

### CYCLONIC STORMS WREAK DAMAGE IN SEVERAL STATES

Seven Dead and Scores of Injured Lying in Wake of Cyclonic Disturbance

#### SOUTHERN WISCONSIN, ILLINOIS AND IOWA

Bitter Cold, Accompanied by Sleet Tied up Traffic For Many Hours Yesterday

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—Reports received tonight by the Associated Press indicate that cyclonic storms, coming between the abnormally warm period and the following cold wave have caused death and widespread destruction in southern Wisconsin, eastern Iowa and in Illinois today.

Seven deaths, several dying and a score of injured are known to be lying in the wake of the storms, and suffering because of the bitter cold and sleet and snow already is being reported. Southern Wisconsin was hardest hit, according to early reports. Near Orfordville, Rock county, five persons were killed and another is not expected to live.

In the village of Virginia, Ill., several were found seriously, perhaps fatally and fifty others slightly injured.

**Fifty Degree Drop**  
In Iowa a fifty degree drop in temperature, accompanied by a driving storm of sleet, tied up traffic for many hours.

An electrical disturbance which ushered the storm in here put out several feed-wires in the city's electric system. The property loss mounted up rapidly in the path of the cyclonic blizzard. Nearly every public building in Virginia, Ill., was demolished; farmers' homes were wiped out in Wisconsin and the damage was increased by the heavy downpour of rain, sleet and snow.

Later reports indicated that the dead in Rock county, Wis., alone would reach a dozen. Two deaths at Milwaukee, Wis., were reported to the train dispatcher's office of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, but the wires were blown down before the report could be verified. Severe weather conditions are reported all the way from the Rocky mountains. In Chicago the wind blew forty-four miles an hour and in Yellowstone park and at Helena, Mont.

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### TRouble COMES TO HEAD AT ROME ART EXPOSITION AMERICANS WITHDRAWING

Intimated Italians Acted in Bad Faith Allowing Insurance to Lapse

#### CAUSES SENSATION

ROME, Nov. 11.—Trouble which had been brewing at the international art exposition for some time, boiled over today and Harrison S. Morrison, the American commissioner, withdrew at the same time recalling his associates on the American jury, William Henry Fox, art director and Joseph Pennell, the artist. Mr. Fox, according to Mr. Morrison, refused to resign and has been dropped. The American pavilion has been closed.

In a statement issued tonight Mr. Morrison intimates that the Italian management acted in bad faith with the result that the American exhibits valued at half a million dollars, must have been exposed to a possible loss by fire if the artists were to share in the prizes. He explains that the insurance on the exhibits had been permitted to lapse, forcing the closing of the American pavilion on the last day of October in order that its contents might have the protection which still covered the removal of the works to the United States. Promises to renew the insurance were not fulfilled, he says while the management deliberately delayed the award of prizes in order to keep the exposition open. Meantime it developed that American exhibitors were to be debarred from the prizes unless their pavilion remained open. This rupture has caused a sensation, which has been increased by Mr. Morrison's statement in which he says that England, France, Germany and Spain have also withdrawn.

The president of the exhibition committee is Count Di san Martino.

The American pavilion was opened on April 22 by King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena and has attracted much attention. On October 27, His Majesty purchased the whole series of 30 etchings by Joseph Pennell. Notwithstanding the withdrawal of the Americans, Mr. Pennell has been elected a member of the final jury of ten to make awards.

### ON TO WASHINGTON FOR REAL WORK ON ANNUAL MESSAGE

This Message, His Friends Say, Will be Most Important he's Written

#### HIS STEP IS LIGHT HIS LAUGH CHEERFUL

At Greenville, Tenn., he Got Glimpse of A. Johnson's Old Home

BRISTOL, Tenn., Nov. 11.—His second long swing around the circle practically concluded and his arrangements from Boston to San Francisco and back all marked "kept," President Taft tonight was speeding through Tennessee and Virginia, en route to Washington. At Bristol the last scheduled stop on the trip from Knoxville, where he spent the morning, Mr. Taft was less than 300 miles from home. He is due to reach the capital early tomorrow. He will then take a day or two of rest before beginning the work of writing his third annual message to congress. This message, the president's friends say, will be one of the most important he has ever written.

Mr. Taft is in fine fettle. The hardships of the long journey apparently have had no ill effect upon him for his step was as light and his laugh as cheerful today as when he left Beverly two months ago.

