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DEATH AND DESTRUCTION IN THE WAKE OF EXTENSIVE CYCLONES

NEARLY THREE HUNDRED PEOPLE DEAD AND FORTY TOWNS DESTROYED BY STORMS LAST NIGHT.

Two Cyclones Running in Different Directions, But at the Same Time, Obliterate Towns in Many Southern States—Hospital Facilities Inadequate to Care for the Injured—Twisted Mass of Ruins and Debris Left in Many Towns and States to Mark Remains of Prosperous Communities—News Coming in Slowly, But Careful Estimate Places Known Dead at Two Hundred and Thirty-Five.

New Orleans, April 25.—A total of 225 dead, countless destroyed villages in 13 states from the Dakotas to the Gulf of Mexico, untold suffering by thousands who were driven from their homes, is the general estimate made today of a disastrous tornado that is still sweeping the southern states.

The latest reports to come from Purvis, Miss., state that 20 whites and 50 negroes were killed late last night by a "twister."

The fury of the storm was spent in Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi, where all that remains of certain sections of eight large towns are heaps of ruins under which are thought to be the bodies of many killed and injured.

Thirty Towns Destroyed. In Louisiana alone it is thought that 30 villages were leveled.

Reports are coming in slowly, but show that the first reports were not exaggerated.

Deaths in Alabama. At Albertville and Bergen, Ala., many were killed and injured. In the first town 12 are known to be dead and 150 injured, 25 of whom will die. Florence, Texas, is reported to be leveled.

Two Cyclones. No one knows just where the tornado started, but apparently two cyclones were traveling in opposite directions, east and west, and spread a wide trail of death and destruction

over the gulf states. Death List Growing. The grim roll call of the dead and injured as the result of the devastating tornado that swept the gulf states yesterday afternoon and last night, will total a full 500.

Dispatches received up to noon today from various southern points, indicate this.

All the hospitals in small towns are crowded with the injured. Hospital Facilities Taxed. Many lack facilities for caring for so many who need assistance. Because of this, suffering in some localities is intense.

It appears that a tornado started in central Louisiana, sweeping everything before it to the Georgia line. This tornado was followed by a second, which did further damage in Georgia. From what is known today, the property damage will equal \$3,000,000.

Five Dead in Georgia Town. Atlanta, Ga., April 25.—Reports received from Griffin, a small town of western Georgia, states that five were killed and 15 injured by the tornado.

The Latest Report. The latest estimate of the dead as a result of the two tornados is 235, and 40 towns were destroyed. Slight Quake in Frisco. San Francisco, April 25.—A slight earthquake shock was felt here at 3:32 this morning. No damage is reported.

NEW RAILROAD IN WASHINGTON

TO TAP WALLA WALLA AND OTHER BIG CITIES.

Pacific Southeastern is Name of a New Road Which is to Have its Terminus at Tacoma, Where Yard Facilities Have Been Secured—North Yakima, Spokane and Walla Walla Will Be Tapped—Rich Men Are Behind the New Road.

Tacoma, April 25.—Announcement was made today that a new railroad, the Pacific Southeastern, will be built with a terminus at Tacoma, where 600 acres for yards have been secured. The new line will tap Walla Walla, North Yakima and Spokane.

Charles Lathrop, brother of the late Mrs. Jane Lathrop Stanford, General T. H. Hubbard and George Crocker are the incorporators, and the road's capital stock is set at \$15,000,000. All three men were prominently identified with the building of the Southern Pacific.

ROOSEVELT LOSES.

Cannot Apparently Force Amendment to Naval Appropriation Bill.

Washington, April 25.—President Roosevelt has apparently lost the fight to force the senate to amend the naval appropriation bill so as to order four battleships constructed instead of two as now provided. Senator Piles' amendment to this effect failed in adoption. Later the senate granted Piles a reconsideration. The senator hails from Washington.

Hospital Nearly Filled.

