

## MORE THAN 60 DEAD IN STORM

Hundreds of Others Are Injured by Tornado Which Moves Over Many Oklahoma Towns

PROPERTY LOSS BIG AT NUMEROUS PLACES

Two Trains Derailed When Struck by Wind—Wires Are Down and Details Lacking.

Oklahoma City, Orla., April 29.—According to more detailed reports here today, the loss of life in Saturday afternoon's storms will reach upward of 60. Forty-four deaths have already been reported. The injured list runs well into the hundreds.

There was heavy property loss in the following towns: Korn, Butler, Voss, Hinton, Sentinel, Calumet, Rocky, Eldorado, Lugert, Childress, Texas, Minco, Warren, Martha, and Granite; and also in the district west of Hobart, Hulhall, and the district between Yukon and El Reno.

Wire communication is still demoralized and it is impossible to reach some of the stricken towns.

The greatest loss of life reported is at Lugert, where it is said 15 persons were killed outright. A special train sent from Altus with physicians and nurses when it was reported a passenger train had been blown from the rails, picked up 19 injured persons and started back for Altus. Two of these, Mr. Lee Stansland and Miss Eva Stansland, died on the train. It is reported that a Kansas City, Mexican and Orient railroad train had been blown from the track and 29 persons killed, but it developed that but two cars had been derailed and no one was hurt.

The tornado started just across the Texas border and first killed seven persons at Kirkland, Tex., demolished 30 buildings and blew a Rock Island railroad work train off the track.

**CHARGE TAFT STEAL IN FIRST DISTRICT**

Plans to Have Instructions for Colonel Roosevelt Given There Fall Through.

Elizabeth City, April 29.—It is alleged by some of the Republicans of this city and district that the first district was sold out in the republican congressional convention, which was held here several days ago. Instead of sending to the Chicago convention delegates that represent the sentiment of the people, these republicans who are complaining claim that two Taft men were elected and that this was brought about by federal officeholders and patronage. The men who were elected by the convention are I. M. Keekins, assistant United States district attorney, and Wheeler Martin, collector of internal revenue, both federal officeholders.

The Roosevelt boys are hot in the collar over this situation and declare that they were taken advantage of by the officeholders. They are also hot against the former Roosevelt advocates, who went against them in their effort to instruct the delegates. It is said that Joseph M. Dixon had wired here asking the convention to instruct for Roosevelt, but that the telegram happened to be addressed to one of the parties in search of plea and the same was not read to the convention. The Roosevelt headquarters had been assured by their leaders here that everything was safe for their candidate and this is not the least galling part of the humiliation they claim to have received from the convention. Assistant United States District Attorney Keekins has never declared himself for either of the candidates for president, but those who are talking declare he is favoring Taft.

## WILLIAMS IN TROUBLE

Fun-Loving Mississippian's Parody on the Apostles' Creed Draws Clerical Fire.

Washington, April 29.—Senator John Sharp Williams was yesterday the storm center of clerical criticism because of his recitation in the senate last Thursday of a parody on the apostles' creed, purporting to state political beliefs of Theodore Roosevelt.

Rev. C. Ernest Smith, rector of St. Thomas Episcopal church, denounced Senator Williams' utterance as "blasphemous travesty on those doctrines of the church for which in past centuries thousands and tens of thousands have cheerfully given up their lives." The pulpit of the Protestant Episcopal church would be untrue to its traditions should it allow such an utterance to go unheeded.

In an open letter to Senator Williams Rev. Henry I. Nicholas, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Summit Hill, Pa., not only denounces the parody but calls to account all senators who listened to it without protest. He presses Senator Williams to "get on your knees and ask God to blot out the great sin of your lips."

## THEY SLUGGED 'EM OVER THE ROPES

Taft Got Only a Fractional Vote as Result of the Buncombe County Primaries.

