

LIST OF VICTIMS IS
NOW PLACED AT THE
TOTAL OF THIRTY

Tornado Which Destroyed
Brinkley, Ark. Grows In
Its Horror.

CATHOLIC CHURCH
ESCAPED DAMAGE

Standing Directly In the Path
of Storm It Now
Stands Alone.

(By Associated Press.)
BRINKLEY, Ark., March 9.—Thirty
people were injured and property
estimated to be worth one million dollars
was destroyed as a result of the tornado
which wrecked this little city last
night.

Church Escaped.
The tornado hovered about the city
only a few minutes, but its work
of destruction was complete. The
Roman Catholic church, standing direct-
ly in the path of the storm alone
escaped damage or destruction and
stands tonight a grim sentinel on a
scene of desolation. Main street and
Cypress avenue, the two principal
thoroughfares of the town are impass-
able and are piled high with wreckage
from end to end. Every business
house is in ruins and there is hardly
a home that has not at least
suffered the loss of a roof or wing.
The Arlington hotel was totally
demolished. Eighty guests were regis-
tered there, but all escaped uninjured.
The Brinkley hotel, Southern hotel
and Kelley hotel were all destroyed
without loss of life.

Relief Work.
Relief squads have been at work
all day caring for the dead and injured.
The Rock Island and Cotton Belt rail-
ways have placed cars at the disposal
of the relief committee and many peo-
ple are leaving Brinkley seeking a
temporary refuge at other points
nearby. The dead were sent to Helena
from which point interment will take
place.

Governor Donaghey arrived from
Little Rock this afternoon in response
to a call from the citizens' committee.
He has the situation well in hand and
says food, clothing and shelter are
the things most needed. Hundreds of
people are homeless and are wander-
ing about seeking a temporary abode.
Three special trains arrived from
neighboring towns today bringing
relief workers, physicians and nurses.
The Catholic church has been con-
verted into a hospital and here the
doctors and nurses are caring for the
injured. The citizens of Helena have
generously offered the use of their
homes for the destitute.

MURIEL WHITE LANDS A
REAL COUNT IN BERLIN

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, March 9.—The engage-
ments was announced today of
Muriel White, daughter of Henry
White, the American ambassador, to
Count Herman Scherr-Thoss, an offi-
cer of the Royal Prussian Cuirassiers.
Miss White met the count only a
few weeks ago while visiting Mrs.
Reynolds Hitt, wife of the secretary
of the American embassy at Berlin.

The count is the eldest of four
sons of Count and Countess Scherr-
Thoss, of Dobrua, Prussian Silesia,
and is heir to both the title and the
extensive estate which the family
owns in Silesia. The count is twenty-
nine and Miss White twenty-five
years of age. The marriage will
probably take place in May.

Count Scherr-Thoss is described as
a handsome and dashing officer of
sterling qualities. In spite of the
suddenness of the count's wooing,
Ambassador and Mrs. White appear
to be completely reconciled to the
match.

THE CITIZEN IS CRIPPLED

Owing to the failure of the electric
power, caused by last night's storm,
The citizen's linotype machines were
put out of commission, and the paper
went to press, in a sadly crippled
condition, The public is therefore
asked to overlook today's shortage of
news.

At 1.0'clock this morning the lino-
type operators abandoned their machines
and went back to the primitive method
of setting type by hand and candle light.

LEGISLATURE OF
'09 QUIETLY GOES
OUT INTO HISTORY

Practically Harmless Session
Adjourns With Usual Scenes
of Dissolution

MASS OF SMALL
BILLS WAS PASSED

Will Go On Record As
Having Caused No Disturb-
ance of Commerce.

(Special to The Citizen.)
RALEIGH, N. C., March 9.—Final
adjournment of the general assembly
took place amid the stir and merry-
making usually incident to such oc-
casions at 2 o'clock this afternoon,
two days past the constitutional limit
for which members can receive pay.
The records show that during the
session there has been just 1,319 bills
of public and private character and
57 resolutions passed. Probably few
legislatures, however, have enacted so
few bills of general state-wide inter-
est and application. The senate and
house, for the final day were each in
session for about four hours, most
of the time being spent in merry-
making as the lawmakers waited for
the enrollment of the final
grist of bills for ratification.

