

STORM IN JERSEY CITY.

MANY BUILDINGS UNROOFED AND HORSES AND WAGONS BLOWN OVER IN THE STREETS.

ALMOST A HURRICANE IN NEW YORK.

Pain Caused by Reported Escape of Lions From a Cage at a Theatre—Four Down to Death in the Collapse of a Bridge.

New York, Aug. 24.—A most violent and protracted rainstorm accompanied by wind which at times in some sections approached the proportions of a hurricane swept over New Jersey city. Westchester county and the northeastern portion of New Jersey this afternoon.

The most damage so far reported was at Jersey city, where buildings were wrecked, including a church and a theatre.

Rain had been falling intermittently all the morning and about 1 p. m. the low-hanging clouds began to discharge torrents of water and this was kept up until after 5 o'clock. About 3 o'clock the wind increased mightily in violence, and at 3:30 Jersey City began to have the worst storm experienced in its history. Blasts of wind carried widespread destruction. Two wind storms seemingly met in the neighborhood of Newark avenue and Barred street and a cyclonic condition resulted.

Horses standing in Newark avenue and the wagons to which they were attached were blown over. Telegraph poles of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, the largest in the city fell backward upon the church, striking the roof. Piles of brick from the spire crashed from the roof down on the pews.

Two blocks south of St. Mar's church and nearly on a line with it on Newark avenue is the Bijou Theatre. "The Man Who Dared" company was rehearsing for an opening for the theatre for the season. The lions that are used in the play were in their cages on the stage when a terrific rush of wind made the building tremble. Warning cries caused the performers to leave the stage not a second too soon. Bricks came down from the high walls, ruing the stage and bending in the lions' cages. The lions roared in terror. As the performers rushed out a shout was raised in the street that the lions were loose and the crowd which had sought shelter in the corridor fled panic stricken. The lions did not escape, but their cages were hit and the beasts were cut by the bricks but the bars held them.

On the south side of Newark avenue, opposite the theatre the roofs of twelve three-story buildings were ripped off. Great pieces of tin fell in the streets. The roofs were so completely ruined that the rain soon deluged the buildings.

Van Vorst park, the ornament of the most pretentious part of the downtown community, was the scene of the storm's fiercest work. Trees that were the growth of many decades were uprooted or broken off as though they were made of pipe clay. A piece of the roof of the Union League building which stands in York street, opposite the middle of the park, was lifted high and carried over to the park and dropped on the broken remnant of a tree.

No one was reported as killed or injured.

The storm in New York city was confined to a heavy downpour of rain with a violent wind. It was the heaviest in the Bronx where the streets were flooded. The cut through which the Harlem division of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad runs from Melrose to Williams bridge, was flooded to a depth of from two to four feet. At the Fordham station there was considerable sand on the railroad tracks and trains were unable to get through.

Dismal Floods in Pennsylvania—Four Men Killed.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 24.—Reports received in this city tonight state that the heavy rains which have fallen almost incessantly during the past week throughout the State have resulted in the most disastrous flood experienced in many years. At Mauch Chunk the storm was attended by four fatalities. Jesse Struthers, a prominent citizen of Mauch Chunk and three boys named McClaffery, McGinley and Johnson, were standing on a bridge spanning Mauch Chunk creek when the supports collapsed and the four were precipitated into the water and drowned. The stream had become a raging torrent by the bursting of a dam a half mile above the borough line.

COST OF CUBAN TOBACCO.

Not Really a Competitor of the American Article.

Havana, Aug. 23.—Senor Bock, a well known cigar factory owner here in a review of the tobacco industry in Cuba, says the idea that the free entry of Cuban tobacco into the United States would ruin the American tobacco industry is absurd. He adds that it costs more in Cuba to raise tobacco than in the United States. This is due to many reasons, one of which is that there is a great demand for tobacco land which, being limited in quantity, makes the rents high. It costs from \$30 to \$35 a hundred pounds to raise tobacco in the Remedios district, and \$50 in the Vuelta Abajo. These figures are above the cost in the United States.