An forecast in The Gazette-News of Saturday the Roosevelt forces of the county won a most complete and overwhelming victory in the precinct meetings held there. Of the 36 delegates that will attend the state convention, according to the results of these meetings, 25 and a fraction will be for Col. Roosevelt, the other fraction being allotted to President Taft.

It was in Asheville that President Taft received even the small support that he got as the majority of the county precincts reported a solid Roosevelt vote while others gave the president only a very few. Those voting solidly for the Colonel are as follows: Ivy No. 1 and No. 2, Beaverdam, Limestone, Flaw Creek, French Brook, Upper Hominy No. 2, Fairview, Reems Creek, Sandy Mush No. 1 and No. 2, Leicester Nos. 1 and 2, Flat Creek and Asheville Nos. 1 and 5, the latter polling 100 votes.

Black Mountain, Taft 1; Biltmore, Roosevelt 14, Taft 4; Hazel, Roosevelt 19, Taft 4; Asheville No. 4, Roosevelt 19, Taft 8; Asheville No. 6, Roosevelt 18, Taft 3.

## PERKINS WANTS LETTERS TO TAFT MADE PUBLIC

Asks That White House Divulge Additional Harvester Case Correspondence.

New York, April 29.—George W. Perkins, the New York capitalist, in a letter last night to Representative William E. McKinley, President Taft's campaign manager, calls upon the president to make public the correspondence exchanged within the last twelve months between the White House and officials of the International Harvester company, of which Mr. Perkins is a director. He criticizes the publication of the harvester correspondence of 1907, and charges that it was done for the purpose of strengthening President Taft's cause in the forthcoming Massachusetts primaries.

Mr. Perkins defends his course in supporting Col. Roosevelt for the presidential nomination and denies that J. P. Morgan is secretly behind him in the fight in behalf of Colonel Roosevelt.

Regarding President Taft's policy in dealing with corporations Mr. Perkins says that "because of the farcical results of the 'trust busting' program of the Taft administration, Wall Street knows that it has nothing to fear from Washington."

Mr. Perkins admits that he contributed money to Colonel Roosevelt's campaign, but asserted that he also assisted the Taft campaign, loaned to George R. Sheldon, treasurer of the republican national committee, \$15,000 to pay obligations incurred during the campaign. He asserted that he holds Mr. Sheldon's note for the amount.

## JULES VEDRINES DYING; FALLS FROM MONOPLANE

Famous French Aviator Fractures His Skull at St. Denis.

Paris, April 29.—Jules Vedrines, France's most famous aviator, was fatally injured today. His skull was fractured in a fall from a great height in a monoplane at St. Denis in the flight from Douait to Madrid.

## TO MOUNT VERNON

French Delegation Which Bought Rodin's Bust Places Wreath on Washington's Tomb.

Washington, April 29.—The French delegation to the Chicago centennial journey which brought the French nation's gift to the United States—the bust La France by Rodin—today journeyed to Mr. Vernon and placed a wreath on George Washington's tomb.

## WIRELESS SYSTEM SUBJECT OF PROBE

Senate's Searching Inquiry Into Methods of Communication at Sea.

Washington, April 29.—A searching inquiry into wireless systems employed aboard ocean-going ships was conducted today by the senate committee investigating the Titanic disaster. The committee intends to go into the question thoroughly with a view to framing legislation governing the operation of the wireless on vessels entering or leaving American ports.

Testimony already given discloses that wireless operators are underpaid and working long hours. Endeavoring to further repudiate intimations that he sought to suppress or delay news of the Titanic's sinking, Guglielmo Marconi, wireless telegraph inventor appeared before the senate committee for the third time. Marconi discovered that after leaving Washington last week he sent a message to the Carpathia's operator urging him to send news of the disaster to the wireless station at Siasconnet, Mass., or to the United States navy vessels. He read copies of these messages between the Marconi office and the Carpathia and endeavored to get information of the wreck and survivors. Marconi was excused by the committee that he might sail tomorrow for England. Chairman Smith thanked Marconi for the aid he gave the committee.

