

# A CYCLONE SWEEPS SOUTH

## Property Losses Will Run Into Many Millions, The Loss in Tennessee Alone Being \$1,000,000 Hundreds of Dead and Mangled Bodies

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Cyclones and tornadoes, the like of which have not been known for years, swept through the South Thursday night and all Friday, leaving in their wake hundreds of dead and mangled bodies, and the dismantled wrecks of property worth many millions.

Tennessee was an especially heavy sufferer. At 9 o'clock Friday night careful estimates indicate that at least 50 people were killed in that State alone, with monetary losses about \$1,000,000. At Franklin and in Hillsboro there was loss of life. The latter town is said to be practically destroyed, while at Centerville and adjoining villages the loss is reported very heavy both in lives and property. Near Pulaski, Giles county, the death list reaches twelve, and many are injured.

In the vicinity of Chattanooga the storm was felt at its worst. Telephone and telegraph wires were blown down and the movement of trains was greatly hampered. The hurricane followed the Cumberland valley, wrecking small towns and destroying farm houses. At Ebenezer eighteen houses were blown down.

At Charlestown the storm swerved up the Hiwassee river, destroying property. At Fayetteville three are known to have perished. At Cuba many houses were blown down and at Gilestown not even a shed was left standing.

Memphis reports heavy loss from towns within a radius of 100 miles in three States.

At Horn Lake, Miss., half dozen lives were lost and the property damage was very heavy.

In Arkansas eight persons were killed near Mammoth Springs and a score of buildings wrecked. Other points in Arkansas report heavy loss.

Atlanta and most of Georgia escaped with only slight property losses during the blow. But two young people, brother and sister, William and Pearl Withra, lost their lives here Friday afternoon by the capsizing of a rowboat during a sudden squall.

The hurricane continued upon its course of destruction in Alabama Friday night. Huntsville sends word of heavy loss of property, with probably several lives sacrificed near the Tennessee line. At Danville, in Morgan county, Alabama, the storm struck with terrific force. At Hartsell at least one is dead and many hurt.

Soon after dark Friday night the storm winds began shooting across the railroad telegraph and telephone lines connecting Atlanta with Chattanooga and Knoxville and wire communication, which had been kept with great difficulty during the afternoon, ceased entirely. The Western and Atlanta Railroad offices here reported that south of Chattanooga, near Emerson, Ga., several big trees were blown across the railroad right of way, tearing down wires and holding up five trains.

The death totals were swelled Friday night.

## SUGAR COMPANY PAYS U. S. CIVIL CLAIMS

New York, Special.—The American Sugar Refining Company, of New Jersey and the New York corporation of the same name Tuesday paid into the treasury of the United States \$896,000, completing a payment aggregating \$2,134,000 in settlement of all civil claims arising out of the fraudulent weighing of sugar on the docks of the refineries in Brooklyn and Jersey City. The companies further agree to give up their right of appeal. The settlement was made upon the advice of the company's lawyers. A

## FARMERS PLAN A BIG WAREHOUSE MERGER

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—President H. Q. Alexander, of the North Carolina division of the Farmers' Union, is very much interested in the plan proposed for the organization of the several cotton warehouses in the individual Southern States into one gigantic corporation. The warehouses which have been erected by the Union

## THE MOSLEM DISORDERS IN ADANA CEASE

Constantinople, By Cable.—A welcome message was received Thursday from the town of Hadjin, in the province of Adana, where five American women missionaries have been alone with thousands of refugees who sought safety there from bands of Moslems seeking to put them to the sword. Hadjin has withstood a siege for the past eight days and the missionaries have been sending out frantic appeals for help. Thursday a message reached here from Miss Lambert, the daughter of Bishop Lambert, timed 10:22 a. m., which said: "With the arrival of the troops

## PLAN FOR SOUTH TO GET GOOD IMMIGRANTS

Washington, D. C., Special.—The Department of Commerce and Labor has decided upon a plan for the furnishing of immigrants with definite and reliable information which it believes will meet with the co-operation of Middle Western and Southern States in particular. Assistant Secretary McHarg is preparing plans to make a section of the immigration act effective which has hitherto been a

day night by three lightning victims at Monroe, Ga. Late in the afternoon a rushing windstorm, accompanied by blinding lightning, broke over Monroe and one of the bolts struck the residence of M. B. Barrett, running down the chimney. Barrett, his wife and his 17-year-old daughter were killed, and a 10-year-old son and a younger child were seriously shocked.