Many Tabled.
Both houses broke the record for
tabling bills, sending large numbers to
the table in rapid succession, among
the number being the house joint re-
solution passed last night carrying
\$10,000 for the statue of Zebulon B.
Vance to be placed in statuary hall,
Washington. This was tabled by the
senate after it had passed the house
by a rising unanimous vote. The up-
per branch of the assembly deemed
this all too important and large an
appropriation to go through the legis-
lature.

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Gen. Stoessel III



SUPREME COURT OF MO.
OVER-RULES MOTIONS OF
OIL CO'S. FOR REHEARING

Standard and Republic Com-
panies Must Discontinue
Business in State.

STANDARD TO APPEAL

(By Associated Press.)
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 9.
—The motions by the Standard Oil
company of Indiana and the Repub-
lic Oil company of Ohio for a re-
hearing of the ouster suit recently
decided against them and for a mod-
ification of the judgment were over-
ruled by the Missouri supreme court
today.

DARKNESS OF PLUTONIAN SHORES
ENVELOPED ASHEVILLE LAST NIGHT

Falling Trees Put the City's Electric Light Plant Out of Business For More Than
One Hour.—Cars Stalled and Streets Are Deserted by Pedestrians Who Fly
From Wrath of Jupiter Pluvius.

Enveloped in complete darkness,
while the rain poured in torrents and
only the flashing lightning pierced
the gloom and the wind howled a
sort of requiem to the disaster and
frightened passengers in street cars
on suburban lines wailed in despair
of ever getting home, Asheville had
one of the experiences of its life last
night between 8.30 p. m. and 2.10 a. m.
when the steam plant of the Asheville
Electric Co., run at full tilt, distributed
a current feeble in comparison with
the high power voltage which had
been suddenly shut off from the
Weaver power plant by a tree falling
on the cables or the rain undermining
poles.

Total Darkness.
Never before has the city experi-
enced such a collapse of its electric
light and power system, or under such
disagreeable circumstances. When
the lights failed the rain was pour-
ing, and overhead the dark clouds
shut out any possible glimmer from

the moon or stars and the occasional
flashes of brilliant lightning but added
to the gloom which grew as the
Plutonian darkness continued. The
dependence of the city on electricity
was amply illustrated when Patton
avenue and business streets stopped
hardly a glimmer of light to indicate
that hundreds of people were in stores
and offices and hapless pedestrians
struggling on their way foundered
into the street hardly able, in some
cases, to tell where they were. In
one or two stores oil lamps saved the
proprietors. A great silence came on
the town and as time went on and
no relief came the superstitiously in-
clined felt the "goose flesh" creeping
over them.

Transportation Stopped.
Street hacks crept slowly on their
ways, the cabmen not being able to
see those who would hail them at
times. Only the automobiles with
their flaming eyes made headway in
the superlative night and blinding
rain. Street cars, dependent for power
on the big hydro-electric plant whose
artery was severed, stopped flur-
rially in their tracks wherever they
chanced to be about 8.30 and there
they remained for a weary time, in
some cases being stalled far from the
square and far from any refuge avail-
able to the passengers who finally
grew genuinely alarmed at the pros-
pect of not getting any where before
morning. Men "cussed" with a fluency
which showed that practice makes
perfect.

Out With Candles.
One tower of light alone shone as
a lighthouse of cheer and good hope,
the stately, high perched Battery Park
hotel whose many windows winked
with bright light as always because
Proprietor J. L. Alexander has his
own electric power. The glimmer-
ing lamps of the approach showed
the way to a refuge for Haywood
street wayfarers. By and by the
Standard Oil got its innings when
candles were dug from almost forgot-
ten places and grocers routed out by
clamoring people broke a few rules by
opening their stores and dispensing
pristine petrified paraffine to the
clamorous ones looking for "The light
that failed."

Tough on The Citizen.
The collapse of the light and power
circuit dealt a damaging blow to
The Citizen which made a "stagger"
with candles, but these could not sup-
ply the essential power for machines
which were unable to run even after

NEGRO JOHNSON &
HIS WHITE WIFE IN
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Heavyweight Champion of the
World Says He Will
Meet Jeffries

OF COURSE HE
WILL GO ON STAGE

Sends Word To the Parade
Committee That He
"Will Be There."