F. M. Sammis, chief engineer of the American Marconi company, testified explaining what actuated him in sending messages to Operators Bride and Cottam on the Carpathia to hold their stations for "four figures." He said he made arrangements with New York papers for them to sell their personal stories and had sent a message to the "boys" informing them of that.

## TAFT DENIES APPROVING HARVESTER SUIT DELAY

Was Out of Country When Alleged Cabinet Meeting Took Place.

Washington, April 29.—President Taft before leaving the White House yesterday for his return to Massachusetts, issued a personal statement denying that he, while secretary of war, had at a cabinet meeting approved Mr. Roosevelt's decision not to immediately prosecute the International Harvester company.

President Taft's statement says he never heard the International Harvester company discussed at any cabinet meeting and that the records of the war department will show that he was out of the country when the incident referred to by the colonel occurred.

President Taft's statement was in part as follows: "Mr. Roosevelt, in his speech at Worcester, as reported by the public press, referring to the harvester trust suit said:

"As a matter of fact, Mr. Taft was a member of my cabinet when this identical case was fully discussed before the cabinet, and he cordially approved the action taken; and, indeed, as a matter of fact, my memory is that he himself made the motion that there should be no prosecution of the harvester trust pending the investigation into the trust by the bureau of corporations."

T. R.'s Memory Faulty. "Mr. Roosevelt's memory is very much at fault. I am authorized to say by Mr. Root and Secretary Wilson, both of whom were members of the cabinet at that time, that they have no recollection whatever of ever hearing the prosecution of the harvester matter discussed in the cabinet. And Mr. Root is very certain that he never saw or heard of Mr. Herbert Knox Smith's letter to Mr. Roosevelt under date of September 21, 1907, on the subject.

"I have a letter from Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of the bureau of corporations, written at my request, in which he uses the following language: "On November 7, 1907, which date I fix from my personal diary, I telephoned Mr. Perkins at the president's order that the president took the view that the bureau's investigation should come before the suit."

"This indicates with certainty the time when the matter was decided and shows that if the matter did come before the cabinet at all it must have been after September 24 and on or before November 7, 1907, a period when I was out of the country and could not have been present and certainly could not have made a motion or suggestion in the cabinet that no suit be prosecuted until after the investigation."

## A PERILOUS LEAP

Man Falls 500 Feet From Aeroplane Before Parachute Opens—Lands in Wires.

Los Angeles, April 29.—Jumping in a parachute from an aeroplane at a height of 2,000 feet, William M. Morrison today landed in electric wires and was slightly injured. Morrison dropped 500 feet before the parachute opened.

## PARIS BANNIT CHIEF KILLED

Bonnot Trapped in Garage Which Is Surrounded and Blown Up With Dynamite.

## HUNDREDS OF POLICE IN AT THE DEATH

Gendarmes Rushed to Assist Officers—Anarchist Also Slain, Resisting to the Last.

Paris, April 29.—Bonnot, the leader of an organized gang of automobile bandits who have been terrorizing Paris and the surrounding district for months past, and Dubois, a notorious anarchist, were shot to death yesterday in the most thrilling encounter in the annals of French crime.

A garage at Choley-le-Roi, six miles south of Paris, in which the bandits had taken refuge, was blown up by dynamite after these two men had kept at bay for hours a large party of the police force of Paris, a contingent of gendarmes, two companies of republican guards and a company of engineers. Ten thousand spectators viewed the battle from points of vantage.

The encounter equalled in dramatic circumstances the encounter in January, 1911, described as "the battle of London," when desperadoes suspected of being the murderers of police in Houndsditch, were trapped in a house in the White Chapel district and went to their death battling against hundreds of London police and soldiers.

