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HARVEST OF DEATH

Winter's Storm on Lake Takes Toll of Many Lives.

59 PERSONS PERISHED

Storm on Lake Erie Also Laid Waste More Than \$1,000,000 Worth of Vessel Property—Dead Brought to Port.

Cleveland, Ohio.—The winter storm which passed over Lake Erie reaped a deadly harvest and laid waste more than \$1,000,000 worth of vessel property. Late reports show that 59 lives were lost, that 20 sailors were rescued, that four boats were destroyed and that one sustained heavy damages.

A summary of the storm's work shows:

Steamer Clarion burned; fifteen lives lost, six saved.

Steamer W. C. Richardson sunk; five drowned, fourteen saved.

Car ferry Marquette and Bessemer No. 2 wrecked; thirty-two lives lost. Tow boat sunk; no lives lost.

Sailor from Richardson, crazed by exposure, committed suicide.

Erie, Pa.—With her flag at half-mast the state fisheries' boat, Commodore Perry, brought to this port the dead and frozen bodies of nine members of the crew of the Bessemer and Marquette ferry No. 2, which left Conneaut, Ohio, carrying thirty-two men, and which probably foundered in the middle of Lake Erie.

News of the finding of the bodies had reached the city, and thousands of persons swarmed the wharves. As soon as the fish boat made fast a force of men, with tackle, set to work raising the dead bodies of the men to the deck, where wagons were in waiting.

The procession of dead passed through the principal streets of the city with hundreds of people following.

Conneaut, Ohio, where most of the men lived, was notified by telephone, and a hundred residents of that city arrived here within two hours. They were taken directly to the coroner's morgue, where identifications were made.

SKATING PARTY DROWNS.

Sad Accident Almost Obliterates Family at Kent, Ohio.

Kent, Ohio.—The opening of the skating season claimed five victims near here, and nearly obliterated a family.

Frank, Helen, Flora, Mabel and Russell Gormany were the victims.

The tragedy occurred on Sperry Brook, a tributary of the Cuyahoga river, at Monroe Falls.

The Gormany girls had been warned against venturing on the ice alone, and persuaded their father and uncle to accompany them. The men were to skate and the children to slide. They left home about 9 a. m., promising to return for dinner.

When they failed to appear, Mrs. Gormany became anxious, and, taking her 3-year-old son, Charles, the only surviving child, went to the homes of neighbors, and organized a searching party. Search at the falls revealed at first only a big hole in the ice.

In the afternoon Flora Gormany's body was dragged from the water, and later the others were recovered.

Skating Causes Five Deaths.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Five deaths resulted from the inauguration of the skating season in this state and New Jersey. Four of the victims were boys, and the fifth, a father, who was drowned after rescuing his 12-year-old son.

School Teachers Drowned.

Oak Harbor, Ohio.—Nelson Davids, aged 19, and Mary Mylander, aged 21, both school teachers, were drowned while skating on the Portage river.

Alabama Passes Prohibition Bill. Montgomery, Ala.—The Carmichael bill, providing for state wide prohibition has passed the house by a vote of 75 to 19.

Admiral W. W. Kimball.

Chosen to Command Our Ships In Nicaraguan Waters.



Admiral William Wirt Kimball is the man selected by the Washington authorities to command the squadron of American vessels sent to Nicaraguan waters. Admiral Kimball is one of the newest of the nation's admirals, having been advanced only recently from the grade of captain. His previous command was the big battleship New Jersey.

FIRST GUN IS FIRED.

Controversy in Congress Over Railroad Legislation This Winter.

Washington.—A controversy over railroad legislation will be precipitated in congress this winter, which, in intensity of interest and gravity of importance, promises to surpass the legislative conflict over railroad rates four years ago.

The first gun has just been fired by Senator Cummins, of Iowa, introducing a bill proposing radical changes in the interstate commerce act. In a large sense the Cummins measure is a practical substitute for the present interstate commerce act. It is expected that a measure proposing amendments to the existing law will be introduced early in January by Senator Elkins and will differ from the Cummins bill in many important details.

In brief the Cummins bill requires the interstate commerce commission to promulgate a uniform classification of freight and to prepare a plan for the statement of freight rates which shall hereafter be made in a uniform way. The carriers are required to adopt this classification.

COTTON MARKET BOOM.

Government Crop Report Shoots Price Up \$2 a Bale.

New York.—Not since the Sully boom of 1904 has the New York cotton exchange witnessed a more sensational scene or a more spectacular rise in prices than occurred with the announcement of the government crop report.

With the galleries crowded with visitors from the south, augmented by friends and relatives of operators and other interested spectators, the market soared to a new high record for the season with gains of more than \$2 a bale. Both the May and the July options touched the high mark of 15.80, both gaining approximately 42 points over Thursday's close.

The government estimate is about 200,000 bales below the predictions of the most sanguine of the bulls, and the action of the market naturally followed. Sixteen-cent cotton, so much talked about, was not realized, but the market came near it.

Night Riders Burn Tobacco Crop.

Cynthiana, Ky.—The barn of Edward Judy, together with 5,000 pounds of tobacco, at Beaver Baptist church, this county, was burned presumably by night riders. All telephone wires in the vicinity were cut and several shots were fired. Judy was an independent grower. He recently sold his crop to a local buyer but had not delivered.

BLACK FIEND KILLS

Gruesome Crime Discovered at Savannah, Ga.

WHITE WOMEN VICTIMS

Savannah Shocked and Outraged Over One of the Most Dastardly Crimes Ever Committed in Its History—Police Arrest 150 Negroes.

