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HUNDREDS KILLED BY WIND STORM IN MIDDLE WEST

Widespread Destruction of Property Also Reported As Result of Storm.

NEBRASKA TROOPS CALLED OUT

Governor Morehead Leaves On Special Train For Scene Of The Disaster.

Chicago, Ill., March 24.—A terrific windstorm, causing widespread destruction and loss of life, and practically wrecking the already demoralized telegraph service, raged over the Central West and Middle States late yesterday. Reports from Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa indicate heavy damage, but owing to the wrecking of the telegraph lines, the reports are fragmentary and lacking in detail.

Omaha, Berlin, Ashland and Yutan, Neb.—the latter towns near Omaha; Marshalltown, Ackley, Woodbine and Carroll, Iowa; Terre Haute, Ind., and Abilene, Kan., are places from which scattering messages carrying the news of grave destruction have been received.

For more than four hours no word was received from the stricken city of Omaha. Late bulletins report that half the city was swept by a tornado. All wires were down, and Berlin, a neighboring town, was said to be in flames. The message was received over a single long distance telephone wire, which worked at intervals.

Terre Haute suffered severely. Scores of persons were injured, and an unknown number were overwhelmed in the ruins of houses blown down by the wind, and many fires were started in different parts of the city.

First reports from Nebraska were that the towns visited by the storm had been wiped out and that the wreckage was on fire. Trains loaded with rescuers, nurses and physicians are struggling toward the scene, being compelled to feel their way without running orders, owing to paralysis of the telegraph service.

The loss of life and property in Iowa was less severe, according to messages from the storm district. Dust storms, rain, hail, and tremendous electrical disturbances prevailed over Kansas and Nebraska the greater part of the day. Where railroad service was impossible motor cars were pressed into service, and surgeons and supplies were rushed to the wrecked towns at the best speed possible over the washed-out roads.

The total loss of life in the territory swept by the storm is thought to be in the hundreds, possibly as many as three hundred.

Scores Killed in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., March 24.—Meagre reports from Omaha indicate that that city was the scene of the most disastrous tornado that ever visited the State. From thirty to forty blocks in the residence section were swept by a storm, killing scores of persons, injuring several hundred and leaving hundreds of wrecked residences in the storm's path. The villages of Benson, Dundee and Florence, suburbs of Omaha, were practically wiped out. The fact that heavy rains fell for half an hour after the tornado saved the mass of wreckage and many of the bodies from being burned. The Webster Street Telephone station, containing twenty or more girls, was one of the buildings hit by the tornado, and it was twisted and many injured. At Twenty-fourth and Lake streets a moving picture show was putting on its final film, when the storm descended. The roof of the building fell in. In the mad rush made through the narrow exits many of those who were not hurt by the collapse of the building, were trampled or crushed.

Troops Ordered Out.

The Nebraska troops were ordered out by Governor Morehead at the request of Mayor Dahlman in order to preserve order and prevent looting. Two Lincoln companies and others from nearby towns were first dispatched to the scene on special trains. The Governor himself left on a special train for the scene of disaster. Passengers arriving here at midnight brought information that the tornado first destroyed the suburb of Ralston and from there swept up into the residence section of Omaha. At Fortieth and Farnum streets a garage was destroyed and a large strip of territory, north and east of that corner, was

GANNON FULFORD MUST FACE JURY

YOUNG MAN WHO FOUGHT OFFICER SENT TO HIGH COURT.

The most important case before Mayor McCarthy yesterday afternoon was that in which Gannon Fulford was charged with resisting and attacking an officer while the latter was in discharge of his official duties.

This affair occurred in the business section of the city last Saturday night and caused considerable excitement and the court room was filled with spectators during the time that the trial was in progress. Fulford entered a plea of not guilty to this charge but the evidence of Policeman W. H. Griffin, who made the arrest, and of Chief of Police Lupton who placed Fulford in the cell at the City Hall after the latter had been brought there, was sufficient to cause the defendant to be bound over to the next term of Superior Court under a bond of fifty dollars which he secured and was released from custody.

Ephriam Brinson and William Brinson participated in the melee which took place at the City Hall while the officers were attempting to place Fulford in the cells and warrants had been issued for them on charges of disorderliness. They pleaded guilty to the charge against them and William Brinson was fined two dollars and the cost of the case. Ephriam Brinson received a terrific blow in the face during the scrap and the Mayor stated that on this account he would suspend judgment upon the payment of the costs of the case.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert E. Knowles of Canada are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Slover.

UNUSUALLY CLEVER SHOW AT THE ATHENS.