## Storm in the Middle West.

Chicago, Special.—Belated reports show that the death and destruction, caused by the terrific storm that swept over the Middle West Thursday night, were more extensive than at first indicated by the meagre telegraph carried over damaged wires. Three men were killed in Chicago by the collapse of a factory. Homeless men, women and children spent Friday in strange houses in many suburbs, where the storm had upset substantial houses.

In the path of the storm before it reached the Great Lake region, great destruction of property is reported. At least eleven persons were killed.

At Golden, Mo., a part of the town was destroyed and many homes were wrecked. Five persons lost their lives.

At Summerville, Mo., the wind created havoc and two persons were killed. Many were injured.

The storm was furious in Southern Illinois and at Texas City, near Cairo, four persons were killed and many seriously wounded. The town was wrecked. Great damage to property and crops was caused in Michigan on the east shore of Lake Michigan, Benton Harbor and South Haven being in the path of the storm.

In Wisconsin, for many hours there rained a severe snow storm, causing damage to property. At Lacrosse and Superior, trains were hampered because of drifts.

## Many Killed in Storm.

Louisville, Ky., Special.—Dispatches, gathered throughout the South by the Associated Press Friday night, indicate that at least 114 persons met sudden death in the great wind that spread havoc throughout the region south of the Ohio. The number of injured is probably threefold that of the killed. It is substantiated that 114 persons were killed, distributed among the following towns:

Tennessee: Youngs Crossing, 5; Fayetteville, 15; Noblesville, 1; Hartman county, 1; Medina, 4; Clarksville, 1; Centerville, 1; Franklin, 1; Hillsboro, 4; Somerville, 3; Laconia, 2; Bells, 2; Quito, 8; Giles county, 12.

Mississippi's most disastrous point was Horn Lake, where 18 met death. Arkansas has four dead near Hartsell.

Missouri has seven killed at Somerville and 1 at Golden.

## WASHINGTON NOTES

The most important happenings in the nation's capital Monday were as follows:

The important "commodities clause" case was decided by the Supreme Court of the United States, which while sustaining the government's contention that the Hepburn rate law was not unconstitutional, held that a carrier may own stock in a producing company and at the same time transport the product of that company.

Representative Hoffingsworth, of Ohio, presented in the House Monday a resolution protesting against the placing of the picture of Jefferson Davis on the silver service to be presented to the battleship Mississippi by the people of her patronymic State.

The appointments of Oscar S. Straus, as ambassador to Turkey and W. W. Rockwell as ambassador to Russia were announced.

Tariff discussion was continued in the Senate, Mr. Pyles, of Washington, speaking in defense of the Dingley rates on lumber, and Mr. Borah, of Idaho, strongly advocating an income tax.

Tribute to the memory of the late Alexander R. Shepherd, former Governor of the District of Columbia, was paid by citizens of the District at the unveiling of a statue erected in this city in his honor.

Senator Dooliver spoke upon the tariff Tuesday and enlivened the proceedings of the Senate. Mr. Dooliver said he had been accused, in pursuing the course he had taken in support of lower tariff duties, of a "mere cowardly acquiescence to a sentiment in Iowa." He read an editorial criticism to that effect, saying he would not have done so "were it not an authentic echo from the Senate chamber itself. He said his course was in pursuance of a contract entered into with the people of his State nine years ago when he was first elected to the Senate. When Mr. Dooliver declared, as he said on the authority of Mr. Aldrich, that the schedules of the pending bill were made by officers of the New York customs house and not by the committee on finance, Mr. Aldrich promptly denied that he had made a statement on which such an assertion could be based.

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Mehemed V, was formally recognized by the State Department as Sultan of Turkey, following the receipt of official advices of his accession to the throne.

The memory of Major L'Enfant, who designed the national capitol, was honored by impressive exercises held in the rotunda of the capitol, previous to the re-interment of the body in Arlington Cemetery, after remaining for more than one hundred years on a Maryland farm.

George W. Woodruff, a former Yale athlete, was nominated to be United States District judge for Hawaii.

Retention of the existing tariff on lumber was strongly urged by Mr. Simmons, of North Carolina, in an exhaustive speech in the Senate.