Cuban tobacco, like French champagne, is in a class by itself. The output of Cuban tobacco must always be limited.

In 1900 2,000,000,000 cigars were manufactured in Cuba of which number only 40,000,000 went to the United States. Even were it possible to produce 500,000,000 and all were sent to the United States the number would not be large compared with the total production of the United States, which is 5,300,000,000. Even with the granting of a fifty per cent reduction in the specific duty and the abolishing of the ad valorem duty, American manufacturers would have an advantage amounting to \$28 per thousand over Cuban cigars.

An Alleged Counterfeiter Arrested in Davie.

Charlotte Observer.

Mocksville, August 23.—After a four-day chase, Chas. F. Wright, a United States secret service agent, arrested Thomas Perryman, of Lexington, for passing counterfeit \$1 coins on merchants at Lexington, Tyro and Coolsmet. Perryman was arrested at 9:30 a. m., today, at Jerusalem, Davie county, with some of the spurious coins in his possession. The defendant was brought before W. R. Chaffin, United States commissioner, who committed him in default of \$500 bond for a hearing before him Monday August 26th.

Bryan an Oil Magnate.

Evansville, Wyo., Dispatch, 20th.

William J. Bryan, who is spending a month with his family on a vacation trip in southern Wyoming, has taken deep interest in the recent discoveries of oil in this section and today bought a controlling interest in a tract of oil lands embracing several hundred acres near Spring Valley, in this county. Mr. Bryan announces that he will push work with the drills now on the ground and secure more machinery at once. He is confident of opening several gushers soon and Wyoming men expect him to evolve a rival of the Standard Oil combine.

Failed in His Purpose but Killed his Victim and Shot at her Son.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 23.—Mrs. Chas. Williams, wife of a prominent farmer of Franklin county, Tenn., was shot and killed today by Henry Notes, a negro, who attempted to criminally assault her.

After shooting Mrs. Williams, the negro fired upon her little son, the bullet grazing his head. Sheriff Stewart and a posse with two blood hounds are in pursuit of the negro. Excitement is high over the crime.

Died From Drinking Poisoned Tea.

Columbus, Ga., Aug. 23.—In Summerville, one of the suburbs of Columbus, Ala., Mrs. J. T. Gibson, an estimable lady, died yesterday and it is now thought that her death was due to drinking tea which had been left all day in a tin vessel. Her sister, Miss Lizzie Barr, who drank some of the tea, has been critically ill. A little son of Mr. W. H. Barr, who also drank of the tea, has been quite sick.

Collinsville Torn up by a Cloud-Burst.

Rome, Ga., Aug. 23.—Private advices from Collinsville, Ala., are to the effect that a cloud-burst late yesterday partially demolished several stores, washed many residences from their foundations, demolished the Collinsville Clipper office and blocked traffic for a time on the Alabama Great Southern Railroad.

Russia's Warlike Action.

Vladivostok, August 23.—According to advices from Galatz twenty Russian torpedo boats and several dispatch boats have arrived at the Dnieper delta, and Russian troops are commencing to mobilize along the Turkish frontier.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the cause of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer one hundred dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for lists of testimonials.

F. J. CERRY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

A FAMINE IN PORTIONS OF TEXAS.

The People of Zapata County in a Very Bad Condition.

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 25.—Reports today from Zapata county there are news that the poor classes there are facing starvation. They must have immediate help in the way of food or the results will be terrible. Branch water has failed and cattle are too weak to travel and are dying rapidly. The country is literally burned up by drought. There is not a green thing to be seen except cactus plants. Zapata county is 50 miles from the nearest railroad and whatever way food is sent to the farmers in the famine-stricken place must be hauled from Laredo, a two-days' trip at best.

Mayor Hicks, of this city, has started a relief fund and has already sent a small sum of money to Laredo to be used in buying food for the sufferers, but what he has sent is barely a drop in the bucket. Relief work will be continued here. Nothing has been heard here from the War Department in answer to a request for rations sent by Congressman Kieberg.