**"Rejoiced to Get Home"**  
"I am rejoiced to get home from a trip of upwards of 15,000 miles and a visit to about thirty states in which I have had the pleasure of explaining from my standpoint, some of the important issues of the day to many hundreds of thousands of people," said the president tonight. "I have been materially benefited by the information which I have received as to the attitude of the people in the different parts of the country as affects local conditions. The receptions have been very cordial throughout and I am certain that in taking this trip I have improved a real opportunity. I am glad also to say that, although the trip has been a strenuous one, my health has continued good and I have suffered no ill effects from the strain."

When he steps down from his private car in Washington tomorrow morning Mr. Taft will bring to an

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### WINTER HEADQUARTERS OF AVIATION SCHOOL AT AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

Commanding Officer Makes This Recommendation Which Will Carry

#### "AN IDEAL SITE"

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—Upon the advice of Captain Charles DeForrest Chandler, commanding officer of the United States army aviation school, General James Allen, chief of the signal corps of the army, has recommended to the secretary of war the selection of Augusta, Ga., as the winter headquarters for the aviation school.

Captain Chandler after a tour through the south visiting Columbia, Greenville, Aiken and Camden, S. C., besides a number of other cities and Augusta, decided upon the latter place as the most suitable for the work of the army fliers.

Should the secretary of war approve the selection of Augusta, as it is believed he will, all the officers and men connected with the instruction corps at College Park, Md., will leave for the southern city before the end of this month. In all there are seven officers, including a doctor, and twenty enlisted men. Four aeroplanes, two of the Wright type and two of the Curtiss type, will be taken along for use during the winter's work.

Captain Chandler believes he found at Augusta an ideal site to carry on the work which has been so highly successful at College Park this summer. A fine level field a short distance south of the city limits has been decided upon and as soon as approval has been given, work upon construction of the hangars will be begun, so that no delay will be experienced by the aviators.

**NOT ON "MORSE" MISSION.**  
ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 11.—Coming on a tour of inspection of the federal prison properties here, Attorney General George W.ickersham arrived in Atlanta this morning and was taken at once to the prison, where the day was spent going over the big institution. The attorney general denied that his visit had anything to do with the case of Chas. W. Morse, the New York banker. He will remain in Atlanta over Sunday.

### COMPROMISE MAY BE EFFECTED IN CHINESE AFFAIRS

Fate of Throne Evidently rests on Action of Huan Shi Kai at Present

#### SOME DIFFERENCE YET ON MATTERS OF POLICY

Reports From Every Point Indicate That Country is in State of Suspense

PEKING, Nov. 11.—1:30 a. m.—The fate of the throne apparently rests on the action of Yuan Shi Kai. The latest message from Yuan, who has been conducting negotiations with the rebel leader, General Li Yuan-Heng, indicates that a compromise is possible, that General Li was becoming less irreconcilable but that was a difference of opinion between Li and his colleagues on the matter of policy.

According to foreign official telegrams from Hankow last evening, General Li, failing to exact better terms, might perhaps be prepared to agree to the partition of China, that portion of the country south of the Yang-Tze becoming republican, Manchuria and Chi-Li remaining monarchial and the other provinces making their own choice.

**Scout Idea of Revision**  
Many of Li's followers demand the overthrow of the government and scout the idea of dividing the empire. This is supposed to be the reason why General Li asked delegates from other provinces to meet at Wu-Chang and appointed Huang-Sing, the noted revolutionary leader, commander-in-chief and retained for himself the greater freedom in administrative affairs. Huang-Sing is making Hang-yang his headquarters, where he is superintending the rebel defenses.

Prince Ching, the acting premier, and other high officials have guaranteed General Chang's safety if he will come to Peking. General Chang has not yet agreed to do this but remains at Lanchau with his troops, awaiting definite results from the Wu-Chang negotiations. The revolutionaries in Tien-Tsin do not consider it wise at present to force the issue because of the presence of troops at Lanchau whose sympathies are doubtful.

The provincial assembly at Mukden

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### CHESTNUT BARK DISEASE TO BE GIVEN ATTENTION BY AGRICULTURAL DEPT.

Over \$25,000,000 Work of Valuable Timber Destroyed by Its Ravages

#### TO START AT ONCE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—Increased and vigorous efforts to stop the ravages of the chestnut bark disease which already has destroyed \$25,000,000 worth of valuable timber in the eastern states, are to be made by the department of agriculture. With this end in view Dr. Haven Metcalf, in charge of the work for the bureau of plant industry, is taking the question up with the authorities. In those states where the disease has appeared, early next week he will visit the state agricultural experiment station at Blacksburg, Va., the farthest state south in which the disease has yet been discovered. So as to prevent it from spreading down through the Appalachian region, where millions of dollars worth of fine chestnuts exist, a strong fight will be made in Virginia against the infection.

