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Lightning, Rain and Hail Hit Mobile Hard

Torrents Fall for Thirty Minutes and Hailstones Come Down With Them

ALL RAILROADS SUFFER

Southern Tracks Torn Up-- Louisville and Nashville Has Cut Service

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Mobile, Ala., April 27.--Mobile was last night visited by another electrical, rain and hail storm. The rain, which probably lasted 30 minutes or more, fell in torrents and immediately followed the brilliant electrical display. Hailstones of unusual size came with the rain. Some residents of the city were frightened by the storm, but scarcely any damage resulted except to vegetables, which naturally follow a hailstorm of any intensity. The telegraph and telephone companies have succeeded in partially rebuilding their lines, but traffic is delayed to a great extent.

The railroads continue to suffer. Of all the lines entering Mobile, the Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City alone remains free from interruption. The Mobile & Ohio trains are now running into the city, but are behind schedule time. The Louisville & Nashville has untruncated some of its trains, and the track is in bad shape between Mobile and Montgomery. The Southern tracks are torn up for a distance of 500 feet at Suggville, Ala. Through trains will hardly operate for several days. The road ran a local train as far north as Jackson, Ala.

All train crews report the water very high along the tracks. Streams are out of their banks and continue to rise. Last night's downpour in this vicinity will aggravate trouble from this source to no mean extent, adding additional handicap to a wrecking crew of the company in their work of rebuilding and repairing.

Along with the partial restoration of wire and rail communication, reports of enormous damage to the tornado-stricken section caused by the destruction of buildings and timbered lands continue to arrive. Few additional deaths have been reported. Among those who lost their lives the news of the drowning of the daughter of Dr. Eugene Smith, the state geologist, has just reached the city. The young woman lost her life in Hurricane Creek near Tuscaloosa, and the body has not yet been recovered. Further particulars are unobtainable.

The town of Fort Deposit, Ala., which (Continued on Page Seven.)

NATIONAL PARTY HAS MET TODAY

Independents Will Have Dinner as Well as Conference in New York

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, April 27.--Men of prominence from every part of the country are in the city to participate in the first public function of the National Independence party. They will be guests this evening at the independence party dinner at the Hotel Knickerbocker.

The new party and its rapid development has been such a source of vexation to the republican and democratic leaders that they have sought constantly for some inkling of what the party plans are and who the candidates on the national ticket will be.

For this reason the dinner this evening is of the utmost importance, nationally, and instead of being purely a local affair for New York state, it has taken a place as one of the most interesting political gatherings of the year.

Star of Japan Worth \$1,500,000. (By Cable to The Times.) London, April 27.--The wreck of the steamship Star of Japan, on the west coast of Africa will cause a loss, it is feared, of \$1,500,000. The ship was built two years ago.

Girl Says Yes But Means That Other Word Instead

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Asheville, N. C., April 27.--James Lee, of Virginia, is speeding here, formally expecting to marry Miss Evelyn Watkins next Tuesday. A great shock was awakened, awaits Mr. Lee. Thanks to Rex Bostic, the marriage of the beautiful young society woman to Mr. Lee is indefinitely postponed. In a word, Miss Evelyn is Mrs. Rex Bostic.

When Miss Evelyn murmured "Yes" to young Lee she thought she loved him better than any man in the world. She kept on thinking so while her friends congratulated her and prepared her trousseau.

Rex Bostic, an old sweetheart of Miss Evelyn, who knew her long before Mr. Lee did, heard of her approaching marriage. Then he realized he loved her better than all the world beside. He hastened here, went to see her, and Miss Evelyn knew she never should have said "Yes" to poor Lee, for another held her heart.

Rex Bostic pleaded eloquently that it was not too late; that she must not make herself unhappy and him miserable so long as they lived. Willingly Miss Evelyn yielded to his fervid arguments. He took three friends into his confidence. Two helped him make a bid to Miss Evelyn's best man winnow. She descended, leaving her trousseau. (Continued on Page Seven.)