The New Plow.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Aug. 23.—One of the latest things in the way of farming utensils is the electric plow. The first plows used in this country were propelled by men and women. Then the ox and mule and the horse came in use, and finally man learned how to make his plow so he could ride and let the horse or other beast of burden do all the "sweating."

Now the farmer comes out with his electric plow, and instead of making one or two or three furrows, he attaches enough plows to clean up a whole field at one or two swipes. Conrad Meisner of Fredericksburg, Germany is accredited with the invention of this plow. It is operated somewhat on the plan of the electric car, except that, well, we will just quote from the plow which we got our information. "It consists of two electric motors operating winding drums and separate carriages, which may be placed at any required distance apart, only one motor being connected with the main feed wire. To supply power to the second motor a feed cable lying parallel with the traction cable is readjusted at every trip of the plow to follow the latter down the field. The mechanism is so adjusted that when once set in motion the apparatus practically operates itself, moving the carriages forward at the beginning of each trip to bring the next row of furrows. The plows are attached to a two wheeled truck which is pulled back and forth across the field, moving forward at the end of each set of furrows as long as the power is turned on."

Bankers at Charlotte.

Representatives of the Bankers Association of North and South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia met in Charlotte Friday and perfected arrangements for a joint convention of bankers to be held in Savannah June 10th, next year.

Expelled From Pierce City.

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Negroes Driven Out For Crimes Committed By Their Race.

Several Houses Were Burned and One Aged Negro was Cremated in his home. Others Chased From the City. Washington Post.

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Two Men Shot in an Attempt to Drive Negroes From Work.

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 24.—Details reached the city today of an attempt to drive negroes from work on the property of the Elk Valley Mine Company, located ten miles from Jellico. The company is building a branch railroad from the Southern Railway to its mines, having imported negroes for the work. A party of white men went to the negro's camp last night and ordered them to leave. A shooting affray resulted. The dead body of James Hatfield, white, was found with a bullet hole through his head. Winfield Hatfield, a brother of Jim, was fatally shot. A letter was found on James Hatfield giving the plans of the raid. The company's property is being guarded by deputy sheriffs.

Negroes Ordered to Leave.

Sapulpa, I. T., Aug. 24.—A citizens' committee has decided that all negroes not of Greek blood, must leave Sapulpa by Monday afternoon, and notices to this effect were posted around town today. The order is the result of lawlessness. It is probable the negroes will resist and bloodshed is feared.

Cotton Ties Expected to Advance.

N. Y. Commercial.

It now appears a certainty that the farmers of the South will be called upon this year to pay advanced prices for cotton ties because of the steel strike. Cotton ties, it is expected, will bring \$1.25 a bundle in a short time.

Tillman's Nightmare.

Washington Post.

The Hon. Ben Tillman is going about the State of South Carolina yelling "outger" at the top of his voice. How long is the South Carolina mind to be influenced by this bugaboo?

SMUGGLING CHINESE.

AN IMMIGRATION SCHEME TO SWINDLE THE GOVERNMENT.

OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN THE FRAUD.

Chinese With the Letter A Marked on Their Certificates Passed Without Question—The Letter Indicated That They Had Paid the Price.

Washington, August 24.—Probably the most important arrests ever made in connection with the smuggling of Chinese across the Mexican border into the United States were made yesterday in Arizona, when Wm. M. Hoey, collector of customs at Nogales; B. F. Josey, an immigrant inspector; Frank How, a Chinaman living in Nogales, and another Chinaman living at Chilton, Mexico, just across the border from Nogales, were taken into custody by special agents of the Treasury and Secret Service operatives. Other arrests are expected to follow within a day or two. It is stated that with two or three exceptions, the whole customs and immigration administration at Nogales is involved. Some time ago an official of the Treasury Department, having Nogales as his headquarters, wrote the Department that he had reason to believe the official force at that point was corrupt and that Chinese in large numbers were being smuggled across the border for a consideration.