The present prospect is that the proposed amendments by the Senate committee on finance to the tariff bill will be postponed for some days possibly until the beginning of next week.

The committee is understood to have practically decided to place a duty of \$5 per ton on printing paper and of \$1.38 per ton on wood pulp, which is a slight reduction from the Dingley rate in both cases.

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President Taft attended the celebration in Alexandria, Va., of the 120th anniversary of George Washington's inauguration and dedication of a park to his memory.

The President cabled his congratulations on the birth of an heir to the throne of The Netherlands.

Justice Stafford, in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, declined to compel Secretary of Agriculture Wilson to vacate his decision to institute prosecutions under the pure food law against flour manufacturers, who use the bleaching process.

The Senate finance committee reported its substitute for the maximum and minimum provision of the Payne tariff bill, practically repealing the latter, in that any country to receive our minimum rates, must not in any way discriminate against our products.

Senator Tillman declared in the Senate Friday, says the Washington correspondent to the Charlotte Observer, that Senators Simmons, of North Carolina, and Fletcher, of Florida, had made Republican speeches on lumber. Mr. Simmons was not in the chamber at the time and did not hear the charge, but the general impression here is that he can take care of himself in a controversy with the South Carolinian.

## ADANA MASSACRES

### Missionary to Turkey Writes of the Horrors Perpetrated.

### HER SCHOOL MENACED BY MOB

Miss Elizabeth S. Webb, Missionary From Illinois to Asiatic Turkey, Writes Dramatically of the First Days of the Slaughter.

A special from Adana via Constantinople says: Miss Elizabeth S. Webb, a missionary from Bunker Hill, Ill., has written as follows of the first days of the massacre in Adana when the girls' school to which she was attached was in the greatest danger:

"Our friends came to school as usual on Wednesday (April 21). Although we heard there was much unrest in the city, we went on with preparations for a school entertainment, to be held next day. Soon firing began and before noon we were afraid to send the day scholars home. There was constant firing. We tried to go on with our annual meeting, but were interrupted by the screaming in the streets and the shooting.

"Mr. Chambers attempted to go to the government building for a guard, but found it impossible to get through the mob. Our Turkish children were present and we thought it would be possible to send word of our danger by a Turk who had come to take them home. Accordingly notes to their fathers and to the Governor were written, but there was no response.

"As night came on fires began to flare up in all directions and we were fearful that the rioters would break into the school buildings. Finally, about 9 o'clock, there came a knock at the gate and in walked the English consul. He left three of his guard of Turkish soldiers to take care of us.

"All through the night we seemed to be in a state of siege. In the meantime fires about the city had increased and the sound of shooting could be heard from every point. At last the consul passed. He was able to spare only one man, but thought this one would be more useful than the other three, who had run away. Soon after fires broke out in the adjacent streets. Unless something was done speedily our school building must be destroyed. We had hung Turkish flags on all sides of the building, but this did not stop the thousands engaged in the riots from firing their weapons, although apparently they were not directed against us.

"If our building burned, the Chambers house must burn also. Our only safety seemed to be to check the flames. The women and girls carried water, while the men cut down the shed and an old house in the corner of our yard. A shed on the opposite side of the street was also torn down. About this time we were horrified to learn that Mr. Rogers and Mr. Maurer had been shot. It seemed that they had been fighting the fire and were not with the other men cutting down the sheds. They were brought into our dining room. Mr. Maurer already was dead and Mr. Rogers only lived a few minutes. The Rev. Stephen R. Trowbridge, who was near them at the time, escaped.

"A new misfortune overtook us. Our guard of one man disappeared. I came to my room, where the girls were waiting. For me to tell them what had happened would only cause a panic, so I said: 'We have done all we can now; let us pray.'

"Before I had finished praying, the bugle of the consul's guard and the Turkish officials with whom he was patrolling sounded. He could not spare a guard, but promised to send one immediately. It was a terrible situation; women and girls practically alone in the building; a murderous, bloodthirsty mob outside, with knife and bullet for the Armenians, and the torch for their homes. To add to the misery, there were the dead on the floor below, and the widow of one of them, Mrs. Rogers, with her infant, 10 weeks old, to comfort. The afternoon and evening passed and no guard came. The following day we learned that the British consul had been shot in the arm. That night young men from the Gregorian and Protestant committees patrolled the streets around our building. The situation was grave. A great crowd, bent on plundering, had gathered at the rear of our house for an attack. Our Armenians asked those below to send one man to confer with a representative of our side.

