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MOST OF VICTIMS ARE BED

Leveled Buildings and Left Death and Injury in Wake For Thirty Miles.

Colorado, Texas.—Sixteen dead and 100 injured were reported as a result of the tornado which tore through Mitchell county south and east of here. The injured are in the hospital, churches and many private homes here. Some were hurt so seriously their deaths are expected.

The tornado descended in Mitchell county, and caught most of its victims in bed. It levelled buildings and left death and injury in its wake for 30 miles. Starting south of Westbrook, it continued for seven miles through the county just west of Lorraine.

All the deaths were in more or less isolated farms. Due to the distance between farms and demoralization of wire communication it was expected here it would be many hours before the entire district could be heard from.

Citizens of towns near the storm swept area rushed first aid, provisions and relief supplies for the victims.

The known dead are: Luther Brindle, 30; Mrs. F. Brindle, mother of Luther, 70; H. J. Sandifer, three Sandifer boys, aged 5 to 12; infant son of Joe Anderson; infant daughter of Jim Walker; C. L. Simpson, 25; I. C. Sheffield, 65; Jesus Briones; Joe Richard, 45; son of Joe Richard, 12; daughter of Joe Richard, 14; Mrs. W. S. Shelton, Westbrook Texas; a baby girl.

Between 400 and 500 refugees, besides the injured, are here and temporary kitchens have been erected to provide them with food. More are coming in.

The devastated district is thickly populated for rural territory. At least 50 houses were reported destroyed. Damage to crops could not be estimated. The wind tore and twisted down everything in its path. The city has a population of possibly 2,000. At one time it was known as Colorado City, but now is on the maps as Colorado.

Consumption of Cotton Decreases.

Washington.—Cotton consumed during April amounted to 577,396 bales of lint and 52,192 of linters, compared with 623,105 of lint and 51,745 of linters in March this year and 443,509 of lint and 49,287 of linters in April last year, the Census Bureau announced.

Cotton on hand April 30 in consuming establishments totalled 1,839,218 bales of lint and 180,980 of linters, compared with 2,034,535 of lint and 169,509 of linters on March 31 this year and 1,461,340 of lint and 176,490 of linters on April 30 last year.

Cotton on hand April 30, in public storage and at compresses totalled 1,966,441 bales of lint and 53,656 of linters, compared with 2,377,790 of lint and 48,434 of linters on March 31 this year, and 3,213,483 of lint and 118,356 of linters on April 30 last year.

Exports during April totalled 262,753 bales, including 2,769 bales of linters, compared with 318,210 including 3,347 of linters in March this year and 598,209 including 11,598 of linters in April last year.

Statistics for cotton growing states included:

Cotton consumed during April 363,865 bales, compared with 392,027 in March this year, and 294,762 in April last year.

Cotton on hand April 30 in consuming establishments totalled 1,078,444 bales, compared with 1,223,949 on March 31 this year and 698,609 on April 30 last year.

Cotton on hand April 30 in public storage and at compresses totalled 1,655,860 bales, compared with 2,056,904 on March 31 this year and 2,795,935 on April 30 last year.

Cotton spindles active during April numbered 16,072,152 compared with 16,065,554 in March this year and 15,503,563 in April last year.

Six Killed in Airplane Wreck.

Amiens, France.—Six persons, including a New Yorker named Schwab, were killed in the fall of a passenger airplane at Conty, thirteen miles south of this city.

TERRIBLE FLOOD AND FIRE HITS HOT SPRINGS.

Hot Springs, Ark.—Hot Springs, city of many disasters, was stricken as never before when water and flames united in a general devastation that left death and disaster in its wake. How many dead is unknown.

Water in torrents, raging like mad, split the city into three sections. Flames followed in the path of the flood and water covered all sections before a summary could be made. There was not a body reported at the morgue. But there were rescuers whose heroism deserves great praise. And some of the rescuers believe that all their efforts were not fully effective.

The flood originated in the upper basin of the mountains north of Hot Springs from a veritable cloudburst. About 4:30 o'clock, after terrific rains for about 18 hours, there came a slight flow of water down through Central avenue from its junction with Whittington park at the north end of the valley. When the first water appeared there was little alarm but in a few minutes the waters began to range down the valley.

