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BUSINESS AT FORT WORTH TEX. WAS ALMOST PARALYZED BY A DISASTROUS WIND STORM

Telephone, Telegraph And Railroad Service in Texas City Almost Completely Suspended—Worst Wind And Rain Storm in Years.

City of Cleburn Literally Flooded—Circus Wrecked—Two Lions Escape—People Thrown Into Panic—Many Houses Flooded.

Fort Worth, Texas, April 18.—With telephone, telegraph and railroad service almost completely suspended, Fort Worth was last night the center of the worst wind and rain storm that has raged over Texas in many years. With two exceptions every railroad out of the city was forced to annul some trains, owing to washouts and loss of bridges, and at midnight the telephone companies reported having lost all the wires out of Fort Worth. Cleburn, 20 miles south, was struck by a wind storm of terrific proportions, followed by a torrential down-pour of rain that literally flooded the city. Within 20 minutes after the storm broke last night the two bayous that run through Cleburn had left their banks, flooding five or six hundred homes. A circus, whose tents were pitched in the western portion of the city, was completely wrecked. Two lions escaped and prowled about town for an hour, throwing people into a panic.

Small Sales On Tobacco Marke

Special to The News. Winston-Salem, N. C., April 18.—The tobacco market has had very small sales all the week. The season which began Tuesday will doubtless result in a balance of the crop being thrown on the market in the next few days. There is very little, if any change in prices. Better grades are more than holding the prices prevailing two weeks ago.

Virginia Negro Politicians Act

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., April 18.—Alleging that federal officeholders took "illegal control" of the city, county and district conventions, as well as the recent republican state convention, in order to complete their "Lilly White" organization, the negroes of Virginia have called district conventions and state convention, the latter to meet at Richmond, May 14th, for election of contesting anti-Taft delegates to Chicago.

Mr. Roosevelt's Position.

By Associated Press. Washington, April 18.—President Roosevelt stated that he would oppose any bill providing a commission to consider the subject of amendments to the Sherman anti-trust law. He believes there should be action at this session.

Objection to Mr. Hill.

By Associated Press. Washington, April 18.—The objection to Dr. Hill as ambassador to Berlin was simply and solely that his private fortune would not enable him to represent properly the dignity of an American nation.

Novel Demonstration.

By Associated Press. Rome, April 18.—Orders have been issued for the Italian squadron to make a demonstration in Turkish waters, the reason being that Turkey has objected to the opening of the postoffices in Turkish territory such as are maintained by other countries.

Unions Plan Big Protest

New York, April 18.—The Central Federated Union of this city has completed all arrangements for the big mass meeting tomorrow to pass resolutions demanding that congress enact legislation eliminating the labor unions from the provisions in the Sherman anti-trust law affecting combinations in restraint of trade. Similar meetings are planned to be held throughout the country under the auspices of the American Federation of Labor. At the meeting in this city the chief speakers are president, Gompers and Vice-President Duncan, of the Federation, and John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers.

NEWS FORECAST OF COMING WEEK

Washington, D. C., April 18.—The coming week holds the promise of many live news events, the progress of the presidential campaign and the excitement of the battleship fleet on the Pacific coast occupying first place. The American battleship fleet, arriving at San Pedro (Los Angeles) today, will remain in the vicinity of the southern California metropolis during the whole of the coming week. A program of splendid entertainment has been provided for officers and men, the chief feature of which will be a magnificent banquet Monday night at the Alexandria hotel. Events of political interest during the week will be the republican state convention in Illinois and New Jersey to elect delegates to the national convention, and republican primaries in Kentucky which are expected to show whether the state favors Taft or Fairbanks for the presidency. A state election will be held in Louisiana Tuesday to confirm the choice of the recent democratic primary for governor and other state officers.

Reports are in circulation that the Corey administration will be attacked at the annual meeting of the United States Steel Corporation at Jersey City on Monday. Other events of public interest will be the centennial celebration of the Roman Catholic diocese of Philadelphia, the annual session of the conference for education in the south at Memphis, the meeting of the national society, D. A. R., in Washington, D. C., and the laymen's conference of the Southern Methodist church at Chattanooga, at which Ambassador Bryce and W. J. Bryan are among the scheduled speakers.

Thousands Watch Fleet

Big Fleet Begins Second Installment of California's Welcome—Hundred Thousand People Watch Imposing Line.

By Associated Press. Los Angeles, Cal., April 18.—Today the Atlantic battleship fleet enters upon the second installment of its California welcome. Not Los Angeles alone, but Long Beach, San Pedro, Redondo, Venice, Ocean Park and Santa Monica are gay with flags and decorations. Today one hundred thousand people are estimated to be scattered along the beaches and bluffs of 40 miles stretch of coast. The fleet will drop anchor in San Pedro bay at 3 p. m. today. The actual welcome of the officers and men will not begin until Monday, although the mayor and chairman of the entertainment committee will go aboard the flagship and extend a formal welcome on behalf of the city.