Trapped in Building. Bonnot and Dubois, after wounding two policemen, took refuge in the garage, which was at once surrounded. Reinforcements were dispatched to aid the police, composed of gendarmes, republican guards and engineers. A battery of artillery was on the way from Versailles when a small detachment of soldiers succeeded in placing dynamite against the structure and blowing out the front wall.

Bonnot was captured alive. He was riddled with bullets and died on the way to a hospital. The great crowd that had gathered, with cries of "death to Bonnot," almost tore the bandit from the soldiers, several of whom were injured.

Parliaments, particularly automobiles, have been in a state of terror because of the reckless crimes of the automobile bandits, which reached a climax in the murder of Assistant Superintendent Jouin of the detective department, and the wounding of Chief Inspector Colmar by Bonnot on the morning of April 24. The government then ordered all the available police to hunt the assassins day and night.

Detectives Are Shot. At 7 o'clock Sunday morning M. Guichard, superintendent of detectives, tracked Bonnot to the isolated garage at Choley-le-Roi. As Guichard and his men approached a bandit, who proved to be Dubois, was preparing to mount a motorcycle. He answered the summons to surrender by opening fire, while he retreated to the garage. At the same moment there was a hail of bullets from a window, and two detectives fell, one with two bullets in his abdomen. It was Bonnot's firing.

The detectives retired and a general alarm was sent out. Police, gendarmes and all classes of people came quickly. They were armed with muskets and revolvers, and directed hundreds of bullets at the garage, from which came a steady rain of lead in reply. M. Leprieux, prefect of Paris, was immediately notified and he telephoned instructions to the police to do nothing until he arrived. "We will show them up with dynamite," he said.

Meanwhile the republican guard and engineer corps arrived, while thousands of persons flocked to the scene. They became so numerous that the soldiers were forced to drive them back, as they were interfering with the progress of the siege.

M. Leprieux, M. Guichard and the commander of the republican guard held a council of war and decided to use dynamite. Hundreds of gendarmes, armed with carbines, then began to encircle the building to prevent the escape of the bandits. A cart was rigged up with thick matrosses as a barricade, and the attacking party backed slowly toward the garage.

When the cart reached the wall, Lieutenant Porteau emerged and coolly placed two huge sticks of dynamite against the building and ignited the fuse. But no explosion followed. This operation was repeated twice. The same a terrific report, and a column of smoke and debris shot skyward.

Bandits Fire Steadily. All the while the bandits were volleying steadily, but no one was hit. As the front wall collapsed with a crash, the police and republican guards rushed up. On the ground floor they found Dubois dead. They mounted a narrow staircase and observed a man streaming with blood, his left arm in a sling, crouched behind every woman wall. He was sure that every woman wall he made would enable her to do the same.

(Signed) "HELIEN H. TAFT." It is planned to reach the 25,000 women's clubs with an appeal for the memorial, and thousands of letters will be sent throughout the country. The memorial may take the form of an arch. No mention of individuals will be made. It is planned to make it "Woman's tribute to heroic mankind."

## TAFT AND COLONEL ARE BOTH IN MASS.

Two Presidential Candidates Touring State on Eve of Primaries.

Boston, April 29.—An episode unique in Massachusetts politics occurred today, with President Taft and former President Roosevelt following the same track in making final speeches in the presidential pre-convention campaign in Massachusetts. Supporters of LaFollette, Wilson and Clark were heard in different sections of the state.

The polls open at 6 o'clock tomorrow. Boston, Mass., April 29.—Boston gave Colonel Roosevelt the most demonstrative welcome Saturday he has seen since beginning his campaign for the presidential nomination. Speaking in the Arena before a tumultuous throng the former president again criticized Mr. Taft. He, however, did not repeat the severe denunciation which marked his speech at Worcester.

He spoke calmly, and devoted only a small part of his address to President Taft.

"I do not wish this to be a campaign of personalities between Mr. Taft and myself," said Colonel Roosevelt.