BIG INSURANCE FRAUD CAUGHT

Man Who Defrauded Both Company and Woman Under Arrest

(By Leased Wire to The Times) After eluding the officers for several months, William J. Mills, who five years ago represented the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, with headquarters in Charlotte, is under arrest in Philadelphia on the charge of defrauding Mrs. Hattie W. Bryant, of Laurinburg, Scotland county. Five years ago Mills collected from Mrs. Bryant in one day the sum of \$2,200 for life insurance, receiving checks of \$1,415 for same. These were to pay for various policies. Mills delivered to Mrs. Bryant one policy of \$10,000, one for \$5,000 and one for \$1,000, with receipts for all attached, amounting to over \$8,000.

Mrs. Bryant had no idea of any irregularity until last fall, when the five-year payments had matured. Then she wrote to the company, to learn that only one policy was in force, the others having been paid out but for one year. She reported the matter to the insurance commission, who investigated it. It was found that both Mrs. Bryant and the Mutual Life had been defrauded by Mills. The company made the woman's loss good, and in the meantime the company and the insurance commissioner had the man indicted in Scotland county.

Mrs. Bryant also gave Mills \$1,500 to deposit in a Charlotte bank, but he appropriated that.

The commissioner, after going to Laurinburg and having indictments found, finally located Mills in Pittsburg, Pa. He was working for another company. Requisition papers were issued for him, but the company for whom he was working betrayed confidential information, enabling him to escape.

Miss Inez Dibble, one of the fairest of California's young women, was a central figure in the parade, surrounded by other fair Californians.

This evening Brigadier and Mrs. James Dibble will entertain the admirals and captains at the dinner.

It became officially known today that Admiral Evans will rejoin his command on the Coconino Friday and not Thursday, as officially given out. Rear Admiral Evans will take the fleet into San Francisco harbor and hand down his flag of command there. The details of the maneuvers at Monterey and Pigeon were made known to the fleet today, and everyone is busy rehearsing his part so that everything will come off in clockwork precision.

FOUR FIGHTS FOR FRISCO.

All Come Fleet Week--Best Should Be Nelson and Gans.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) San Francisco, April 27.--Four big fights will be pulled off here the next week. The first is a 20-round battle between Abe Attell and "Brooklyn Tommy" Sullivan. Attell has had five fights since the first of the year and has shown up to advantage in each.

Other fights are Stanley Ketchell vs. Jack (Twin) Sullivan, 35 rounds, May 9; George Grim vs. Kaufman, six rounds, May 12; Joe Gans vs. Caholz, 20 rounds, May 14.

The Boer evidently thinks Gans has gone back and many will take that end in the betting because they think Joe has lost his deadly punch.

"Battling" Nelson, through Willis Britt, announces he is ready to fight Joe Gans 45 rounds at any time, but the condition is that the \$5,000 that Nelson has on deposit with Tom Corbett must be covered at prevailing odds by Gans.

RAISULI KILLED NEAR OLD HOME?

(Special Cable to The Times) Tangier, April 27.--A report from Fez says the noted bandit Raisuli was killed near the site of his old home, 21 miles from Fez, by one of his own followers. No details are at hand.

Thief Gets Church's Money.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, April 27.--While the worshippers at the Church of Our Lady of Mercy, in Brooklyn, were celebrating the dedication of their new church with a parade about the adjacent streets, some thief slipped into the sacristy and stole the day's collections, several thousand dollars, which had been deposited there.

ADMIRAL EVANS TO QUIT FRIDAY

Will Take Fleet to San Francisco and There Haul Down His Flag

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Santa Barbara, Cal., April 27.--Footing, roasting receptions which have marked the entrance of the Admiral's fleet at the various Pacific coast ports are being repeated in Santa Barbara. This town is dressed in its best for the tucker today, and everyone is in the harbor to the armada in the harbor. The demonstrations of the admirals' fleet are being repeated. The houses and public buildings are all decorated for the occasion, and the streets are thronged with visitors in the city. Out in the harbor the big ships' bands make a brave showing.

It was evidenced quite early today that there would be a repetition of the visiting of yesterday. Jack the dog, the visitors, and every courtesy to the visitors on board the ships.

The plans for the splendid reception are all completed, and will culminate today in a splendid spectacle. Long before the hour for march will be a vast load of flowers of every color which marked the forming place of the one. Beautiful women, attired in chaste white, carrying huge bouquets, will be in the great ranks of flowers. Nothing was allowed to mar the artistic harmony of the affair.

Strict orders were issued that newspaper photographers who expected to get within snapshot distance would have to be garbed entirely in white. This order, it was pointed out, applied to others as well who had no immediate business in the line.

