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TORNADO TAKES SEVENTEEN LIVES IN ALABAMA; GALE IN NORTHERN STATES ALSO FATAL

Twister Renders Hundreds Homeless in Three Southern Counties—Five States in North Swept by 85 Miles an Hour Wind That Kills Seven Persons—Ten Planes Wrecked.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

TROY, Ala., Oct. 26.—Residents of many portions of Pike, Barbour and Crenshaw counties today were endeavoring to bring order out of chaos that resulted from a tornado which claimed a known toll of 17 lives, injured many, rendered hundreds homeless and left thousands of dollars damage in its wake.

Troy Red Cross forces and local physicians were ministering to the needs of the injured and were assisting the stricken people to orient themselves. A relief fund was subscribed here yesterday afternoon and made available to the relief workers, who went into the field.

The tornado seemed to have its origin in Crenshaw county, where it swept down with tremendous force, tearing its way across the breadth of Pike county and on eastward into Barbour, where it appears to have spent itself.

Near Luverne, county seat of Crenshaw, two were killed, both of them aged and one past 100 years of age.

The death list could not be completed as to names, owing to the widely scattered districts, some of them remote from telephone and telegraph communication and the general impairment to wires by the tornado.

Children Among Victims.

In addition to two dead in Crenshaw county there were eight dead in Pike county and eight in Barbour. Of the eight who lost their lives in Pike county, four were children of the same family, while their father and mother were seriously injured and are not expected to live. Two other persons of the same family name, Knight, were also injured.

In Barbour county, six negroes were killed.

Residents near the path of the tornado were aroused by the roar of the twister and the cries of the injured. They rushed into the steepest area in a deluge of rain, working for hours in a search for the dead and giving aid to the injured.

Northern Gale Kills Seven.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—A disastrous Sunday gale swept the middle and north Atlantic states.

An 85 miles an hour rain bearing wind caused seven deaths and much property damage in five states. At Woburn, Mass., 500 houses were shattered and troops were called out. Seventeen navy seaplanes were strewn on the beach at Baltimore, with seven demolished. Ocean and coastal shipping was demoralized.

The fatalities were:

New York City—Expectant mother dragged from fifth story window by wind whipped clothesline. Mother and child died after Caesarian operation.

Two fishermen drowned in a capsized motorboat off Rockaway point.

Baltimore—Child killed by falling tree.

Patterson, N. J.—Child killed by falling brick wall.

Woburn, Mass.—National guardman killed by falling tree while repairing his automobile.

500 Houses Unroofed.

Several towns were in darkness last night and others were cut off from wire communication. Great damage was apparently done in Woburn, Mass., where Mayor Thomas H. Duffy has issued an appeal to contractors to cease their regular building work and concentrate on repairing shattered homes.

Mayor Curley of Boston has telephoned a relief offer.

With 500 houses unroofed or with walls caved in and the streets a mass of tangled wires and wreckage, looting began in that city, a residential and manufacturing suburb of Boston and a national guard company was called out to keep order.

Two women are in a hospital, one seriously injured by the falling spire of a Unitarian church.

Franklin, N. J.—Seafaring men in New York said it was the worst storm known in years. The two masted schooner Columbia was saved by the coast guard cutter Raritan in New York harbor less than 100 feet from the rocks of Governor's Island, after both her anchors were torn away.

The tug De Bardelen returned to port after losing in the storm a drydock she had in tow.

Two women and 15 men were rescued by a coast guard patrol off Sandy Hook after drifting for hours on a string of 12 empty barges, which were abandoned.

Forty feet of shed over a Brooklyn elevated railway station were torn off, the roof of a five-story tenement was peeled off and a 24-inch smokestack weighing several tons

COMMITTEES ON CITY AND COUNTY BUDGETS MEETING

The Douglas county budget committee met today with the county court to organize for an examination of county expenditures and the arrangement of a proposed estimate of expenses for the coming year. The work will require several days. Each office has submitted its own proposed budget, and the committee will recommend any changes deemed advisable.

