared to Continue Filibuster.

Washington, April 27.—In a speech in the house today Minority Leader Williams said the democratic filibuster would continue until the house decided to consider the campaign publicity bill, the bill putting print paper on the free list and the anti-injunction bill.

Senate Ready to Vote on Navy.

Washington, April 27.—The senate met at 11 today. Under unanimous consent and agreement it will vote on the naval appropriation bill before adjournment today. Debate on the Piles amendment providing for the construction of four battleships was begun immediately.

Stone Again Heard.

Washington, April 27.—Senator Stone of Missouri spoke at length upon the necessity of building up the merchant marine and the navy. He condemned speeches referring to the possibility of war with Japan. Referring to the estimated deficit in the revenues of the government this year of \$60,000,000, Stone declared he proposed to vote for only two battleships.

CHIMNEY FALLS ON SCHOOL CHILDREN

Crushes One to Death and Fatally Injures Two More at Buffalo, N. Y.

Buffalo, April 27.—While a party of school children were playing in the yard of a public school on Swan street, a tall chimney on an adjoining building was blown over by a heavy gust of wind. William Pinzel, aged 14, was crushed to death, and two others were fatally injured. Several received minor hurts.

Little Change in Condition.

Lakewood, N. J., April 27.—The condition of former President Grover Cleveland, who is ill at the hotel here, is not materially changed today. There is no apprehension of an immediate crisis.

Property Loss Will Reach to Several Million Dollars.

WERE 1,277 INJURED

Relief Measures Being Taken in Cities—2,500 Houses Down.

Atlanta, Ga., April 27.—Conditions in the districts stricken by the storm of Friday, Saturday and Sunday show no improvement, according to reports up to 1 today. The death list may reach 450. The list of injured stands 1,277.

Three States Chief Sufferers.

Apparently Mississippi and Louisiana were the chief sufferers. Reports from these sections today show a number of small towns have from 1 to 10 dead. Relief measures have been taken in Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans, and other places. The number of dead in the vicinity of Richton, Miss., is 157. The financial loss will aggregate several million dollars.

Totals Are More Accurate.

New Orleans, April 27.—The totals of death, misery and ruin caused in four southern states by Friday's tornadoes came to hand yesterday in approximately correct form.

Briefly stated they are:

Killed, about 350.
Injured, painfully or seriously, 1,200.
Homeless, several thousands.
Towns reporting serious wreckage, 46.

Habitations and business houses practically complete ruins in these towns, about 2,500.

Plantations Not Figured In.

The above figures do not include the wreckage on plantations and farms, scores of which were struck and destroyed.

The number of dead may never be known accurately for the reason that about 300 of them were negroes and they were buried in many communities without careful records being made of their numbers.

While some of the first reports giving apparently reliable death lists have since proved unreliable, nevertheless, remote places where they were late in reporting their dead have served to hold the total death list around 350.

Storm's Path Traced.

By following the wreckage of towns the general direction of the tornadoes can be traced closely. Apparently the storm struck in three separate currents, each describing the arc of a circle and traveling toward the northeast.

The first of these struck through northern Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee before daylight Friday morning.

The second appeared farther south about 7 o'clock in Louisiana and Mississippi. This apparently was the portion of the storm which had swept through Alabama and Georgia on Friday night and Saturday morning.

The third portion of the storm appeared during Friday afternoon, farther south than either of its predecessors. This was the storm which demolished Amite, La., and Purvis, Miss.

Why the fatalities were so unusually large is apparent from a glance at photographs from the tornado belt. They all tell the same story. Whole blocks of what were formerly residences and cabins lie spread over the ground in debris.

If a huge lumber pile had been scattered over these areas the number of individual boards, unattached to anything else, could scarcely have been greater.

Under this mass of wreckage many hundred persons were buried, not one in a hundred escaping without some injury. The houses which were thus scattered about were mostly negro habitations.

Strange Storm Story.

Along with the accounts of suffering have come many recitals of remarkable experiences, of which the following is typical:

At Amite, La., when the tornado appeared there were seven persons at the dinner table at Hamilton Warner's home, including three children. The wind in a second tore off two doors on opposite sides of the room, and an astonishing procession of live and inanimate objects began to pass into the room through these doorways. First came a calf, running before the wind. The animal jumped over the dining table and went out the opposite door. Afterward came a horse, which followed through the exit taken by the calf. The three children sought refuge under the table, and no one was injured.