The Athens this week is offering an extra large and decidedly cleaner bill and last night at both shows the house was crowded. Miss Margaret Leslie and Richard Hamlin in their singing and talking act were all to the merry while Clark's comedy dog and pony show was as good as ever shown here.

seriously damaged. The Illinois Central bridge over the Missouri River was destroyed. All wires are down with the exception of a single railroad wire into Lincoln, which is not available for press reports. Semi-hysterical passengers, arriving here, say the hospitals and hotels of Omaha are full of injured and that the dead are very numerous. In the absence of wire communications, it is impossible to get any hint of the exact situation. The railroads that have the only wire into Omaha, say the situation is very grave. Burlington train No. 12, which left Lincoln at 4:34 o'clock yesterday afternoon, picked up many dead and injured along its way near Omaha.

Omaha Worst Sufferer. Omaha's suburbs suffered the heaviest loss. Ralston, southwest of Omaha, was razed to the ground and a score were killed. East Omaha, which left the tail of the twister, reported houses demolished, but no lives lost. Council Bluffs, Iowa, suffered nine dead, score or more injured and great property damage. The worst damage was done and the largest toll of lives exacted in the western part of Omaha and in the vicinity of Twenty-fourth and Lake streets. From there northeast to Sixteenth and Binney streets the storm's path was very destructive. This was the residence portion of the city and the disaster wrought was appalling. Whole blocks of homes were picked up and dashed into a shapeless mass. Street cars were hurled from the tracks and demolished. At an early hour this morning, ten dead and eight injured had been removed from the ruins of the moving picture show at Twenty-fourth and Lake streets. It is estimated that fifty people were in the theatre. It is feared that most of them are buried in the debris.

POLICEMAN GETS "TIGER" WHISKEY

Two Cases Of "The Ardent" Now Being Held at City Hall Awaiting Claimant.

WAS ENROUTE TO JAMES CITY

Each Package Consigned to Raymond Lee But Police Don't Know Him.

Two hundred half-pint bottles containing a very popular brand of "tiger" liquor were located and confiscated by Policeman A. A. Ipock yesterday afternoon and are now being held at the City Hall awaiting a claimant.

The liquor was "spotted" by the officer as it was being hauled away from the Trent river warehouse on a dray driven by Ben Russell who is employed as a driver by a local merchant. The officer, thinking that he might possibly see the whiskey delivered to the owner, followed slowly in the rear but when the driver of the vehicle turned from South Front street into Trent river bridge, the officer lost no time in halting the procession.

Russell vowed that he did not know who the whiskey was owned by, that a man had hired him to carry it to James City and told him that the owner would be waiting for him on that side of the river. Whether this statement was true could not be verified but two hundred half-pints of whiskey is entirely too much to be owned by one person and the "wet goods" were taken to the City Hall and placed under lock and key.

The whiskey is in two cases, a hundred bottles to the case, and each package is consigned to Raymond Lee, New Bern, N. C. The authorities have no special need for the whiskey and if this Lee person will call at the City Hall and exhibit proofs of ownership to the confiscated goods, it will in all probability be turned over to him.

Paul J. Delemar of Oriental spent yesterday in the city with friends.

GIFTS OF RICH ARE NOT PRIZED

NOT APPRECIATED BY THE PUBLIC, SAYS VICE PRESIDENT MARSHALL.

Springfield, Mass., March 24.—"The public does not appreciate charity that emanates from predatory wealth," said Vice-President Marshall in an address before the Young Men's Christian Association in the municipal auditorium yesterday. "Institutions founded and maintained by co-operative contributions," he said, "receive much more public appreciation. In my travels about the country I have been much impressed by the eagerness with which citizens have pointed out their public institutions. But I generally have to ask to see a Carnegie library, if there is one in town."

Mr. Marshall's topic was, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Mr. Marshall later addressed a large gathering made up exclusively of women.

BRIDGE CLUB ENTERTAINED.

Delightful Social Event Yesterday Afternoon. Mrs. Charles Pettit was the gracious hostess to the Auction Bridge Club yesterday afternoon at her home on Johnson street. Trailing yellow jasmine, violets and hyacinths attractively adorned the rooms. Hand-painted cards were drawn to decide who would be partners in the auction bridge game.

After a delightful hour of bridge, tempting and delicious refreshments were served.