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THOMAS TICKLES JAPS WITH EASE

Admiral's Felicitous Remark on California Roof Garded Goes to Right Spot

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Santa Barbara, Cal., April 27.--"One might think we were paying our respects to our Japanese neighbors and friends," said Admiral Thomas, as he stepped in full uniform into the garden of a pretty Japanese tea house. The several Japanese attendants bowed low and smiled.

The admiral and his staff were on hand to any official calls to the mayor and the Santa Barbara committee of arrangements. The city flag is not an attractive place, and the mayor had obligingly transferred the seat of government to the pretty artistic tea house.

Admiral Evans' son, Lieut. Evans, his daughter, Miss Marsh, and his flag lieutenant, Mr. Train, arrived last night from Paso Robles. All are enthusiastic over the admiral's condition.

Despondent Chinaman Suicides.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, April 27.--Despondent because of the business depression the past few weeks at the Chinese art store of Louis, Sang, Pi and company, 305 Fifth avenue, Leong Yung, a wealthy Chinese, head of the firm, killed himself early today by jumping from the roof of the building in which he lived at 248 Eighth avenue.

SUBSCRIPTION BOOKS ARE OPEN

Now is the Time, and This Office the Place, to Help High School

Shall Raleigh's high school be closed without conferring the diplomas on the large graduating class? That question is agitating the minds of all the thinking people of this city today. From the present outlook the school will close next Friday, May 1, and the graduating class in the high school will not receive their diplomas until next year and if this is the case they will, in all probability, never receive them at all, as they will not return to school next year to receive these diplomas. This class must suffer all this disappointment and go out into the world without graduating, after working three years and getting in sight of victory, and all because the money to run the school for one more month is not on hand.

It will take \$250 to run the high school the remaining month of the term and hold the closing exercises and confer the diplomas on the graduating class. The Evening Times has started a movement to raise this necessary \$250 and continue the school for the balance of the term. How many people in this city would like to help in this good work and see these children enjoy the closing exercises of their school and see the graduating class happy when they complete their course and receive their diplomas? Every man, woman and child who is in favor of educating the children is asked to help in (Continued on Page Seven.)

Pope Pius to Give America Her Second Cardinal Now?

(By Cable to The Times) New York, April 27.--The Catholics in New York began today in real earnest the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of New York diocese. Archbishop Falconio, papal delegate to the United States, arrived from Washington bearing a message to Archbishop Farley, which will be made public tomorrow. It is believed by the Catholic clergy that the papal delegate brings with him the real fact for Archbishop Farley.

Before tonight there will be at least 12 archbishops, 50 bishops, 12 vicars general, 50 monsignors, with many clergymen of lower rank. St. Patrick's Cathedral holds 2,000 persons, but it will be far too small to accommodate them. Who will seek to attend the pontifical mass to be celebrated at 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning?

The cardinal will appoint Cardinal Logan as coadjutor of his, and Cardinal Gibbons as his successor. A special blessing from the pope will be read.

Following the pontifical mass there will be a banquet to the visiting clergyman in the cathedral college. Archbishop Farley will preside and a number of addresses will be made. Cardinal Logan will speak on the state of the church in Ireland and Cardinal Gibbons will be heard on the state of the church in America.

High School is to be Continued to the End

RED CROSS READY TO DO ITS WORK

Will Rush Doctors, Nurses and Supplies to Stricken Towns of South

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, D. C., April 27.--Active steps are being taken out the offices of the National Red Cross in the way of preparing for the rushing of doctors, nurses, supplies and other necessities to the cyclone-stricken in Mississippi and adjoining states.

Secretary Mages received a telegram from Gov. Neal, of Mississippi, this morning stating that doctors, nurses and other assistance was needed, thousands were homeless and suffering and in such bad shape that they could get no details and cannot make even a rough estimate of the number of deaths. The legislature makes no provision for such calamities other than the furnishing of tents and military protection.

President Roosevelt has also received a telegram from the governor which he referred to the army and navy officials with instructions to take all steps necessary and cooperate with the Red Cross.

Secretary Mages says all donations and subscriptions for the sufferers will be welcome.