Situation On Frontier Grave

By Associated Press. Tiflis, April 18.—The situation on the Persian frontier, arising from the activities of bands of marauding Kurds, has not materially improved. The Persian bandits who retired into their mountain fastnesses after their first successes against the Russians, again concentrated in force yesterday and renewed their attack against Belisivar. The Russians fought with energy and their artillery bombarded several villages in which the brigands had taken shelter. In addition to the losses already reported, the Russians have seven soldiers killed.

Thinks Mme Gould And De Sagan Are Married

By Associated Press. Paris, April 18.—The Cri de Paris, which professes to chronicle the doings of the fashionable set of Paris, insists in its issue of today that the marriage of Mme. Anna Gould, and Prince Elie de Sagan, already has taken place. The paper announced some time ago that this marriage had been celebrated secretly in Germany.

In Honor of Miss Brown's Guests.

Mr. John Bass Brown will entertain at the Country Club this evening in honor of Miss Nancy Brown's guests.

MORAVIANS WILL CELEBRATE EASTER

Special to The News. Winston-Salem, N. C., April 18.—Easter in the Twin City always attracts numbers of visitors. From far and near come relatives and friends to join in the Easter festivities and to witness the beautiful and impressive Moravian Easter services. The prospects at present are for a larger number than ever before, while, of course, social functions of all kinds are being planned for the pleasure of the visitors. The beautiful and impressive sunrise service in the Moravian graveyard on Sunday morning is one of the principal features of this season. The usual Easter morning music will be rendered by the Moravian Trombone Choir, which numbers fifty. The choir will be divided into three divisions. The entire body of musicians will meet at the home church promptly at 1:45 o'clock Sunday morning. At 2 o'clock all will unite in playing the opening chorale in Salem Square, after which each division will proceed to the routes especially assigned to each. Social Events. On Monday there will be the morning sermon at the Twin City Club's rooms, the ball game in the afternoon and the Easter reception and dance Monday evening at the club rooms. Tuesday evening theatre-goers will have an opportunity to hear De Wolf Hopper in his notable comic opera, "Happyland," at the Elks Auditorium. Wednesday will be "Recluse Day," when Scorsis will be hostess to the clubs of the Twin City at the Elks parlors. On Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock the Whist Club will be entertained by Mrs. Clement Manly.

News Stand Agent Missing, His Accounts \$300 Short

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., April 18.—Clarence Mohler, who came here from Staunton, Va., some months ago as manager of the Union News stand at the union depot, has been missing for weeks and the company auditor finds him nearly \$300 short in his accounts. In addition to this, before leaving he borrowed \$40 from a faithful crippled negro, Chas. Perry, who carried baskets of pies and sandwiches through the trains for the company, his receipts for a long while. He has been running with a wild gambling set for some time. Governor Glenn offers a \$50 reward for the arrest of George Goodlet, colored, charged with wife murder in Asheville, April 11.

"Oh, My Furs and Whiskers!"

By Associated Press. Washington, April 18.—Discussing secretaries abroad Representative Harrison of New York said that the first secretary at London was a good example of the type being appointed. "Why a very amiable gentleman," Harrison said, "he reminds me irresistibly of the white rabbit in Alice in Wonderland" and as he scuttles through the London drawing rooms one can almost picture him saying: "Oh! the Duchess. The Duchess! Oh! my furs and whiskers. I shall be late."

Game Called Off.

At 2:50 o'clock this afternoon the game between the University of North Carolina and Davidson College was called off on account of rain.

James Smith Is Acquitted

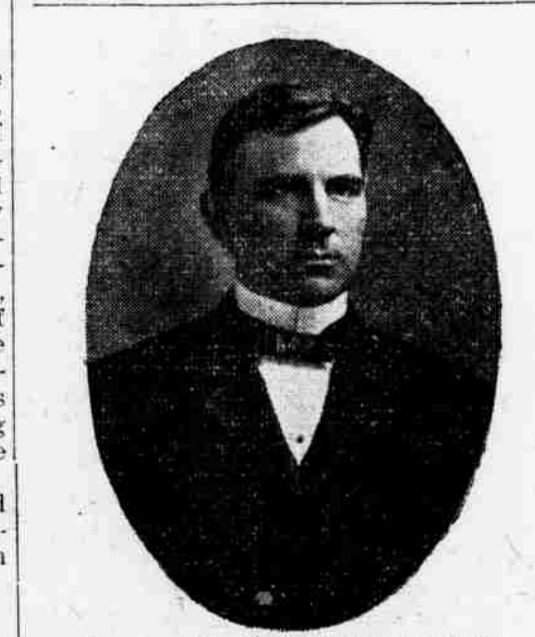
Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., April 18.—The jury in the federal court, after being out since 2 o'clock yesterday, this afternoon acquitted James Smith of the charge of conspiracy to murder Deputy Collector Hendrix. The case has been on trial since last Monday.