(By Associated Press.)
VICTORIA, B. C., March 9.—"Jack"
Johnson, the colored heavyweight
champion pugilist, and his white wife,
a former Philadelphia woman, who
threw in her lot with him after his
fight at Sydney, arrived this morning
by the steamer Makura from Sydney.

Johnson unreservedly declared his
willingness to meet Jeffries or any
other man. Johnson said to an Asso-
ciated Press representative:
"I am willing to meet Jeffries; I
am willing to meet any man in the
world, and I do not think any one
can get a decision over me, much less
put me out. It tires me to hear this
talk about Jeffries claiming the cham-
pionship. When a champion leaves
the ring he's an ex-champion.

"In all the notices I have seen its
all what Jeffries takes. What's the
matter with what Johnson will take.
I'm the champion, ain't I? I want
a winner and loser's end. I don't
care what it is, sixty and forty, or
seventy-five and twenty-five, but
there's got to be a winner and loser's
end."
It is doubtful, according to the ar-
rangements made by Johnson, whether
any fight could be brought on with
Jeffries, Ketchel or any other man
within six months.

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MR. MEEKS CLAIMS
COOPER JUSTIFIED IN
KILLING CARMACK

Changes His Mind About the
Application of Unwritten Law
as to Printed Utterances.

(By Associated Press.)
NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 9.—
Justification of homicide was extend-
ed today to cover editors who attack
private or public men, by General
Meeks of counsel for the defense in
the Cooper-Sharp trial for the murder
of United States Senator E. W. Car-
mack. The sensation was sprung
during General Meeks' speech to the
jury. Previously he had ex-
pressly disclaimed the belief that
any editorial attack justified killing
the writer. But when warmed
up to his subject with a burst of
eloquence he said:

"You talk of the liberty of the
press. Why gentlemen no man
lives who believes more firmly in
the liberty of the press than I do.
But when a man in an editorial
position turns the liberty of the
press into license and undertakes
to defame and defile you and your
family what are you going to do?
The prosecution will tell you you
have your recourse in the courts.
Yes and you get a judgment for
\$25,000 against a man not worth
the price of a plug of tobacco. Is
that satisfaction?"

"Oh, gentlemen, I tell you that
the streets of this, our city have
run red before with the blood of
men who improperly used other
men's names in public prints."
Five Hours Speech.

General Meeks devoted five hours
to the speech. He painted the de-
fendants as the finest types of
southern aristocracy and breeding,
declared no crime had been com-
mitted when Senator Carmack was
shot to death and closed with a
dramatic appeal to the jury to
"turn loose this gallant old sol-
dier," Colonel Cooper.

So great was the throng which
tried to crowd into the court room
this morning that the architect of
the building appealed to the judge
and declared that there was danger
of a serious accident. Judge Hart
hurriedly sent deputies into the
riders and soon cleared them en-
tirely.

General Meeks began by saying
that Colonel Cooper was shameful-

INSURGENTS CALL
ON THE PRESIDENT
AND DRAW A LEMON

That Is, They Ask For Bread
And Get A Dose of
'Possum.

DIPLOMACY IS NOW
THE WATCHWORD

Conference Causes Brother
Taft To Miss One of
Eames' "Farewell."

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 9.—Presi-
dent Taft was given an opportunity
today to declare himself on the "in-
surgent" movement to revise the
rules of the house. Diplomatically he
side-stepped announcing how he stood
but in doing so he missed luncheon
and about half of the concert of Mme.
Eames, which he was scheduled to
attend in company with Mrs. Taft and
their guests.

Representative Payne, of New York,
chairman of the committee on ways
and means, sought the support of Mr.
Taft for the existing order of things
as represented by the Cannon regime,
and the insurgent cause was advocat-
ed by Representatives Gardner, of
Massachusetts; Madison, of Kansas,
and Nelson, of Wisconsin. The visit
of the "insurgents" delegation to the
executive offices consumed most of the
afternoon. The three "insurgents"
had heard it charged that Mr. Taft
intended to join hands with the house
organization in the interests of getting
the tariff bill through as soon as possible.
Greatly disturbed by these re-
ports they hurried to the white house
to urge Mr. Taft to take a soft seat
on the fence and leave the fighting to
them. When they came out of the
executive offices, Mr. Gardner declar-
ed with an exhibition of confidence
that the insurgents were no longer in
a compromising mood.