The city budget committee is to meet tonight at the city hall and will arrange the city's list of proposed expenditures. This work is expected to take only a short time, as the city is limited as to the amount of increase, and the budget will fall far short of the actual amount needed.

NO VERDICT BY JURY AFTER 50 HOUR SESSION

Conviction of One Convict, Disagreement on Other Probable at Salem.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 26.—A disagreement in the case of at least one of the defendants in the trial of Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos, convicted, charged jointly with Tom Murray in the murder of Guard John Sweeney in the prison break of August 12, was strongly indicated at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, when the case had been in the hands of the jury for more than 49 hours.

At 11:20 this morning, the jury, weary from its long deliberations, filed into the court room for further instructions. They asked to be informed if they could under the law bring in a verdict in the case of one of the defendants and report a disagreement on the other. Presiding Judge Percy R. Kelley informed them that they could and the jury again retired.

The case went to the jury at 12:14 o'clock Saturday afternoon and except for about 6 hours of sleep, Saturday night, and less than that last night, the jurors have been in constant deliberation. At noon yesterday they informed Sheriff Bower that they did not desire dinner, saying that they did not feel that they deserved it. This morning they were up and at their discussions shortly after 3 o'clock.

Judge Kelly announced this noon that he would not call the jury in to dismiss it so long as there was any chance of an agreement being reached.

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BELLOWS STORE IS PURCHASED TODAY BY BIG COMPANY

R. A. Pilcher Chain Store Concern Buys Well Known Business House.

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JACKSONVILLE AND MEDFORD RAILWAY FATE IN BALANCE

Citizens Given Chance to Buy, Otherwise Road Will Be Junked, Court Rules.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 26.—The public service commission today issued an order for disposal of the Medford coast railroad, owned by W. H. Barnum, holding that Mr. Barnum must offer the railroad for sale at a price not to exceed the dismantled value. If a buyer does not appear on or before November 10, then Mr. Barnum will have the privilege of dismantling the road.

Recent attempts by Barnum to dismantle the road were stopped by injunction.

"The record shows, says the order, 'that by extending the line into the mountainous section a distance of 18 or 20 miles, a large tract of merchantable timber, something in excess of 2,000,000, 600 feet would be made available for manufacture, that some few farms and a very promising mining venture would be served.

"This is, therefore, a matter for public interest and it is highly important that enterprising citizens of Medford and Jacksonville should take such action of lumber for which there will be an enormous demand in the very near future.

"Mr. Barnum has stated in the record in this case that he is willing to sell the road for \$12,000 to the citizens of Medford and Jacksonville and that this sum is less than the scrap value of the road."

CITY TAX LEVY IS NOT AFFECTED BY LIMITATION LAW

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 26.—United States District Judge C. E. Wolverton, today decided in favor of the city of Medford in a suit in which William Staley, a property owner, attacked special assessments levied by the city for certain improvements.

Staley contended that the statute of limitations which outlaws taxes after six years rendered the assessments void. The assessment had been attacked in state courts and Medford had won. The Staley suit was then brought in federal court, raising the question of the statute of limitations.

Judge Wolverton decided that special tax levies do not come within the statute that defines the voiding of tax levies after six years of non-payment.

ROBT. STARKEY MEXICAN WAR VET DIES AT 97

Last Survivor in Oregon Victim of Paralysis This Morning.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

ROSEBURG, Ore., Oct. 26.—Robert Starkey, aged 97 years, the only survivor in Oregon of the Mexican war, died at the Oregon Soldiers Home this morning following a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Starkey came to the state institution about a year ago from Marshfield.

He was born at sea Dec. 22, 1828, and enlisted in the U. S. navy while in his early teens, sailing the seas for the greater part of his life. During the Mexican war he was in transport service and was aboard the vessel, which conveyed the troops out of Vera Cruz, U. S. Grant, then a lieutenant, later the great general of Civil War fame, was aboard the boat and became personally acquainted with Mr. Starkey.