"I am more fortunate than Mr. Taft in my friends. When Mr. Taft came here Thursday he came here having lost Illinois. I came here having lost New Hampshire. In Illinois Mr. Taft's chief lieutenant had been Mr. Lorimer. In New Hampshire my chief lieutenant was Governor Bass. Mr. Taft came here to explain that he did not like Mr. Lorimer, having kept his dislike private and confidential until after he lost Illinois. I am here and say that win or lose, I am with Governor Bass."

Holding up a sheet of paper, Colonel Roosevelt said: "I have got two parallel columns here, in one are my chief supporters, in the other Mr. Taft's."

Among his own supporters the Colonel mentioned the western governors who asked him to run and Clifford Plimchot.

"Where's Perkins?" some one in the crowd shouted. "He's for me," the Colonel called back. "You can't put a question to me that will embarrass me for a moment. You can search my record and you will find that I never have done and I never will do for Mr. Perkins, or any other human being. One thing that I won't tell to you in detail."

The crowd gathered near the arena was so large that the police reinforcements had to be called to handle it. The arena has seats for 8000 persons, and nearly two hours before Colonel Roosevelt arrived the police barred the doors.

Before Colonel Roosevelt arrived, a body of men in the middle of the arena began to chant, "We want Taft! We want Taft!" The people rose to their feet with a shout and for a few moments the hall was in confusion.

## WOMEN PLAN MEMORIAL FOR THE TITANIC DEAD

Mrs. Taft Gives First Dollar for "Woman's Tribute to Heroic Mankind."

Washington, April 29.—Mrs. William H. Taft has given the first dollar to a women's Titanic memorial, which it is proposed shall be erected in Washington to commemorate all states who died with the ship. A committee of 100 women from all states has been named, and no contributions will be accepted from men. Mrs. John Hay, Mrs. John Hays Hammond and others are interested.

In contributing the first dollar, Mrs. Taft wrote: "It gives me pleasure to start the first woman's Titanic memorial fund by giving the first dollar. I am glad to do this in gratitude to the chivalry of American manhood, and I am sure that every woman will feel that the swiftness of the contribution solicited will enable her to do the same." (Signed) "HELIEN H. TAFT."

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## HARVESTER CO. SUIT COMING

Government Is to Bring Action at Minneapolis Tuesday Asking for Trust's Dissolution.

Decide to Hold a Mass Meeting in the County.

A special meeting of the board of education of the county was held this morning at 11 o'clock in the office of Supt. A. C. Reynolds, at which time a tentative report was submitted for consideration concerning the voting of a special school tax by the people of the county, accompanied by statements of the receipts and disbursements of the present school year, from July 1, 1911, to April 1, 1912, and for a period covering the past six years, showing all receipts and disbursements, amounts paid for buildings and list of teachers receiving \$50 and upward per month, which is in answer to a request made for such a statement sometime ago.

When the report which was laid before the board this morning is accepted by the board it will be published so that the people of the county may have time to consider whether or not they wish to vote a special tax of 20 cents on the \$100 of property and 30 cents on the poll. The report will also be submitted to a mass meeting which is to be held in the court house on the morning of May 9 at 11 o'clock which will be held for the purpose of determining whether or not the people want this uniform tax for the entire county.

Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner will be present at this mass meeting to expound the advantages of such a uniform tax and there will also be a number of other speakers for the occasion and the board desires that as many as possible attend. It is the especial desire that ladies also attend since they are as much as or more interested in educational questions than the men.

The report sets forth that at the beginning of the present school year there was a debt against the school fund and that this debt has been paid in great part but that in order to do this it has been necessary to cut down the per capita apportionment from about \$2.25 to \$2 and also lessen the school term. The fund has been further depleted, it is pointed out, on account of the fact that \$1068.34 had from the Grace district because the election for a special tax there failed to stand, this amount having been advanced from the general fund.