"We are firmly impressed that Mr.
Taft is not opposed to change of the
rules," said Mr. Gardner, "but he is
a little fearful that a contest now
would cross the line and interfere
with the passage of the tariff bill."
Mr. Payne was with the president
only a few minutes. When he left
the white house he was not in a
communicative mood concerning the
raid on the rules. He said that he
had told Mr. Taft that the tariff bill
would be ready to report on the first
day of the session, but that he could
not prophesy what would happen if
the present chaotic conditions in the
house were to continue.

COURT'S RULINGS ALL
DESTROY GOVERNMENT'S
CASE AGAINST STANDARD

Judge Anderson Requires
it to Show Illegal Rate
Knowingly Accepted

AMEND INDICTMENT

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, March 9.—The govern-
ment's case in the retrial of the
Standard Oil company of Indiana,
which so far has fared unfortunately
in Judge Anderson's court, narrowly
averted a death blow today. Judge
Anderson held that the government
must prove as alleged in the indict-
ments that there was a standard rate
for oil shipments between Whiting,
Ind., and East street, St. Louis at the
time of the offense with which the
defendant is charged and that the defen-
dant knowingly accepted a lower rate.
The court declared that the govern-
ment must convince him that it would
be able to prove this.

At the request of Assistant District
Attorney Wilkerson, court unexpect-
edly adjourned until tomorrow to al-
low time for the preparation of ar-
guments to show that the required evi-
dence will be forthcoming. Judge
Anderson's ruling will, it is said, com-
pel the government to ask for leave
to amend the indictment. Although
the government counsel did not di-
rectly state that a refusal to allow
this amendment to be made would be
a death blow to the prosecution,
their admissions made this infer-
ence obvious.

MRS. LEAVITT GRANTED
DIVORCE FROM HUSBAND

Court Frees Her and Gives
Her Custody of Children
—Plead Non-Support.

IS COMING THIS WAY

(By Associated Press.)
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 9.—Dr.
Charles W. Eliot, retiring president
of Harvard university, who spent the
day here, will leave early tomorrow
for the University of Alabama at
Tuscaloosa. He will arrive in Ashe-
ville March 20.

Dr. Eliot's principal address today
was at the high school auditorium
where he discussed "Government by
Commission." He maintained that the
highest efficiency in municipal govern-
ment is accomplished by small gov-
erning bodies placed in office by uni-
versal suffrage. He gave results of
his investigation in Galveston and other
Texas cities which are under com-
mission form of government, saying:
"In Galveston there are now no
sinecures. The citizens get a day's
work for a day's pay from every em-
ploye of the city—something that can
be said in few instances in my home
city, Cambridge, and cannot be said
in any case in Boston."

Dr. Eliot was given a luncheon at
the country club by the board of edu-
cation and tonight Mr. and Mrs. W.
P. G. Harding entertained in honor
of Dr. and Mrs. Eliot.

DR. CHARLES W. ELIOT
HEARD IN FINE ADDRESS
AT BIRMINGHAM, A.L.A.

Discusses "Government by
Injunction." Saying Elec-
tive Office is Best

COULDN'T BUILD ROAD,
N. C. MAN ENDS LIFE

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 9.—Heart-
broken because his dream of having
an inter-continental railroad connect
the Americas had never materialized,
Hinton Rowan Helper, former United
States consul at Buenos Ayres, com-
mitted suicide here today. He was a
native of North Carolina.

Mr. Helper was found dead in an
obscure boarding house on Pennsyl-
vania avenue with a towel securely
tied around his neck and with the
gas jet turned on. He was an author,
railroad projector and civil war vet-
eran. He vainly sought means to carry
out his project planned more than
forty years ago for a Three Americas
Railway designed to connect the
straits of Bering and Magellan.



WASHINGTON, March 9.—Weather
forecast for North Carolina and
Virginia: Rain.