As a sailor he made a number of trips to Europe and Asia and was around Cape Horn four times. Although he had circled the globe, he had never been on the eastern coast of America, his service in this country having kept him on the Pacific coast.

Possessed of a remarkably clear memory, even up to the time of his last illness, he was quite well known in the southern part of the state, in recent years, for historical articles written in various newspapers.

He is also the author of a book of poems.

He leaves only distant relatives, but has many intimate friends, particularly in Coos and Curry counties. In his will he leaves the small amount of money, accumulated from his pension, to several of these friends. His will also provided that his body be sent to Portland for cremation and that his ashes be scattered on the waters of the South Umpqua River.

Mr. Starkey was a remarkable man in many respects. Born on shipboard while his parents were on the way to this country from England, he was able to obtain little education before he entered the service of his country. In spite of his environment, and the hard life to which he was subjected, he diligently strove to improve his education. He was well read, a fluent writer and speaker, and was able to quote freely from Shakespeare and the best of literature.

After leaving the sea he rented a small farm near Marshfield, and there he resided until a little over a year ago, when his hip was broken in an accident. He recovered somewhat from the accident, but his health began to fail rapidly and he came to the Oregon Soldiers Home in this city, where he was very popular, even though confined to a wheel chair much of the time.

About a week ago he sustained a stroke of paralysis, which left him speechless. Last night he sustained another stroke which resulted in his death this morning.

Several months ago he wrote his will and left it with Attorney C. E. Hopkins who is named as executor. Mr. Hopkins will arrange for the funeral and for the disposition of the remains in accordance with the veteran's request. Mrs. Shippers, of Coos Bay, a close friend of the deceased, is expected to arrive today.

SECRET SOCIETY CAUSES STUDENTS TO BE SUSPENDED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 26.—Twelve boys attending the local high school were this morning suspended for belonging to an organization which school authorities declare to be a secret society.

The organization, which uses the name Priars, the same name used by a club banned by order of the school board last summer, is claimed by the boys to be an organization outside of high school. School authorities have ordered the boys out of school, pending decision of the school board on the question. The board meets Tuesday night.

LEAGUE CALLS HALT IN WAR IN BALKANS

Greece and Bulgaria Given 24 Hours in Which to Recall Troops.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PARIS, Oct. 26.—In a private session of 35 minutes, held today, the council of the League of Nations adopted a resolution giving Greece and Bulgaria 24 hours in which to inform the council that orders have been given for the withdrawal of troops inside their frontiers and 60 hours to inform whether the evacuation has actually been carried out.

Later resuming its public session the council decided that military representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy and the countries nearest the scene of the conflict should proceed thither to see that its instructions were carried out and report thereon.

The council meeting was dramatic and closed with the Greek and Bulgarian representatives in open contradiction as to the facts of the conflict and the present state of affairs on the international border.

Foreign Minister Briand, who had recovered from his indisposition sufficiently to preside, asked both sides whether their government had obeyed his request as president of the council, to desist, hostilities and withdraw their troops behind their respective frontiers.

Both Sides Defiant.

PARIS, Oct. 26.—Mutual defiance marked the attitude of both Bulgaria and Greece today before the opening of the special session of the League of Nations council, convened to settle the new Balkan conflict.

Bulgaria sent a fresh note to the League announcing her refusal to enter into direct negotiations with Greece and the latter, contending that she had invaded Bulgarian soil only in self-defense, made it clear that she would not withdraw until Grecian soil was free of Bulgarian forces.

League officials said the actual military situation was obscure.

They believe solution of the conflict may require several days as both the Bulgarian and Greek representatives who are to appear before the council will probably desire to confer frequently with Sofia and Athens before committing their respective governments.