GAS CATCHES FROM SPARKS

FIRE AT HUGHES DEVELOPING COMPANY'S OIL WELL CLAIMS VICTIMS.

Control Valve Was Being Changed When the Flames Began to Leap Toward Sky.

Corsicana, Texas.—At least 13 men were killed by an explosion of the G. K. Hughes Developing company's McKie No. 1 well ten miles southeast of here. There is a possibility that the number of dead will reach 25.

A spark from a hammer as the control valve was being changed at the well ignited gas from the gusher.

A crew of 20 men who came from Mexia have not been accounted for. The crew was working near the well when it caught fire.

Travis Owen, 32, of Karens, Texas, died in the hospital here as the result of injuries. Physicians held out little hope for Emmett Bird, another victim.

Those recovered are so badly charred that identification is impossible. One man, a Mr. Simmonds, who was on the derrick floor with the crew, escaped by running. His clothing, not being oil soaked, did not ignite.

Bird said there were between eight and ten men on the derrick floor at the time of the fire and that he thought he and Owen were the only two who escaped. Owen died a short time later.

The officials of the developing company are making a check of the men working. One man said that the bodies of the dead men were where they fell when the blast occurred and with the well still burning it would be impossible to remove them for some time.

The fire started while hundreds were in the vicinity of the well. Word of the tragedy was telephoned to Corsicana with urgent call that all available doctors, medical supplies and ambulances be rushed to the scene. The dead and injured were brought to Corsicana.

According to an eyewitness the crew was the derrick floor changing the control head when suddenly there was a flash of fire followed by two other flashes, the fire shooting over 100 feet in the air. In a moment everything within several hundred feet of the well was ignited. All the trees and shrubbery around the well was saturated with oil and the ground was quickly burned clear. A great pool of oil near the well also boiled skyward quickly. The well continued to burn and was flowing wide open with the flames darting high into the air. Officials of the Hughes Developing company were on the ground and steps were being taken to extinguish the flames.

Millions For Charity.

New York.—Thirty million dollars, an average of \$1.43 for each of the twenty-one million citizens of 129 American cities, was given to charity in the last year through 2,500 welfare and philanthropic organizations which combined under the "communist chest" plan, with only one fund raising campaign in each city, it is shown in the report of a nation wide survey just completed by the National Information Bureau.

AMERICAN BOYS IN BAD PLIGHT

FORTY YOUTHS ARE STRANDED IN GERMANY WITHOUT MONEY.

PROTEST AGAINST PRACTICE

Signed as Seamen in United States and Discharged on Arrival at Hamburg.

Norfolk, Va.—Plight of 40 youths from Norfolk, Newport News, Savannah and New Orleans stranded in Hamburg, is pointed out by V. O. Hart, secretary of the Young Men's Christian association, in that German city, in a letter received here as a warning against American boys signing on the crew lists of foreign cargo ships. Mr. Hart, in his letter to Bert S. Benn, secretary of the Norfolk Central Y. M. C. A., protests against the practice of certain shipping masters of putting inexperienced American boys on German ships, and declares that the practice should be brought to the attention of port authorities.

He refers specifically to a shipping master of Newport News, who, he claims, in January, induced seven Americans to go to work on the German cargo ship Alarich.

"Four of these young men," the letter stated, "had no seamen's papers, and three of them had never been to sea before. All of these seven men, except one, who is an old hand at the sea business, are under 23 years of age. One of them is only 17 years old."

"When they arrived in Hamburg, they were promptly paid off and discharged so as to give Germans, who work cheaper than Americans, the jobs. Nothing was said when they signed on about getting them back to the states. Of course the shipping master was paid something, probably \$10, for getting these men on the German ship not by the men themselves, but by the ship's agents or perhaps by the captain of the ship, as he could not sail without a crew.

"The money they received did not last them long, and now they are here without money and without work. Our consul won't give them food and lodgings, because they came on German ships, and because most of them have no papers most of them have no papers to prove their status as American seamen. If it wasn't for the little help I give them, they would starve and walk the streets at night. During the past six weeks we have had about 40 Americans come here on German ships from New Orleans, Norfolk, Newport News and Savannah. So you can imagine what an awful problem we have here. American shipping is very poor here now, and it is almost impossible for these men to get away. Our consul is doing all he can to get the German shipping companies to take the men back on the ships on which they came or others that go to the states but without much result so far.