Those present were: Mrs. William Dunn, Mrs. Edward Bishop, Mrs. David Congdon, Mrs. Harry Marks, Mrs. Raymond Pollock, Mrs. William Hand, Mrs. George Stratton, Mrs. K. K. Chapman, Mrs. Thomas Warren, Mrs. Henry B. Bryan, Jr., Mrs. Mark de Wolf Stevenson, Mrs. Edward Clark, Mrs. Charles Thomas, Mrs. J. Guleon Dunn, Misses Sara Congdon and Eulalia Willis.

Mr. Preston Cotton of Norfolk was a visitor in the city yesterday.

WORK ON CASINO IS PROGRESSING

The Framework of This Mammoth Structure Is Now Nearing Completion.

PARK TO BE OPENED MAY 1

Two New Street Cars Will Be Placed On the Line On the Opening Day.

Rapid progress is being made in the erection of the casino which is being constructed at Ghent Park. The foundations were laid several weeks ago but on account of the scarcity of building material the contractors were unable to go ahead with the work at that time. However, for the past two weeks they have had a number of carpenters engaged in the work and the framework of the building is now nearing completion.

It is the desire of the owners of the casino to throw it open to the public on May 1. With this end in view, all possible haste will be made. After the building has been completed there are many things to be done before the park will be in readiness for opening and the owners will have their hands full until that time.

Mayor C. J. McCarthy, one of the local managers and stockholders in the New Bern Ghent Street Railway Company, who own and will operate the park, has received a message from the Cincinnati Car Company who are engaged in the construction of two additional cars which will be placed on the local line, in which they state that the work on the cars is going ahead as rapidly as possible and they hope to be able to have them ready for delivery by May 1.

In order to facilitate the handling of the crowds who will visit the park during the summer a three point switch will be placed at the corner of Pollock and Metcalf streets and this will make it unnecessary for the cars to back into the switch while another passes. This latter work will be started during the next week or two.

MUST WAIT THREE YEARS TO MARRY

AND THEN CLUB GIRLS MUST HAVE MAN EARNING \$5,000 PER YEAR.

Boston, Mass., March 24.—Students of Wellesley College have started a club, the object of which will be to prevent a member from marrying until at least three years after her graduation, and then only to a man with an income of \$5,000 per annum. The club is to be known as the Wellesley Marriage Club. The club has been organized by the daughter of a Chicago business man, who declares that the organization of the club is the beginning of a chain of similar clubs that are to be started shortly in all of the large colleges for young women in the country. She also declared that many of the smaller schools are planning such clubs.

The election of officers for the club at Wellesley is to be held within the next month, or as soon as the membership reaches 100. At present only forty of the students have declared themselves in favor of the club, but the organizers claim that this is because they are desirous of keeping it exclusive, and have only asked about fifty of the students to join.

CARNIVAL HERE NEXT WEEK.

Beginning next Monday and continuing through the week the well known Johnny Jones Carnival Company will exhibit in this city at Ghent Park under the auspices of the New Bern Steam Fire Engine Company. This amusement company has visited New Bern many times during the past years and has always given complete satisfaction in every way. This season the company is said to be better than ever before.

The local high school's baseball team is making preparations for a game with a team from Elizabeth City schools. This game will be played next Friday or Saturday, the weather permitting and the local team is hard at work getting in trim for the event. The exact date of the game will be announced later.

NORTHERN OUTLET THROUGH ATLANTIC COAST LINE ROAD

WELL KNOWN GAST HANDLING PLAY

LOCAL ARTISTS TO BE SEEN AT MASONIC THEATRE TOMORROW NIGHT.

Eighteen hundred and thirty is a long time ago, and to have the customs and usages of that period brought to you is interesting from a historical point of view, besides the story is full of thrilling and dramatic episodes.

The Little Minister, the play that the Paint and Powder Club, assisted by a number of other people not members, will tomorrow night present to the theatre goers of New Bern, is a story of the weavers of the famous Scotch plaids, portraying their religious life. The old order of things in their kirks was for their minister not to philander with the conduct of their members, and when the new minister was installed in his position as leader of their flock, he began to interest himself in their behalf. His transformation of desperate characters into peaceful citizens; his fearless method of dealing with obstinate elders, made his ministry a success from beginning.

Then a woman, the Gypsy, came dancing into his life, and being bonny, captured him body and soul. The shock came near paralyzing the elders, and their love for the young minister made them loth to take any action against him, and their hesitancy gave time for all such love stories as this to right itself.

Cast of Characters.