New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and the southern New England states, Maryland and the Virginias are the states in which the disease has appeared. Fighting around it in an effort to confine it to the territory already attacked is the method which will be used in trying to save the chestnut timber outside the infected belt.

"New Jersey, Delaware, Long Island and the eastern end of Maryland are doomed," said Dr. Metcalf today. "We must try to stop it from spreading southwards and westwards. It has appeared only slightly as yet in Virginia, West Virginia, western Maryland and western Pennsylvania, so with the aid of these states we think we can save the rest of their chestnut timber. New York also has been attacked only along the eastern side. At a conservative estimate the chestnut stand of the country is worth between \$300,000,000 and \$400,000,000; and, as the disease spreads rapidly, it would mean a great economic loss to the country if we could not check the infection."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—Forecast for North Carolina: Rain Sunday, much colder by night, cold wave west portions; Monday fair and decidedly colder; high south winds shifting to northwest Sunday night.

### "He Won't be Happy Till he Gets it."



### MEMORIAL ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE TO PRESIDENT IN BEHALF OF PEACE

Western North Carolina Methodist Conference Decides to Raise Sum of \$140,000 For Educational Purposes—High Point Will be Meeting Place Next Year—Ministers Put in Busy Day Yesterday.

#### STATESVILLE, N. C., Nov. 11.—

The Western North Carolina Methodist conference today unanimously adopted a memorial to President Taft and the senate of the United States praying the best efforts of both for treaties with every nation on the earth, looking to world-wide peace. The memorial urges the speedy consummation of these treaties and asks that the navies and armies of the respective powers be called upon to enforce them. The conference voted today to meet next year at High Point. Five new ministers were received into full connection.

**Money for Education**  
An important step taken by the conference today was its decision to raise the sum of \$140,000 for educational purposes. L. Berge Abernathy was elected educational secretary at a salary of \$2,500 per year. The money, which was appropriated, will be distributed as follows: Trinity college, \$18,000; Greensboro female college, \$11,000; Rutherford college,

#### \$25,000; Davenport college, \$25,000; Weaverville college, \$25,000.

Bishop Moss opened the conference this morning by announcing hymn 210. Rev. E. J. Poe led in prayer. The ninth chapter of Luke was read as a scripture lesson and the bishop expounded the Transfiguration. He said: "There are three parts to this story; the transfiguration itself; the overshadowing cloud and the voices from the cloud. The Lord had gone up into the mountain to pray; the disciples had gone up to sleep. If the Master could not get along without prayer, surely we cannot. When the element of prayer fades out of a man's life, there is little left. He prayed until he was transfigured, until his face was altered, until his body became translucent, until his dusty raiment was white as snow. We have instances of the same thing in life. Moses and Stephen are instances. Moses must veil his face and the face of Stephen shone like the face of an angel."

#### The class from the children's home

was presented and sang two beautiful selections. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved. B. A. York and J. A. Snow were announced as transfers from the North Carolina conference. The name of D. J. Miller was ordered stricken from the rolls. The name of L. E. Star was referred to the committee on consistory relations for the superannuated relation. The classes of the different years were called. D. R. Proffitt, J. E. Hornbuckle, E. P. Stabler, L. W. Collins, R. K. Brady were admitted into full connection. Church will be conducted by Rev. W. A. Newall, of Asheville. A feeling of tense interest became manifest this morning. The various boards usually begin to submit reports which are the result of days of thought and planning and which are filled with meaning for various

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### TELEGRAPH RATES ALL OVER COUNTRY MAY BE DECREASED

Petitions to Commerce Commission Declare Independent Firms Himpored

#### TELEPHONE RATES ARE ALSO INVOLVED

Telegraph Service at Cent a Word Anywhere May be Possibility Soon

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—A thorough investigation of existing telegraph and telephone rates is believed to be foreshadowed by demands which have been filed with the interstate commerce commission in the form of petitions, directing the attention of the commission "to the apparent purpose of the American Telegraph and Telephone company to monopolize all facilities for wire communication."

The movement to compel action on the part of the commission is concerted. The petitions profess to set forth the desires of individuals in several western states. While no action has been taken thus far by the commission, it is said, fully realizes that it is only a matter of a short time before the question of rates must be reviewed. When the commission issued its order assuming jurisdiction over companies engaged in interstate business as common carriers of messages by wire, it was noted that the order did not undertake to fix or adjust the rates to be assessed. Referring to the rate and certain other sections of the law, the order recited that the commission at that time withheld expression of its views "with respect to the amenability of these carriers."