Two Slain When Falling to Halt.

Monticello, Ark.—A request to stop his fleeing wife resulted in the death of Mrs. O. Snow and J. L. Babb when they were fired upon by officers as they sped through here in an automobile. A third member of the party who was not identified, escaped and is believed to be seriously wounded. The husband of the slain woman, who was at Warren, a town near here, with a disabled car, asked officers to telephone ahead with instructions for officers here to stop the car as he believed his wife was being kidnapped by two men.

Agencies Would Be Consolidated.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Consummation of a plan of consolidating the numerous Presbyterian agencies dealing with benevolent and educational work will be announced at the 135th general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States.

Dr. John Timothy Stone, of Chicago, chairman of a committee on reorganization and consolidation, will outline to the commissioners at tending the assembly the new plan under which four boards have replaced sixteen and are functioning under the titles of foreign missions, national missions, Christian education and ministerial relief, and sustentation. All of the old boards will make reports to the assembly for the last time.

The committee to reorganize the boards was appointed two years ago. The merging of the different boards has been accomplished gradually, according to Dr. Stone, and with little confusion in the work.

TWO SISTERS ARE KILLED WHEN TRAIN HITS AUTO.

Henderson.—Mrs. W. G. Coleman, 47, and Miss Nannie Fleming, 43, sisters, of near Macon, were killed at Middleburg, six miles north of this city, when a Seaboard Air Line northbound freight train struck a small sedan automobile in which they were riding. Their two brothers, R. D. Fleming and Thomas Fleming, riding with them, were seriously but not fatally injured.

The former, who was driving the car, suffered a fractured knee and cuts and bruises about the hands and head, and the latter a broken shoulder and injuries to his back with other minor bruises. Mrs. Coleman was killed instantly, while Miss Fleming lived more than an hour, but was unconscious.

The two brothers were brought to a hospital in this city where it was said their injuries were not regarded as fatal.

PROVISIONS OF DRY LAW VOID

JUDGE HOLDS DOCTORS MAY PRESCRIBE ANY AMOUNT OF LIQUOR.

Indicates His Belief That Section of Anti-Narcotic Law is Also Unconstitutional.

New York.—Federal Judge Knox declared unconstitutional the right of a physician to prescribe for his patients the provisions of the Volstead act and its amendments prohibiting the prescribing of more than a pint of spirituous liquor every 10 days.

By implication, he indicated his belief that a provision of the Harrison anti-narcotic act, prohibiting physicians from prescribing increased doses of drugs to addicts under treatment, also was unconstitutional for the same reason. Counsel for Dr. Ernest S. Bishop, recently indicted for violation of the drug prescribing limitation, announced they would apply for dismissal of the indictment.

The decision in the liquor prescription case was first blood for the Association for the Protection of Constitutional Rights, and organization of 100 prominent physicians, who brought the suit through their president, Dr. Samuel W. Lambert, dean emeritus of the college of physicians at Columbia university. Assistant United States Attorney Clark announced, however, that the case would be rushed to the United States supreme court for a final decision, and he would seek a stay of Judge Knox's decision in the meantime.

Dr. Lambert filed his action in November, 1922, claiming in effect that Congress was usurping the functions of the physician in limiting the amount of liquor that might be prescribed to any one patient and asking that the state prohibition director, the internal revenue department and the United States attorney's office be restrained from molesting him in his avowed determination to ignore the provision, which he declared was illegal.

Big Salaries Paid Movie Stars.

New York.—Well known picture stars received from \$100,000 to \$350,000 for each picture they worked in, it was revealed by John D. Williams, organizer of the First National Exhibitors Circuit, Inc., who testified at the Federal Trade Commission hearing as to whether the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation and its subsidiaries constitute a trust.

Williams told of the salaries paid the stars after his testimony that the Famous Players controlled sixty per cent of the leading film men and women in 1916 was challenged.