O'BRYAN, PARTNER OF MRS. HARPER, IS UNDER HEAVY BOND

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 26.—Mrs. Ena Harper and W. H. O'Bryan, accused jointly in a federal indictment of defrauding a number of residents of Washington and Oregon out of approximately \$350,000 in a colonization scheme on an island off the Mexican coast, pleaded not guilty to the charge in federal court here today. Both were released on \$100,000 bonds.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 26.—W. H. O'Bryan, accused with Mrs. Ena M. Harper of defrauding a number of residents of Oregon and Washington in a colonization scheme in an island off the Mexican coast, today surrendered to federal agents and posted a \$100,000 bond with the United States commissioner after officers had spent several days searching for him throughout southern California.

Mrs. Harper, who already is out on bond, will appear with O'Bryan for arraignment in the United States district court here late today.

PIERCE PARDONS MAN BEFORE PRISON CAN CLOSE ON HIM

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 26.—Ernest J. Elmgreen, Portland tailor, who pleaded guilty in circuit court to a charge of extortion and was sentenced to one year in jail, was granted a pardon by Governor Walter M. Pierce, it became known here today. Judge Tucker, district attorney Myers and Sheriff Hurlburt said the Governor's action was taken without consulting them.

Elmgreen obtained a stay of execution after his sentence was imposed, and in the meantime the pardon was granted.

Previously Elmgreen had pleaded guilty in federal court of misuse of the mails and was given a suspended sentence.

Elmgreen sent threatening letters to J. P. Rasmussen, local paint dealer, demanding \$2,000 and stating that he would set fire to Rasmussen's property if the demand was not complied with. Rasmussen was instructed to leave the money in a box near Powell Valley road east of the city.

Governor Pierce pardoned Elmgreen on the strength of the parole allowed by Federal Judge Bean after Elmgreen had been tried in federal court, according to Henry M. Westbrook, Elmgreen's attorney.

Judge Bean paroled him to H. C. Moran, who is prominently connected with the apostolic faith mission," Westbrook said.

TWO MEN BREAK OUT OF JAIL AT BAKER

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

BAKER, Ore., Oct. 26.—Frank Smith and Albert Lee, both of Seattle, escaped from Baker county jail by picking the lock of their cell Sunday morning. They lowered themselves from the top of the court house by bed clothes. Both were facing charges of passing forged checks here.

CHINESE STUDENTS CREATE RIOT WHEN BANNED FROM MEET

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PEKING, Oct. 26.—The demand of 2,000 Chinese students to be admitted to the customs conference today resulted in a riot outside the conference building, in which more than 50 police and several students were injured. The students held a demonstration outside the building, demanding admission. When this was refused they attacked the police with sticks and stones. Several of the students were arrested, and order was restored.

PEKING, Oct. 26.—China opened the Chinese customs services here today with a proposal that the powers restore to her complete tariff autonomy and agree to form a Chinese national customs law beginning not later than January 1, 1929.

STAGE ALL SET FOR HOME TALENT SHOW TONIGHT

The stage is set and everything is all ready for the performance tonight of the home talent show, "Smiles," at the Antlers. Because of the length of the show, the curtain will rise promptly at 8:15. As the aisles of the theatre are used for part one, "The Children's Shumberland," all patrons are urged to be seated by 8:15. The children's part is no small part of the performance. It is thoroughly enjoyed by every one, and only those who are seated in time for the beginning of the act will be able to enjoy it. Patrons cannot be seated during the act.

The stage of the Antlers has been changed into a beautiful "Smileland" under the direction of the director, Mr. George M. Hall. A committee has been at work two days building the artistic stage setting. Carloads of natural foliage, hundreds of chrysanthemums, palms and other plants have been used in the decorations. Magnificent stand lamps and other properties from the Judd Furniture Co. add much to the scene. It is said to be the most elaborate stage setting ever seen in Roseburg. The costumes are elaborate in the extreme, not a thing being left undone for a complete success. Roseburg people who will witness the production tonight, have a great treat in store for them.