"This was agreed to, but in place of one man, hundreds started to come. They demanded that we give up our arms, but this meant certain death. We decided to take the girls to Mr. Chambers' house. Here refugees cowered everywhere. Both houses and court apparently had been overflowing with refugees before our arrival.

### Four Lions Are Bagged.

Nairobi, British East Africa, By Cable.—Four lions are trophies of ex-President Roosevelt's camp in the Mau hills. The lions were bagged Friday, and Colonel Roosevelt's mighty gun brought three of them to earth, each on the first shot. The fourth of the jungle kings fell before the rifle of his son Kermit, who, however, took three shots to kill his quarry. Both father and son are jubilant.

## GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT

### Davidson County Making Strenuous Efforts to Vote a Bond Issue For That Purpose.

Lexington, Special.—H. B. Varner has secured the promise of the good roads bureau of the Department of Agriculture to aid in the campaign for a bond issue of half a million dollars for the improvement of the roads in Davidson county. Mr. Varner had a very satisfactory talk with Mr. Paige, the head of the bureau, who agreed to send to the county a number of lecturers prior to the election. The officials in Washington are greatly pleased with this movement for road improvement on such a large scale. It is thought there is little doubt but that the people will approve this issue of bonds and when the work is completed Davidson will have the finest public roads of all the counties in the South. The investment is one of the best possible the county could make and that is the way our people are looking at the proposition.

### Granite Interest Combine.

Salisbury, Special.—A consolidation of the granite interests of Rowan county has taken place and the result is the W. A. Esson Granite Company, an organization with a paid in capital stock of \$1,250,000. A charter for the new company was sent to Raleigh Wednesday. The companies consolidated are now working 500 men at the quarries several miles from Salisbury and it is stated that soon the number of employees will have been increased to 2,000. The American Stone Company, the Rowan Granite Company, and the Balfour Pink Granite Company lose their identity in the new corporation.

### Confederate Monument.

Salisbury, Special.—The Confederate monument on Innis street is to be unveiled Monday, May 10, the ceremony taking place at 10:30 o'clock. Large numbers of veterans and others are expected, not only from this county but from a number of places, both in and out of the State. Mayor A. H. Boyden will be orator of the day, and Gen. Bennett Young, of Louisville, Ky., will also deliver an address. The memorial will be unveiled by Mrs. Frances Fisher Tiernan, daughter of Gen. Chas. F. Fisher. Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, of Charlotte, and Gen. Robt. F. Hoke, of Raleigh, are among the prominent guests who have already signified their intention of being present.

### Summer Conference Discussed.

Chapel Hill, Special.—At the regular meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday night the "Summer Conference for Southern College Men" was discussed. Frank Graham, chairman of the Summer Conference committee, presided over the meeting and bore ample testimony of his deep appreciation of the conference by saying he had studied it for the last three summers and was looking with more than his usual zeal to this summer's conference, to be held at Montreat June the eleventh, through the twenty-first.

### Dynamite Hurts Boy.

Lenoir, Special.—Friday afternoon little Samuel Dysart, aged 9 years, had two fingers and a thumb blown off his left hand by a dynamite cartridge. He found the cap near the cemetery and not knowing what it was started home and on the way undertook to strike a match on the cartridge and it exploded. It is thought the cap was left by some men who had been blasting nearby. The little fellow was badly frightened.

### The Morning Star Sold.

A deal has been consummated by which a stock company has secured The Morning Star, Wilmington, which has been published for 40 years by Maj. W. H. Bernard. The purchase price was \$26,000.

### Death of N. D. Emerson.

Wilmington, Special.—Telegraphic advices Friday morning conveyed to hundreds of friends the news of the death of Neil Davis Emerson, only son of President T. M. Emerson, of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad which occurred Thursday night at Phoenix, Arizona, where he had been for some time with the hope that the climate would be of benefit to his health. He improved for a time until his heart began to fail and his decline was rapid.

### Crushed Skull With Plank.

Troy, Special.—A misunderstanding over the incorrect driving of a mule team at the Guilford Lumber Manufacturing Company's shops Rufus Smith struck Mart Thompson with a piece of plank Friday and crushed his skull and Thompson is not expected to live, whereupon Smith was arrested and taken to jail to await the results of the wound.