Charlie Chaplin, he said, had received \$1,000,000 in 1917 to produce eight pictures, while between 1917 and 1918 Mary Pickford had received \$350,000 for each of three pictures. Norma Talhmadge, he said, first received \$160,000 each with a share in the profits of eight pictures, and later had been engaged at \$350,000 for each of twelve more pictures.

Thousands of dollars, Williams said, had been paid to the stars before work on the pictures began, and in instances in addition to their salaries they received a share of the profits and even higher salaries for renewals of contracts. Some received as high as \$50,000 bonus for signing contracts, he said.

Indictments in Whiskey Case.

Pittsburgh.—Indictments growing out of the alleged illegal removal of whiskey, valued at \$3,000,000 from the A. Queckenheimer and Brothers Company distillery at Freeport, Pa., were returned by a Federal grand jury here. The company, four officials and nine other men were indicted. The indictments cover a period of two years.

SALVAGE SHOT AT PEAGE PARLEY

LAUSANNE DELEGATES HOPING CRIME WILL NOT HAMPER NEGOTIATIONS.

RUSSIANS BLAME THE SWISS

Switzerland is Fearful of the Consequences From Murder of Vorovsky.

Lausanne.—The murder of M. Vorovsky, head of the Russian Soviet delegation, to the Near East conference by Maurice Alexander Conradi, a Swiss, who once served in the Russian army, has stirred Switzerland as has no other single event since the assassination of Empress Elizabeth, of Austria, at Geneva, in 1898.

Conradi, who was seized by the police in Hotel Cecil after he had killed Vorovsky and wounded two attaches of the Russian delegation, continues to maintain that he acted alone in an effort to avenge his father and uncle for the mistreatment they received at the hands of the Bolsheviks during the "red terror."

The general impression in Near East conference circles is that the excitement caused by the events will not directly affect the course of the negotiations because Vorovsky was not regarded as an official Russian delegate, in as much as the Soviet government was not invited to participate in the proceedings.

Switzerland, however, keenly feels the position in which Conradi's act places her, and fears that world opinion may hold local patriotic associations morally or materially responsible, inasmuch as the Swiss Fascist organization recently ordered Vorovsky to leave the country or take the consequences. The implication in the latter alternative, spokesmen of the Fascists assert, meant nothing more serious than that Vorovsky would be dosed with castor oil or run out of the country as a penalty for his attacks on the Swiss government for its refusal to grant a visa to a Swiss courier to Lausanne.

Up to the present, police inquiries have failed to connect Conradi with the Fascists at Lausanne. The Zurich police have been asked to investigate reports that he was a member of the organization's branch in that city.

Russians in Lausanne, however, were quick to place responsibility for the crime on local agitation against Vorovsky. They also attacked the Swiss authorities for failing to protect the representative of Moscow in view of the Fascist threats, and expressed bitterness against the Allies for creating what they termed a dangerous local atmosphere of hostility to the Russians.

Standard Oil Pays Dividend.

New York.—Directors of the Standard Oil Company of New York declared the regular quarterly dividend of 35 cents payable June 15 or stock of record May 21, and then called a special meeting of stockholders May 31 to increase the authorized capital stock from \$225,000,000 to \$300,000,000. The stock now comprises 9,000,000 shares. The proposed increase would bring it to 12,000,000 shares of a par value of \$25.

If the increase is authorized the directors purpose to ask the consent of stockholders to issue part of the additional stock to employees of the corporation or subsidiaries.

It is proposed to inaugurate an employees' stock acquisition plan and it is believed that not more than \$10,000,000 worth of the additional stock will be required for employees under this plan. The balance would be held for general corporate purposes and issued to meet such needs as might arise in expansion of the company's business.

Chamber Elects Barnes.

New York.—Delegates to the annual convention of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, voting aboard a steamer which was taking them to West Point, reelected Julius H. Barnes, president, and John Joy Edson, secretary.

Vice presidents chosen were A. C. Bedford, of New York, for the eastern division; Thomas E. Wilson, of Chicago, north central division; Harry A. Black of Galveston, south central division; and H. M. Robinson, of Los Angeles, western division.

Five honorable vice presidents were elected. Charles Nagel, of St. Louis; William Butterworth, Moline, Ill.; A. B. Farquhar, York, Pa.; Willis H. Booth, New York City and L. S. Gillette, Minneapolis.

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