With one exception the rooms at the Grande Ronde hospital are all occupied and four patients in the wards. Mrs. Oscar Clossen will soon be able to return to her home. J. N. Ferguson is much better. Johnnie Grout is doing nicely and it is thought that by Sunday Miss Ada West will be able to sit up.

FLEET LEAVES LOS ANGELES

DUE IN SANTA BARBARA LATE THIS AFTERNOON.

After a Week of Brilliant Reception in Los Angeles, the Atlantic Fleet Raises Anchor and Sails Toward Santa Barbara—Immense Crowds Witness Departure—Brief Evolutions in the Bay Followed by Farewell Signal From Flagship.

Los Angeles, April 25.—After a week's stay at Los Angeles ports the Atlantic fleet sailed this morning for Santa Barbara. Immense crowds witnessed the maneuvers in the bay before starting. At the conclusion of the evolutions the fleet, with flying colors, signalled farewell to its hosts at 9 o'clock and started out to sea. It is expected that Santa Barbara will be reached at 4 this afternoon.

FORECAST OF POLITICAL NEWS

NEXT WEEK FULL OF STATE CONVENTIONS.

Colorado is the First of the Western States to Hold Convention to Nominate Men to Send to Chicago—In the Week Coming Few Surprises Predicted as the Many Who Are to Be Nominated Have Prearranged Favorites in the Race.

Washington, April 25.—Next week will be the busiest since the 1906 campaign was opened, if the number of state conventions to be held throughout the country affords any criterion. While most of these gatherings may be safely forecasted, as to their presidential preferences, a few surprises are likely to develop.

While no conventions are scheduled for Monday, there will be several important meetings and banquets of a political nature in various parts of the country. Grant's birthday will be observed by many patriotic bodies in the large cities of the land. One of the most important of these will be the Grant Day dinner in Pittsburg when Senator P. C. Knox, Pennsylvania's candidate for the presidency, will deliver the principal address. Secretary Taft will begin the week in Connecticut, and on Tuesday will speak before the Civic Forum. He has chosen for his subject on this occasion "The Influence of Popular Government in the World." The Independence league will hold its second annual banquet in New York on Monday evening, and it is expected that William Randolph Hearst will take advantage of the occasion to announce some of the plans of his new political organization.

Republican state conventions, to select delegates at large to Chicago, will be held on Tuesday in Arkansas, Colorado and South Carolina, while republican primaries will be held in New Jersey and the District of Columbia. Democratic state conventions, at which the Denver delegations will be selected, are to be held on the same day in New Jersey and Connecticut.

The Colorado convention will be held in Pueblo, and is certain to instruct its delegates for Secretary Taft. While some of the negro voters of Arkansas are opposed to Taft, it is almost certain that the Hot Springs convention will also go on record as favoring the war secretary. Similar conditions exist in South Carolina, where most of the white republicans look upon Taft as the logical successor of President Roosevelt. The primaries in New Jersey and the District of Columbia are also likely to be to Taft's advantage in the presidential race.

William Jennings Bryan will likely find lively opposition in both of the democratic state conventions to be held on Tuesday, that of New Jersey in Trenton and of Connecticut in New

Haven. A majority of the democratic voters of New Jersey are thought to favor an unstructured delegation to Denver. Both Judge Gray and Governor Johnson have many admirers in New Jersey and they will fight any attempt to pledge the state delegation to the Nebraska statesman. In Connecticut, too, there is considerable opposition to Bryan, which may result in an unpledged delegation.

Five republican state conventions will be held on Wednesday, that of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Vermont at Burlington, Mississippi at Jackson, West Virginia at Parkersburg and the Davidson faction of Alabama at Birmingham. Pennsylvania's convention will be notable as marking the formal launching of the presidential boom of Senator Philander C. Knox. Taft will probably receive the indorsement of the Vermont convention and that of West Virginia. Mississippi's delegation will likely be unstructured, but favorable to Taft, since the administration is apparently in control of the situation. The Alabama convention will be that of the Davidson, or anti-Roosevelt faction, and will probably support Foraker. The Roosevelt faction in Alabama will hold a convention later, and there will be contesting delegations from Alabama to the Chicago convention.