GUBERNATORIAL BULLETIN. Table with columns: County, C, K, H. Rows include Stanly, Buncombe, Fredell, Yancey, Polk, Mitchell, Ashe, Burke, Alexander, and Totals.

Craig Club Goes to Work

With Mr. J. H. Weddington Chairman and a Strong Personnel, the Canvass Will Be Pushed.

The Craig Club has elected Mr. J. H. Weddington chairman, and the following campaign committee has been named: Messrs. W. C. Dowd, H. N. Pharr, J. P. Caldwell, T. S. Franklin, W. I. Henderson, P. M. Brown, Cameron Morrison, J. A. Durham, T. L. Kirkpatrick, Plummer Stewart, J. W. Wadsworth, E. R. Preston, C. H. Duls, W. F. Harding, J. H. Wear, T. W. Wade, Amos Cook, C. D. Bennett and F. M. Shannons.



Mr. Locke Craig, of Buncombe.

The hands of the campaign committee, Craig Clubs and campaign committees will be organized throughout the county, under the supervision of the above committee, which will have charge of the county as a whole. This committee will hold a conference in the old law library in the Piedmont Building tonight at 8 o'clock, and reports will be made on the progress of the campaign. This committee will have permanent headquarters in this building, and active work will be conducted from now on.

Favors Waterways.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., April 18.—Secretary Taft filed with the senate committee on commerce his cordial endorsement of Senator Newland's bill, which provides for the appointment of an inland waterways commission and general improvement of the water courses of the country.

Mr. Dickinson at Sanitarium.

By Associated Press. Detroit, Mich., April 18.—Former Postmaster-General Don M. Dickinson, who held that portfolio under President Cleveland, went to the sanitarium at Flint, Mich., accompanied by his family to recuperate from nervous breakdown.

News From Capital City

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., April 18.—The Upright Mutual Insurance Company, of Rocky Mount, is chartered through the state commissioner of insurance. There is no capital stock. There are numerous incorporators, including P. W. Burnett.

Two Offices Are Excepted

Democratic Executive Committee Will Not Require Messrs. Moore and Haywood to Enter The State Primary. The Mecklenburg county democratic executive committee met at 1 o'clock this afternoon at the court house, and decided to except from the state offices primary the two offices of secretary of agriculture and commissioner of labor and printing. There was a good deal of discussion before this action was taken, but it finally resulted in favor of allowing Mr. C. C. Moore and Mr. W. W. Haywood, the two local candidates for the offices named, to go into the state convention free and unhindered.

Craig Club Goes to Work

The state school for the blind here will hold its 63rd annual commencement exercises May 29th. Governor R. B. Glenn will deliver the address.

Large Audience Hears Strong Prohibition Speech of Judge Pritchard.

Special to The News. Winston-Salem, April 18.—Judge Pritchard addressed a great and attentive audience in the court house here today and it is known that his speech won many votes for prohibition. The Judge and Mrs. Pritchard will remain here for the Moravian Easter services. He has accepted an invitation to speak at the Centenary M. E. church at 2:30 tomorrow.

Mr. Bryan a Very Busy Man

By Associated Press. Rochester, N. Y., April 18.—Hon. William J. Bryan left Rochester this morning for Glen Falls, where he will speak tonight. Tomorrow he will give an Easter address at the Utica Young Men's Christian Association and in the evening will speak at Little Falls. On Monday he will go to New York city, speaking in the Bronx Monday night and at a press dinner Tuesday night. He will meet Mrs. Bryan and their daughter in New York. On Wednesday he will be the guest of Governor Fort, of New Jersey, in Trenton. Mr. Bryan expects to have a conference with the democratic-state officials at Albany, including Lieutenant-Governor Chanler and Comptroller Glynn. The action of the democratic state convention at New York this week will probably not be discussed, however, as Mr. Bryan clearly indicated to National Committee man Mack yesterday that he preferred not to interfere in state politics, preferring that each state settle its own policy for itself.

Big Concern Is Bankrupt

By Associated Press. Cincinnati, April 18.—The application for the appointment of a receiver for the Odell Brokerage Company, one of the largest concerns of the kind in the country, was made in the state court by attorneys representing the company.