Savannah, Ga.—A gruesome crime as the result of an assault by a negro was brought to light when persons forced their way into the home of Mrs. Eliza Gribble at this place, which had been closed so long as to arouse suspicions of something wrong. Upon entering the residence Mrs. Gribble was found dead in one of the bed rooms with her head beaten into a pulp. Further search then found Mrs. Carrie Ohlander, a daughter, dead. Her head had been split wide open with some sharp instrument, supposedly an axe.

The third inmate of the residence, a second daughter of Mrs. Gribble, was later found in a dying condition in the room.

All indications point to the fact that the women were murdered during the night by a negro who entered the home with the intention of committing an assault.

Caught in Police Dragnet.

One hundred and fifty negro men, caught in the meshes of the police dragnet through Yamacraw, the negro section of the city, are prisoners in the police station, the theory of the police being that a negro man, having planned an assault upon Mrs. Ohlander, was compelled to commit the other crimes in order to escape.

Police believe that this negro, using an ax taken from the woodshed in the rear of the Gribble home, beat Mrs. Gribble to death, struck down the other woman and after assaulting Mrs. Ohlander in the wide, long hallway, where the bodies were found, finished his terrible work by beating in her skull with the weapon.

\$1,000 Reward Offered.

Mayor Tideman has offered a reward of \$1,000, with evidence to convict, for the arrest of the negro who committed the crime.

The city of Savannah was thrown into a furore of excitement over the awful crime.

"WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC."

Immigration Commission Probing Into Revolting Conditions.

Washington.—Stories of revolting practices of American and foreign procurers of women for importation into the United States for immoral purposes are told in a report issued by the immigration commission. The recommendations of the commission contemplate a closer scrutiny into the admission of alien women and renewed efforts to stamp out the so-called "white slave traffic."

In explanation of the act of laying bare to the public the details of discoveries by its agents, the commission says that the "white slave traffic" is the most pitiful and the most revolting phase of the immigration question. This business has assumed large proportions, and it has been exerting so evil an influence upon the country that the commission declares that it felt compelled to make it the subject of a thorough investigation.

POWDER MAGAZINE EXPLODES.

One Killed and Several Injured at Bull's Gap, Tenn.

Knoxville, Tenn.—A special to the Sentinel from Bull's Gap, Tenn., says that a dynamite and powder magazine of A. Donovan, a railroad contractor, exploded there. Isaac Buchanan was killed and W. H. Booth and Dana Berry were probably fatally injured.

It is claimed Buchanan entered the powder house with a lighted pipe and the explosion followed.

Window glass were broken in a large number of buildings in the town, and a cavity about 20 feet in diameter and 10 feet deep marks the spot of the explosion. The magazine was totally destroyed.

Professor J. H. Gore.

One of Three Men Chosen to Probe Polar Claims.



Professor James Howard Gore, member of the committee appointed by the National Geographic society to investigate the question of the claims of Cook and Peary to priority in the discovery of the north pole, is a Washington educator of note who has written books on geography and other sciences. He is professor of mathematics in George Washington university and secretary of the American Meteorological society.

HOSPITABLE TO THE END.

In Death's Shadow, Woman Entertains Friends at Reception.

Springfield, Mo.—Determined that none of her social obligations should remain unpaid when she died, Mrs. Alma Dodson, a social leader and the only woman lawyer in this county, invited all her friends to a farewell card party and reception immediately after being informed by her physician that she must submit to an operation that would probably prove fatal.

The party was held the day before the operation was performed.

Smiling and cheerful, Mrs. Dodson was an admirable hostess, allowing nothing to disturb the pleasure of her guests. If she felt any anxiety she gave no evidence of it.

When the party was over and she had bade her guests goodbye, Mrs. Dodson calmly arranged her personal effects and picked out the clothing in which she wished to be attired after death. She then went to the hospital, where she died following the operation.

RANDALL IS NAMED.

Re-Elected President of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

Washington.—Joseph E. Randall, member of congress from Louisiana, has been re-elected president of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. Capt. J. F. Ellison, of Cincinnati, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Through resolutions, the convention declared for a new department for the treatment of waterways improvements, and for regular annual appropriations for the speedy completion of waterways projects now under construction to be paid out of current revenues if possible; otherwise for the sale of bonds.

The resolutions also call upon states and municipalities to preserve and protect their dock and landing facilities, without which the improved channel would be crippled in its usefulness.

One More Auto Victim.

Atlanta.—An automobile party of four young men came to a sudden and disastrous ending on the Peachtree road, when the right rear wheel fell from the axle, throwing the car violently into a ditch. E. Jones, better known as "Daredevil" Jones, who was driving the car, suffered a depressed fracture of the skull, and was taken to the Grady hospital, where he died a short while afterward. Jones had won several amateur automobile races.

County Government.

Representative—G. W. Wilson.
Clerk Superior Court—T. T. Loftis.
Sheriff and Tax Collector—C. C. Kilpatrick.
Treasurer—Z. W. Nicholls.
Register of Deeds—B. A. Gillespie.
Coroner—Dr. W. J. Wallis.
Surveyor—A. L. Hardin.
Commissioners—W. M. Henry, Ch'n; G. T. Lyday; W. E. Galloway.
Superintendent of Schools—T. C. Henderson.
Physician—Dr. Goode Cheatham.
Attorney—Cash & Galloway.

Town Government.

Mayor—W. E. Breese, jr.
Board of Aldermen—T. H. Shipman, J. M. Kilpatrick, T. M. Mitchell, A. H. King, E. W. Carter.
Marshal—J. A. Galloway.
Clerk and Tax Collector—T. H. Galloway.
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