OCEAN LINER IN SEA COLLISION

TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE NARROWLY AVERTED.

American Liner St. Paul Rams Steamer Off Yarmouth and Desperate Run to Shore Saves Many Lives—The Steamer Sinks the Instant She Strikes Ground—Life Boats Land Safely With Passengers—Wild Panic Follows the Collision.

London, April 25.—An appalling sea disaster was narrowly averted today when off Yarmouth, the St. Paul, an American liner, rammed the steamer Gladiator in a dense fog. A wild panic among the passengers followed.

The St. Paul keeled badly but stayed up. The Gladiator made a desperate run for the beach and grounded just in time to prevent sinking. No loss of life is reported, as small boats made a safe landing. Both steamers were running at a fair rate of speed.

Twenty Reported Lost. An unconfirmed report here indicates that 20 of the crew of the Gladiator were lost in collision with the St. Paul. In response to appeals for assistance warships have been sent to the scene of the accident. Many were injured on the Gladiator.

Fire at Hilgard. The O. R. & N. section house at Hilgard was consumed by fire this afternoon. Workmen removed all the tools and other movable property before the flames had done any damage to them. The origin of the fire is thought to have been from a defective fuse.

WILL NOT TAKE A WORLD TOUR

PRESIDENT REFUSES TO VISIT EUROPEAN POWERS.

As Announced Last Evening President Roosevelt Will Hunt in South Africa, But Will Not Visit Heads of European Powers—Would Hurt the Dignity of His Office to Be Entertained When Not a Member of the World Rulers, He Says.

Washington, April 25.—As announced exclusively by the United Press recently, President Theodore Roosevelt will probably go to South Africa next year to hunt big game, but beyond a brief visit in England, during a transfer of vessels, will not touch any other European country, nor will he make a trip around the world.

He announced to personal friends yesterday that he had given up the plan to follow the precedent established by U. S. Grant in making a tour. He declared that he felt he could not meet and be entertained by rulers of Europe as a private citizen after having been their equal for seven years. He declared that he believed the dignity of the office he now held, and the country itself would be compromised if he did so.

Diplomats disagree with the president in this and say that if he visited in Europe he would be received with all the honors due an actual president. "He is considered the greatest American since Lincoln," said one prominent ambassador from a European power today.

HAYWOOD OUSTED.

Federation Secretary Gives Too Much Time to Socialism.

Portland, April 25.—William D. Haywood has been ousted from the executive board of the Western Federation of Miners, according to a report from Denver, and the official announcement will be made public today in the Miners' magazine. It is said that Haywood's speech-making tour in the east, in which he strongly advocated socialistic doctrines, angered the Federation men, who believed he should devote more attention to the Federation.

Died.

Mrs. Jane House of Imbler, died at the Hot Lake sanatorium, yesterday afternoon. The remains were brought to La Grande last night and were buried in the I. O. O. F. cemetery this afternoon. Funeral services in Henry & Carr's undertaking parlors at 2 p. m.

Shontses Set Sail.

New York, April 25.—Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Shonts and daughter, Miss Marguerite, sailed for Paris today on the St. Louis. All are grief-stricken over the untimely end of the Duc de Chaulnes, husband of former Mrs. Theodora Shonts.

WAIT!
WATCH!
FOR
SPECIALS
AT
THE FAIR

IT OUGHT TO BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY every citizen to so live and act that his fellow citizens will esteem him for his goodness, his kindness, and his usefulness. The principles of good citizenship should constitute the code of rules for every kind of business whether public or private. This applies particularly to the drug business, because, owing to the limited knowledge of the qualities of drugs by the general public, it follows that the reliability of the druggist is the chief guarantee of good service.

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