### Military Commission.

Adjutant General Arnfield Friday issued the following military commissions:

C. H. Banks, captain; J. A. Turner, first lieutenant, and J. R. Perry second lieutenant, Co. D, Third Infantry, Louisville.

A. L. C. Hill, captain, and J. O. H. Taylor, second lieutenant Company B Second Infantry, Kingston. First Lieutenant J. I. Brown retained his commission.

## THE NEWS IN BRIEF

### Items of Interest Gathered By Wire and Cable

### GLEANINGS FROM DAY TO DAY

#### Live Items Covering Events of More or Less Interest at Home and Abroad.

"Ike Morse has betrayed me. He has been going with me for the last nine years. He could not throw me over and live." So said Gertrude Douglas after shooting down the man at Nashville, Tenn., last Tuesday.

Thirteen-year-old Adele Boas, of New York, created a sensation by leaving home to see the world and make her own living. It was not a case of kidnaping as was thought and Adele has come back home worsted and wiser.

A tornado wrecked a number of buildings Wednesday evening and did serious damage to crops and fruit at Tupela, Okla.

One person was killed and 10 were injured by a tornado which wrecked a large portion of Douglas, Kan., Wednesday evening.

A group of Chicago capitalists have leased the Geo. W. Vanderbilt hunting and fishing preserve near Asheville, N. C., for ten years at \$5,000 per year.

Mrs. Gonzales was killed and four other prominent society ladies were injured at Pensacola on Monday by contact of their automobile with a street car.

A tug sank in the Mississippi river, 40 miles south of New Orleans, 8 of the 15 persons aboard being lost last Sunday.

The danger from the ice at Niagara Falls seems over as it is flowing along gently.

Admiral N. E. Juchii, commander of the Japanese training squadrons now at San Pedro, Cal., had a long talk Monday with Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans. They agreed that there is no danger of war between the United States and Japan.

Sixteen acres of the home where Jefferson Davis was born, within 12 miles of Hopkinsville, Ky., have been purchased to be made into a park to perpetuate his name.

Samuel Dresler, of Pittsburg, has won a suit against Col. Wm. D. Mann, of Topeka, Kan., getting verdict for \$30,000 for libel.

James Boyle, the kidnapper is said to be on the verge of a break down.

The Daughters of the American Revolution Congress in Washington last week, declared for the preservation of Fort McHenry as one of the consecrated spots of the nation.

A number of women were hurt in a Williamsburg (Brooklyn) bargain rush.

Four persons perished in a hotel fire in Topeka, Kan. last Sunday.

Benson Bidwell and his son, Charles, were convicted in Chicago last week of swindling. The father's health gave way and the son agreed to abandon an appeal and go to the penitentiary on condition that his father receive a nominal punishment of 10 days in jail. The scheme was effected.

### Washington Notes.

Senator Nelson set the Senate in a frenzy Thursday in a speech on the lumber schedule.

Senator Rayner in a speech Thursday declared free trade to be impracticable.

Representative Hollingsworth of Ohio wants congressional action against the engraving of ex-President Jefferson Davis on the silver service to be presented to the Mississippi.

The remains of Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant have been taken up from its country resting place and placed in the Arlington National cemetery where it will be suitably commemorated in his honor for designing the plan of Washington city.

The American Red Cross society has undertaken to render aid to the desolate in Armenia and has sent on \$1,000. It will gladly receive donations to the cause.

President Taft is very much concerned about the successful competition of Germany over America in the Chinese trade.

### Foreign Affairs.

Holland is overjoyed that Queen Wilhelmina gave birth to a daughter on Friday, the 30th.

It is estimated that 2,000 people were killed in the battle at Constantinople last Sunday.

The Russian expedition formed to restore order at Tabriz, Persia, is reported to have been checked.

The new government at Constantinople has sent troops and has rescued the remaining Armenian Christians.

Eleven men were killed and 11 were injured by an explosion of an Italian submarine boat on last Monday.

The story is now going that Castro, who is now in France, has a fortune buried in Venezuela, and is anxious to get home on that account also.

A cablegram Monday says ex-President Roosevelt and son are both indisposed from overdoing in the hunt and are resting at the ranch of Sir Alfred Pease. Later news says they are again on the hunt.