Friends of School Are Willing to Contribute to Its Support

PATRIOTIC TEACHERS

Thompson School Instructors Have Offered to Continue School Until May 29

Patrons of the Murphy School are making an effort to continue this school until the close of the term by private subscription. Those who are willing to make contributions for this purpose will telephone their names to the Evening Times office. It will take \$330 to run the school to the end of the term. Mr. J. G. Ball heads the list with \$15. FOR WILEY SCHOOL. Already patrons and friends of the Wiley School are subscribing, \$35 being reported at 3:30.

J. O. Loftin \$25.00 Rev. G. W. Lay, Prin. St. Mary's 10.00

Thanks to the patriotism of the Raleigh teachers, the schools may not have to be closed next Friday afternoon, after all. All the teachers of the Thompson school have voluntarily offered their services free from Friday until May 29, the close of the term, and it is very probable that the teachers in the other schools will follow the example. Mr. P. E. Seagle, in response to the solicitations of the patrons of the Murphy school, will continue the seventh grade until the end of the term. The high school will undoubtedly be continued and the seniors will be awarded diplomas. The school will be supported by contributions and the students will pay a nominal tuition fee.

The action of the teachers of the Thompson school in voluntarily offering to conduct the school on until the end of the session shows the patriotism and interest of the teachers in their work. To say that the (Continued on Page Seven.)

YOUNG BOY DROWNS IN ELERBY CREEK POOL

Crutchfield Could Not Swim and Sank Third Time Before Frightened Companions Reached Him With Help --Water Was Eight Feet Deep

(Special to The Evening Times) Durham, N. C., April 27.--Orus Crutchfield, the 12-year-old son of Mrs. J. I. Crutchfield, was drowned Sunday afternoon in a small pool of water in Elerby creek, in the vicinity of the Pearl Mills. The young man went into the water, which was some 12 feet deep, with two other companions and dived into the deepest part.

His companions, realizing his plight, rushed away a short distance for help, but before they could reach the water's edge he had sunk the last time and in a short while the body was taken from the pool. He was conveyed to the home of his parents, a short distance off, where physicians were summoned, and they did all possible to revive him, but all efforts were fruitless. His two companions were much younger than he and they were frightened at the attempt to save him. The pool of water covers a space of about eight feet, and it is very evident the young man, knowing he could not swim, was not aware of the depth of the water when he dived in. At this place in the creek it is very seldom the water measures over five feet, but in rainy weather it becomes much deeper. The untimely death of the young boy evoked much sadness and universal sympathy among his neighbors.

DROWNING TAKES FLOWER HUNTERS

Stone and Wife and O'Flyd Ward Thrown Into Water By Boat's Capsizing

Muskegon, Mich., April 27.--Three persons were drowned and a fourth narrowly escaped with her life in a boating catastrophe early this morning. The drowned are William Stone, Mrs. William Stone, Floyd Ward, Ethel Stewart was rescued.

The accident happened when four members of the boating party, hunting wild flowers at North Muskegon, tried to change positions in the boat. Stone and his wife sank at once. All were thrown in the water. Ward tried to put the girl back in the boat and clung to the sides, holding to the boat for half an hour, when the heavy seas washed him off. Miss Stewart was unconscious and was tossed about on the waves until she finally regained consciousness after she had been washed ashore and went to a farmhouse and gave word of the tragedy. Ward and Miss Stewart were sweethearts.

Bar Silver Quiet.

(By Cable to The Times) London, April 27.--Bar silver quiet, at 24 9-16d, decline, 1/4d.

JOHNSON MEN TALK ON ILLINOIS SITUATION

Regarded That State as Bryan Territory and Made No Strong Effort to Keep Springfield Delegates From Being Instructed for Him

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Chicago, April 27.--At the Joint headquarters today the following statement was given out on the Illinois convention.

"Mr. Johnson has been a more than speculator so far as concerns the convention at Springfield and the matter of the instruction of Mr. Bryan's candidacy to this convention.

"As we announced when we opened our headquarters here for national work, we regarded the Illinois situation as already so far established that it would not be wise to make any effort to secure an endorsement of Gov. Johnson. We have adhered to that intention, and have done nothing more in Illinois than to distribute literature and familiarize the public with the merits of our candidate. Like everybody else, we expected that Mr. Bryan would get an emphatic endorsement and probably have the delegation from Illinois bound to him with chains of steel by first-hand-and-all-those instructions. "If I am correctly informed that

"F. B. LYNCH."