**Public Welfare Concerned**  
In the petitions it is urged that "quick, reliable and economical intercommunication is so essential to the commercial and social interests of the citizens of the various states that telegraphic service and the changes therefor more vitally concern the welfare and prosperity of all classes than do the services and rates of the express companies."

Continuing the petitioners say: "We believe your investigation of telegraph conditions would disclose the fact that the public have now and for a long time have been deliberately deprived of the advantages, benefits and economies of low uniform service rates by systematic violations of the laws designed for their protection and betterment. That exorbitant rates for unimproved service have been maintained either by actual combination of 'gentleman's agreements' and that strenuous efforts have been employed to prevent the introduction of cheap tolls whether by competitors or legislative measures seems obvious to your petitioners."

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### TENNESSEE WOMAN WINS HIGHEST HONOR OF U. S. C. ON THE SECOND BALLOT

Mrs. White Elected President General Over New Yorker and Missourian

#### VOTED BY STATES

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 11.—On the second ballot in a contest marked by great display of spirit and excitement, Mrs. Alexander B. White, of Tennessee, was today elected president general of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, defeating Mrs. Livingstone Rose Schuyler, of New York, after Mrs. James B. Gantt, of Missouri, had withdrawn from the race.

It required 935 votes to elect. On the first ballot Mrs. White received 808, Mrs. Schuyler 693 and Mrs. Gantt 459. Just as the convention was ready to proceed with the second ballot, Mrs. Gantt arose and in an appropriate speech of thanks requested that her name be withdrawn. The second ballot resulted: Mrs. White, 1,077; Mrs. Schuyler, 748. The vote was by states and was cast by the state chairman. The returns as announced by the secretary provoked tremendous applause from the various factions. Opposition to the election of Mrs. Schuyler was based largely on the fact that she resided in New York and not in one of the original confederate states. But immediately on the announcement of the final vote and in the midst of a remarkable demonstration Mrs. Schuyler got the attention of the presiding officer and asked permission to accept the new president general. To the platform, standing by her side, the defeated candidate by her courteous speech brought the applause of the assembly.

### NEGRO LANDED IN JAIL WHO SHOT TWO OFFICERS

None of Poses Encountered, Who Were Supposed to be in Waiting

#### LOCOMOTIVE EXPLODES

LYNCHBURG, Va., Nov. 11.—As a double-headed freight train was passing a section gang on the Norfolk & Western railway, twenty miles west of Lynchburg, this afternoon, the front locomotive exploded and James Calloway, a colored section man from Bedford city received wounds from a flying grate bar, which caused his death tonight at a hospital here. William Rose, a white fireman from Roanoke, who was scalded about the face, head and back, was brought here and his condition tonight is pronounced critical. The cause of the explosion is not known. Several other persons received minor injuries but did not require hospital attention.

#### DR. WILEY'S IDEA OF WAY TO CHECK TUBERCULOSIS

Suggests That All Patients be Segregated on an Island at Sea

CRAWFORD, N. J., Nov. 11.—The segregation of all tuberculosis patients on an island at sea was suggested by Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry, in an address here tonight under the auspices of the Crawford village improvement association. "We must give the state power to stamp out tuberculosis and authority to segregate every infectious and contagious disease," said Dr. Wiley. "Every man, woman and child who dies of a preventable disease is either a suicide or a victim of murder. Thorough state supervision and regulation is the only solution of the problem."

Dr. Wiley called attention to the fact that the department of agriculture spends thousands of dollars to stamp out disease in hogs and cattle but that a woman whose child is afflicted with tuberculosis could get no aid from the government. It was here that he made his suggestion as to the segregation of tuberculosis patients, saying "they should be kept there until they were either cured or dead." Every person here tonight will die before he ought to unless there is more concerted efforts for the conservation of public health," continued Dr. Wiley. "If more women were taught properly how to use the cookstove, instead of the piano, America would be better off."

### QUESTIONS OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE TO COME UP

American Federation of Labor Meeting Will be no "Tea Party"

#### DEATH OF VIRGINIAN

PETERSBURG, Va., Nov. 11.—Judge Branch R. Epps, of Dinwiddie county, died today aged eighty years. He was judge of the Dinwiddie county court from the late eighties until the time of the abolition of the county courts by the constitutional convention of 1902 of which he was a member. When war was declared he captained an artillery company in the confederate army.

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