Mrs. Lucy B. Hiley is the hostess of "Smiles." Mrs. Frank Lilburn is the principal of "Rosebud," Miss Edith Judd, "Dude" Davis, Dorothy McDonald, Marion Weatherford, Miss Kathleen Bittney, Miss Ruth Hazel Goodwin, Mrs. Nathan Fullerton, Miss Eunice Boney, Miss Jane Schultz, Miss Virginia Count, Mrs. Frank Rogers, Eugene Bowden, Dorothy Ogle, Miss Jean Maddox, including the guest artists from Eugene, Madame Arah Hoyt Rae, Myra L. Harger and Mr. Richard Studley are some of the principals of the production.

GENERAL MOTORS CONTROL NOT AIM, DURANT ASSERTS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26.—The Louisville colonels, champions of the American Association faced today what they knew might prove the deciding game of the series with the San Francisco Seals. 1925 title holders of the Seals.

Out-batted and out-pitched in the five games already played, The American Association champions were under necessity of winning today or seeing the post season series go to San Francisco by a score of 5 games to one. The Seals won a double-header yesterday 5 to 0 and 9 to 7.

PLAY NOT POSTPONED

A rumor was affoot this afternoon, started from some unknown source, that "Smiles," the musical extravaganza to be played at the Antlers theatre this evening, had been postponed. THIS REPORT IS UNTRUE. The stage is set and everything ready for the big event and the play will open as advertised—TODAY.

AGGIES SATISFIED WITH SHOWING AGAINST STANFORD

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

CORVALLIS, Ore., Oct. 26.—With Coach Schissler and his Aggies die home today from Stanford, fans here are anticipating the homecoming game with Montana next Saturday, as one of the most colorful and spectacular contests of the season. Stanford scored 26 points.

Though the Aggies could not hold Stanford's powerful drive Saturday, they showed a flash offensive in scoring their 10 points, which brought even the home team stands to their feet. Montana, too, has a speedy, colorful team fighting to maintain its lately acquired standing in the coast conference.

ALLEGED BEER EIZED

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—Police raided the basement of the Ellis club in West 42nd street today and seized nine kegs of alleged beer and arrested the driver of a wagon in which the beverages had just been delivered to the club.

LIGHTNING CAUSE OF MOST FIRES IN NORTHWEST STATES

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 26.—Nineteen forest fires, 13 in Oregon and six in Washington, were reported to the forest service between October 19 and 26, bringing the total fires for the season up to 165. This is the first time in a number of years that rangers have been forced to make regular fire reports this late in the year.

Two of the October fires, one in the Shulaw National Forest and the other in northern Washington, were serious. The country is still dry except in high altitudes and fire danger is great.

Of the total fires for the season in the national forests of the two states, 102 were lightning caused and 60 were man caused. Two hundred and sixty were caused by campers and 182 by smokers. More fires than usual resulted from hunters operations. Twenty fires were incendiary. The forest service has obtained 147 convictions in connection with the setting of fires and has a number of cases pending.

SEALS BEAT LOUISVILLE IN A DOUBLE HEADER

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DOOLITTLE WINS ARMY AIRPLANE CLASSIC

BAYSHORE PARK, Baltimore, Oct. 26.—Lieutenant James H. Doolittle, United States army, flying a Curtiss seaplane, won the world's seaplane racing classic, the Jacques Schneider trophy here today. His official time was announced as 262.573 miles per hour.

Sad Flight of Refugees

VIENNA, Austria, Oct. 26.—Advices from Sofia, the Bulgarian capital, declare that Greek troops at all points are digging in and strengthening their positions, apparently for a long stay on Bulgarian soil.

Early this morning, they are reported to have occupied a new position south of Petrich, which hitherto had been in the hands of Bulgarian troops. A number of persons were killed or wounded.

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