There are at present 25 districts in the county that have, in addition to the amount provided by the general state law of 30 cents on every \$100 of property and \$1.50 on the polls, this special tax as before mentioned, and \$2 districts that have only the general tax fund. A statement will accompany the report showing the comparative standing of these different districts and the comparison will prove most interesting.

Supt. Reynolds has prepared a statement as near as possible the approximate estimate of what all the districts would get for their school funds under the uniform special tax system, but this does not include estimates for new buildings, which the report says could be provided for all the districts by a ten years' loan.

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The present school system, the report says, is far from perfect but that nothing better could be undertaken than the bettering of conditions so far as possible. The statement is made that the time has arrived when the present system will go back rather than advance. It is therefore strongly urged that the people of the county vote this special uniform tax for the entire county.

The importance of educating the children of all classes is emphasized and the point urged upon the people that they should give the matter of the special tax their undivided attention.

## THE CAROLINA SPECIAL DITCHED IN KENTUCKY

Two Are Seriously Injured When Rails Spread Under Fast Train.

Crittenden, Ky., April 29.—The entire train of Carolina special No. 10, on the Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific railway, overturned half a mile south of here today while running at a high speed. Two passengers were seriously injured. Spreading rails caused the wreck.

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Control of From 85 to 90 Per Cent of Harvester Business Charged by Federal Lawyers.

Washington, April 29.—An anti-trust suit seeking the dissolution of the International Harvester company under the Sherman law will be filed in Minneapolis tomorrow. This is the culmination of a five years investigation.

The government maintains the so-called trust controls from 85 to 90 per cent of the harvester business of the country and that its two principal subsidiaries, the McCormick and Deering companies represented from 60 to 65 percent of the business.

The International Harvester company is a \$140,000,000 corporation, composed of six subsidiaries.

## HARD FOUGHT CAMPAIGN NEARS END IN GEORGIA

The Presidential Primary Contest Is Between Wilson and Underwood.

Atlanta, April 29.—After one of the most stubbornly contested campaigns in the history of Georgia, the democratic voters of the state will register their choice for the nomination of the presidency at a state presidential preference primary Wednesday. Supporters of Gov. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey and Congressman Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama, the two leading candidates, have presented the claims of their favorites with great vigor in every county in the state and the vote is expected to be heavy. While the fight is conceded to be between the Wilson and Underwood forces, Speaker Champ Clark and Gov. Judson Harmon of Ohio, whose names also will appear on the official ballot, will poll a considerable vote, according to a statement made to The Associated Press by R. R. Arnold of this city, a member of the democratic state executive committee.

On the ballot a blank space will be left for the voter to write the name of any other candidate preferred by him.

The candidate receiving the largest vote in the primary will have the entire state delegation to the national democratic convention instructed for him, according to the plan adopted by the state executive committee. The plan provides that the executive committees of the various counties shall meet next Thursday, the day after the primary, to canvass the returns and to declare the result. The state executive committee will meet on May 10 to consolidate the returns for the entire state and to decide any contests that may have arisen.

From among the known friends and supporters of the candidate successful in the various counties the county executive committees will then select delegates to the state convention. Each county will be entitled to as many delegates to this convention as double the number of its representatives in the general assembly. The candidate polling the greatest number of votes in the state convention will be given the vote of the entire state delegation at Baltimore. Georgia will be entitled to 25 delegates to the national convention.

## 8 HURT, FOUR MISSING; COAL MINE EXPLOSION

Marvel, Ala., April 29.—Eight miners were fatally injured and four others are missing and are believed to have been killed from an explosion in the Rodan coal mine. Rescue work is proceeding slowly because of black damp.

Patterson Case Put on Docket. Washington, April 29.—The Patterson cotton corner was today restored to the docket of the United States Supreme court and rescheduled for hearing again October 15. The case arose in New York under the Sherman anti-trust law.

Taplines Not Common Carriers. Washington, April 29.—Taplines are not common carriers. This is general effect is the interstate commerce commission decision handed down after an investigation of more than a year.