A Secret Service operative was sent there at once and plans laid to secure evidence against the persons under suspicion. Several Chinamen were furnished with money and sent to buy their way through the official cordon. This was accomplished without difficulty, the price demanded being from \$50 to \$200. The Secret Service men also arranged with one or two employes whose honesty has been tested, to go into the collector's office at a certain time and demand a share of the money being received from the Chinamen and to be admitted into the combination, so that they might get their share of the proceeds of future deals.

This was reluctantly agreed to and considerable sums of money were handed over in the presence of a Secret Service man who had previously secured himself in a nearby office closet. The officials soon found that Chinamen who presented a certificate marked with the letter A were allowed to proceed without question, while those having certificates that did not bear this calligraphic mark were turned back without ceremony. Later on it developed that the letter A on a certificate indicated that the amount demanded had been paid. Several Chinamen were sent through with the requisite A mark on their certificate made by one of the Secret Service men. The utmost care and secrecy was maintained from the first to secure positive proof against each man under suspicion. A special United States attorney will be detailed to prosecute the persons arrested. Hoey was appointed collector about a year and a half ago. His home is in Muncie, Ind. Josey came from the State of Washington.

Extension of Service Over the Seaboard.

Portsmouth, Va., Aug. 24.—Beginning to-morrow the service of the Seaboard Air Line will be extended to Brunswick, Ga., over the short line between Brunswick and Savannah, and Jacksonville, Fla. The inauguration of this service perfects additional facilities for travel in eastern Georgia and to the island resorts along the Georgia coast.

May Move to Charlotte.

Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 24.—A local paper says today it learns that the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, reported as having absorbed the Charlotte Oil and Fertilizer Works, may move its headquarters from Richmond to Charlotte. It is understood that President Morgan will be in Charlotte next week to look over the plant here.

Scared Off by the Jailor.

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 22.—Late last night a crowd of negroes went to the jail to lynch John Miller, the negro who killed and put Willie Seahorn in a trunk Saturday night. Only the jailer was there. He fired his revolver in the air and the crowd got away. Scraps of clothing are still on the wire.

Killed his Wife, Father-in-Law and Mother-in-Law.

Columbia, Aug. 23.—A special to the State says: "Sam Farrow, a negro, shot and killed his wife, his father-in-law and mother-in-law near Dawkins, today. A posse started after him and Farrow fired at them from ambush, but without effect. He was later arrested and lodged in jail."

Bad Drinking Water—Every one suffers greatly from the different kinds of water he is compelled to drink, and nothing is so likely to bring on an attack of diarrhoea.

Perry Davis' Pain-Killer is the only safe and sure cure for it, cramps and cholera morbus. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Perry-Davis' Pain-Killer. Price 25c and 50c.

A BATTLE IN COURT.

ONE MAN KILLED AND TWO WOUNDED IN THE CONFLICT.

SOUGHT TO LYNCH A CONDEMNED MAN.

He Had Been Convicted of Brutal Assault on a Young White Girl—Was Spirited to Birmingham to Prevent Further Trouble.

Birmingham, Aug. 22.—Asheville, Ala., the county seat of St. Clair county, was the scene of a bloody battle between a mob and 100 persons and a sheriff's posse today. The mob was making an attempt to secure Jim Brown, a negro who had just been tried, convicted and sentenced to be hanged for a brutal assault upon a young white girl of Springville.

More than one hundred shots were fired by the members of the mob and the defenders of the life of the negro. Two men and one boy were shot by the sheriff's guard. One man will die. The wounded are: Walter Blankenship, shot through the head with a Winchester—will die; Arthur Blankenship, shot through the head and shoulder with buckshot; Willis Hanby, slightly shot in the head and shoulders by shot of a small size.

None of the deputies of the sheriff's posse were wounded. The two men shot were brothers and son of the leader of the mob, who made the first dash for the room in the court house where the prisoner was being guarded. The father is about 53 years of age. In leading the charge against the deputies he flourished a gun in regular soldier fashion. After the shooting and while members of the mob were searching for reinforcements, the negro was smuggled from the rear of the court house by two deputies who managed to run him through the country for several miles, finally succeeded in flinging a freight train and bringing the negro to Birmingham where he is safely locked in the county jail.