PROBING CHARGES PREFERRED BY REP. LILLEY

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., April 18.—Handwriting experts were called before the special committee of the house, which is investigating charges brought by Representative Lilley. Chairman Boutell stated at the outset of the session that of the many charges brought before the committee the most serious was that corrupt means had been used to secure or defeat the nomination and election of members of the present congress. "Such a charge reflects upon the integrity of the house and deserves a most exhaustive examination by this committee," he said. "The only case of the kind which the testimony has disclosed is the cowardly attempt that has been made, partly through anonymous letters, to blacken the name and ruin the career of Representative Loud, of Michigan. As no one has the courage to admit the authorship of these dastardly communications, this committee feels that the burden has been laid upon to discover, if possible, the authorship of these communications." Mr. Boutell stated that letters had been turned over to experts and he then called David N. Carvalho to the stand. Expert Testifies. Mr. Carvalho said that he had examined the two letters in question, one received by the Washington correspondent of the Detroit Free Press, and the other by Mr. Frank Edinborough, state senator from Michigan and now candidate for congress, against Mr. Loud. He also had examined a great mass of typewritten documents submitted to him by the committee and compared them with the anonymous letters. Unquestionably, he said, the two anonymous letters and certain of the papers, were written on one and the same machine. These documents, it has been testified, were dictated by former Senator Thurston and were written by Palmer E. Neff, on a typewriter in the Washington office of the Lake Torpedo Boat Company. Lilley Denies Knowledge. "I know absolutely nothing as to the authorship of the anonymous letters that have been introduced in the investigation of the Electric Boat Co.," said Representative George L. Lilley, to a representative of the Associated Press while Carvalho, the handwriting expert was testifying. "The four documents which Carvalho says were written on the same typewriter as were the anonymous letters, were submitted to me by the agent of the Lake Torpedo Boat company. I stated then and submitted them to the committee. They were not written on any typewriter belonging to me."

Trial of Fair Officials Will Come Up on Monday

Mecklenburg criminal court begins Monday with Judge Fred Moore presiding. There will be about 275 cases on the docket, 150 of which are new, the others coming over from last term on continuance. There will be fifty jail cases to be tried. Two murder cases are on the docket, those of S. Q. Barnes and Bob Springs. Barnes will be tried for the killing of Mrs. George Gifford. The most important case other than the Barnes case will be the trial of the officials of the Mecklenburg Fair Association for allowing indecent shows and gambling at the last fair. This case will come first on Monday, and a large number of witness will be examined by both the state and the defense.

Soldiers On Wild Rampage

By Associated Press. San Francisco, April 18.—While almost the entire population of Mazatlan, Mexico, were participating in a religious feast Sunday, 25 soldiers broke out of the garrison and began a wild career of rioting and bloodshed. Within a space of a half hour they had killed two policemen and one other citizen and had waylaid and robbed three men in the outskirts of the city. Ex-Governor Aycock Spoke. Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., April 18.—In his appeal last night to the voters of Raleigh township to vote the special tax for public schools made necessary by the elimination of the Raleigh dispensary, ex-Governor Aycock declared that North Carolina will never have writers of world interest if North Carolina history and other literature to any appreciable degree until all the people of the state are educated up to the appreciation of the best literary effort. And that when there is an educational and appreciative state constituency the great writers and other great artists and artisans will promptly develop. It was a powerful and effective address.

One Primary.

A motion to reconsider the matter of only one primary was lost by a vote of 7 to 12. The question of what date should be set for the county convention and primary came up. It was decided, after some discussion, to have June 20th as the day for the convention, and to hold the primary on the 16th, and the second primary, if one was necessary, on June 19th. These dates were fixed upon. Mr. Lock Robertson then offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That the democratic executive committee, of Mecklenburg county, tenders its thanks to the state democratic central and executive committee in voting for Charlotte to have the state convention; that we appreciate the kind conduct of those committees and the people throughout North Carolina, who aided in getting the convention to Charlotte; that, as a consequence, we desire to let it be known to the people of North Carolina, that we expect to do our utmost to entertain the delegates, and to see that their stay in Charlotte is pleasant and agreeable; and that we desire that all candidates for office are treated justly and fairly."

A Big Mortgage.

By Associated Press. Belleville, Ill., April 18.—The first lien equipment mortgage for \$30,000,000 was filed for record here by the Illinois Central. The mortgage was held by the U. S. Trust company of New York and is secured by the issue of four per cent gold bonds redeemable January 1, 1923.

All Who are to Take Part in the Opera Isabella are Urged to be at the Colonial Club Tonight at 8 o'clock.

—There were no cases tried in the Police Court this morning.