The cast at this time might interest the public:
Babbie.....Mrs. D. S. Congdon
Gavin Dishart.....A. T. Willis
Lord Rintoul.....J. W. Watson
Capt. Hollowell.....J. C. Bagg
Rob Dow.....Miss Amelia Hahn
Tamas Whammond.....
J. Leon Williams.....
Sneaky Hobart.....T. C. Daniels
Silva Tosh.....George Green, Jr.
Andrew Mealmaker.....F. W. Fehlman
Nanny Webster.....Mrs. Herbert Willis
Jean, the Manse Servant.....
.....Miss Lila May Willis
Tickets now on sale at Clark's and at Kafer's bakery.

JUVENILE BASEBALL TEAM GOING TO WASHINGTON.

The Union Point Sluggers, a local juvenile baseball team, is making preparations to visit Washington next Friday and play a team at that place. The boys are now engaged in securing funds with which to pay their expenses and are meeting with considerable success in their efforts. Both teams have a number of unusually good players and a hard fought contest is promised. The next game it to be played in this city.

NEW ADS

W. G. Boyd—Valuable city property for sale.

National Bank of New Bern—Banking facilities.

New Bern Banking & Trust Co.—A happy young man.

Hill's Sporting Goods Store—Ball bearing skates at reduced prices.

Burrus & Co.—Rain has put your farm work behind.

H. C. Armstrong—I know you want the best you can get for your money.

East Carolina Lumber Co.—Wood sawer and logging men wanted.

New Bern Banking & Trust Co.—Notice.

Presbyterian church—Lecture on Thomas Carlyle by Rev. R. E. Knowles.

NOTICE.

To the Democratic voters of the Fourth Ward:

I feel grateful to my friends and fellow citizens of the Fourth Ward who have presented my name for nomination for Councilman at the coming primary. Business demands, will make it impossible for me to give the office the time and attention which it deserves, on this account I ask that my name be withdrawn.

Very truly,
W. P. METTS.

Committee Asks That New Bern Be Given Connections With the North.

PRESIDENT FAVORS THE PLAN

Only a Matter of Time Before A. C. L. Will Construct This Road.

A committee composed of J. B. Blades, William Ellis, R. A. Nunn, L. H. Cutler, Sr., J. Leon Williams, O. G. Dunn and H. K. Land representing the New Bern Chamber of Commerce, went to Wilmington yesterday and appeared before T. M. Emmerson, president of the Atlantic Coast Line R. R. Company and T. R. Kenly, third vice-president of the same company relative to the building of a line by that road giving New Bern Northern connection. R. A. Nunn acted as spokesman for the local committee and he explained to the officials, the object of their visit, stating that New Bern needed this connection and that the citizens here stood ready and were willing to give the company any possible assistance in its construction.

J. B. Blades, who was chairman of the committee, went into details in regards to the immense amount of shipping done from this point and the amount that would be handled over this line if it were constructed. J. Leon Williams, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, presented the officials with the information which had been compiled relative to the amount of freight received and shipped here each year and also made a short but very interesting talk favoring the building of the road. L. H. Cutler also made a short talk and put some very convincing facts before the officials, not only in regards to the present amount of business that is being done by the local citizens but told of large quantities of new business that could be worked up, and he assured them that if this road was built that the company could expect all possible aid from the citizens of this city.

Mr. Emmerson, president of the railway company, stated to the committee that the company had long had the building of this northern line in view and that in 1906 they made a survey. That at that time they wanted to get their freight warehouse down in the business section of the city and that as soon as the property owners discovered what steps were being taken that they at once went on the price of their land and that at that time the proposition was dropped.

Later the panic followed and since that time Mr. Emmerson said the company has had but little money to be used in building extensions and consequently but few lines have been constructed. However, he stated that the proposition as shown to them in regards to building this road from New Bern to the North was very attractive and that the company thought very favorably of it, but that at the present time they were not in a position to give out anything definite.

He stated, however, that this road would be constructed. It might possibly be one year or three years before the work was begun but he gave the committee assurance that the road would be built at some time and that he would do everything in his power to hasten the time when this would be done.

Mr. Kenly, third vice president of the company, also made a short talk in which he stated that he too, was very favorably impressed with the probable construction of this road and that he believed the people of New Bern would give all possible aid in bringing this about. He said, however, that the Atlantic Coast Line Company did not want anything given them but only wanted to be dealt with fairly, adding that he hoped that when the company decided to build this line that the property owners would sell them land as cheap as they would sell it to an individual.

The committee were very much impressed with the gracious manner in which they were received and in their opinion it will be only a matter of a short time before this line connecting New Bern with the North will be constructed.

S. M. Brinson spent yesterday at Vanceboro conferring with Dr. J. T. Hinton principal of the proposed Craven county Farm Life School.