While on the train the negro confessed the crime and told the horrible story with full details. The trial of the negro, on the charge of the assault which he flourished against the sheriff's guard, was held at 10 o'clock. The young woman, Miss Garrett, told the story of the crime and identified the negro as her assailant. No witnesses were introduced by the defence. A verdict of guilty was brought in by the jury after an absence of only nine minutes.

Judge Pelham, presiding, sentenced Brown to be hanged September 20. After sentence was pronounced members of the mob attempted to make the sheriff promise to keep the prisoner in Asheville, but he stated that he had instructions to do otherwise, and the mob then made their attempt to remove the negro from the court house. Sheriff North refused and the fight began at once. The Elder Blankenship will die. Threats have been made to wreck the court house with dynamite, but it is not believed the threats will be carried out.

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Pitched Battle in Kentucky.

The Soldiers Were Mailed Shirts—The Trouble Grew out of an Old Family Feud of Several Years Standing. Williamsburg, Ky., Aug. 23.—Sheriff Sutton has reliable information concerning a pitched battle about twenty miles from here in which five men were killed, by Wes Mays and George Golden, the first of whom was a former resident of Whitley county and who has just returned home after having been discharged from the volunteer army service in the Philippines. The dead are Blake Logan, his two sons and two neighbors named Wilson.

Five Men Killed by Two Returned Soldiers From the Philippines.

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LIST OF CASUALTIES IN MISSISSIPPI.

Alarming Increase in the Number of Crimes in Last Thirty Days.

New Orleans, Aug. 21.—Mississippi is greatly disturbed over the alarming increase in the number of crimes recorded in that State during the last thirty days. Yesterday broke the record, with four murders and three shooting affrays, and the last thirty days show 37 killings and several unsuccessful attempts, five assassinations in cold blood, and six lynchings, not including a free for all fight in a negro church in Tunica in which two negroes were killed. Several negro murderers, that have escaped attention will probably swell the total to about 45. A compilation showing these facts is attracting considerable attention throughout the State, and has resulted in the demand for more efficient criminal laws.

Advertising Pays.

Winchester, Va., Aug. 20.—Nelson M. Barnes, of Springfield, Ohio, and Miss Otis L. Croson, of this county, have just been married here under romantic circumstances. They met for the first time the day they were married. Some months ago Mr. Barnes inserted an advertisement in a western paper for a wife. Miss Croson, who is the pretty twenty-year-old daughter of Mr. Mortimer Croson, a prominent resident of the county, saw the advertisement, and in a spirit of fun, answered it.

A long correspondence followed, photographs were exchanged, and an offer of marriage was made and accepted. The prospective groom traveled East last week, and the ceremony was performed on Wednesday at the residence of the bride's father.

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CAPT. PETTET SHOT AT NASHVILLE.

His Wounds May Prove Fatal—John Viverratt, Who Did the Shooting, Has Been Placed in Jail.

Nashville, N. C., Aug. 23.—This place was thrown into a state of excitement this afternoon on account of a difficulty which occurred about 3 o'clock, and in which Capt. J. W. Pettet and Mr. John Viverratt were the principal actors.

There was some trouble or feud existing between the two and upon meeting here today they became involved in a difficulty, in which Viverratt drew his pistol and shot Pettet in the abdomen, the ball striking just above the lower eighth rib and taking a downward course into the bowels.

Pettet tonight is lying in the Graphic office, attended by his wife and medical skill, and his condition is thought to be critical, with little hopes of his recovery.

Viverratt was arrested by Sheriff Warren and is now in jail.

William Barbee Mangled by the Train.

Durham, N. C., Aug. 23.—A negro trainman by the name of William Barbee, better known as Buck Barbee, was killed in Clarksville this morning. His body was brought to Durham this afternoon to be buried at his home, four miles from here to-morrow. Barbee was employed on the local freight between here and Keyville and left here early this morning as usual. Just beyond Clarksville the train went down to the sand pits and while shifting a piece of plank on another car struck Barbee on the head knocking him under his own train. His body was horribly mangled.

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