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STORM TOLL THROUGHOUT COUNTRY YESTERDAY IS 100

GOVERNMENT RUSHING AID TO SUFFERERS

PRESENT SUMMARY OF DEAD IS BELIEVED TO BE INSUFFICIENT TO COVER ALL

SHIP AT SEA SUFFERING

News From Interior Towns Continues to Swell Death List—Number of Injured, Some Being Fatal, Already Reaches Six Hundred—Damage to Crops Enormous—Situation Is Everywhere the Worst.

Chicago, March 22.—Partially restored communication with the storm swept districts of the south and mid-west indicates the death list resulting from the tornadoes and blizzards will reach 100 with 600 injured and property and crops is fixed at \$5,000,000.

Alabama probably suffered the heaviest loss of life. Mobile reports at least 30 dead and this number will be increased when the outlying points are reached. The number of dead in Tennessee is expected to be 20 but the exact list will not be obtainable for several days.

Six Dead in Ohio.
Cleveland, March 22.—With six known to be dead and a score missing and 40 injured, some fatally, Ohio is recovering slowly from one of the worst storms in years. Communication with the smaller towns is still severed and it is feared that later reports will materially increase the fatalities. The damage to property and crops will exceed \$2,000,000 in that state alone.

President Lends Aid.
Washington, March 22.—In response to a plea sent to President Wilson, an army of surgeons and loads of medicines were today sent from Fort Oglethorpe to Lower Peach Tree, Alabama, which was practically destroyed by yesterday's storm. A telegram stated the town is in ruins and many were killed and hundreds injured. Medical supplies are destroyed.

Cold in Michigan.
Detroit, March 22.—Lowering of temperatures is following in the wake of yesterday's storm, causing much suffering. Michigan estimates of the total damage by the storm is impossible on account of severed wire communication.

Pacific Coast Boats Suffer.
San Francisco, March 22.—After being blown high on the rocks at Stewart's Point, near here, lives of the crew of 12 are endangered by a heavy gale and the steam schooner Albion is breaking up. Captain Jacobson and his crew escaped in the ship's boats.

Schooner in Trouble.
Vineyard Haven, Mass., March 22.—An unidentified two masted schooner is reported ashore south of Martha's Vineyard. A tug has gone to the rescue.

ALLENS MUST HANG.
Circuit Court Refuses to Review the Sentence; Men Must Die.

Washington, March 22.—Chief Justice White of the supreme court, has refused to review the conviction of Floyd and Claude Allen, sentenced to die next Friday for the part they played in the shooting up of the Carroll county court house in Hillsville, Virginia. This ends the last hope of the men for a new trial and means the sentence will be carried out.

TAXI BANDITS EXCHANGE FIRE WITH OFFICERS

BUSINESS SECTION OF NEW YORK SEES STIFF BATTLE EARLY TODAY

ACCIDENT BRINGS ARRESTS

During Sharp Interchange of Bullets Driver Is Excited and Rans Car Into Sidewalk Smashing Machine—None Hurt—Holdup of Well Known Cafe Had Preceded the Spirited Battle.

New York, March 22.—Exchanging hundreds of shots with their quarry who were firing from the tonneau of a speeding automobile, the police captured seven taxicab bandits in the business section of the city early today.

Becoming confused in the height of the battle the chauffeur ran his car into the sidewalk smashing the engine. The police then swooped down upon the bandits and arrested them.

The bandits entered the Cafe Sappell and held up the proprietor securing \$30.00 from the till. The police were summoned and as the bandits climbed into the automobile a hail of bullets followed them. They answered with a fusillade before they were captured.

None were injured.

POICEMAN IS BRAVE

Dares Robbers to Carry Out Their Threat to Kill Him and Them.

Spokane, March 22.—Two robbers were captured early today as they were about to blow a safe in the Empress theatre by merchants and Police Officer Obermuller. They had enough nitro-glycerine to blow up a section of the city.

They threatened the officer that they would blow themselves and him up, if he attempted to take them in custody. He dared them to do it.

Both are lodged in the police station. There was \$600 in the safe.

ARSENE P. PUJO.

Louisiana Congressman Who Headed Money Trust Investigations.



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Dr. Friedmann, famous German scientist who is face to face with red tape of the government and is refused right to treat patients in America without special concession.

TOURISTS ARE STOPPING HERE

FIFTEEN HAVE ALREADY VISITED THIS CITY.

Local Real Estate Dealers Prepare Listings for Distribution.

With the exception of this morning both westbound trains, Nos. 5 and 17, have been running in two sections to care for the tourists who are seeking locations and viewing the west, since the 18th of the month. The influx was greater than anticipated in view of the terrible storms that have been sweeping the middle west, and today's lack of customary numbers is blameable no doubt, to the storms that have tied up cross-continent traffic.

La Grande real estate men are planning to care for those who come here to investigate conditions, even though it could be at no worse time of the year. The local dealers have combined forces to publish a guide which truthfully sets out the listings of each firm for distribution among the home seekers. About 15 have already this week stopped off here to investigate. This is one on the deposit plan, the tourist leaving his ticket at the O.-W. office with rights to return and complete the journey to Seattle, Portland, and other terminal points. Though only a few days along the excursion period has been well patronized, and La Grande has already had more tourists stop here than during the same period of other tourist rate months. Lured on by earlier spring in coast cities, most continue to the end of the ticket, however, and then work back by degrees. This is the rule even when the conditions are at their best in interior towns as excursionists invariably travel as far as the tickets will permit and all are routed to terminal points.

MITCHELL IN CONFERENCE

Believed That Labor Leader May Take Important Post in New York

Albany, N. Y., March 22.—Reports that he will be named head of the proposed state labor department at an annual salary of \$8,000, resulted today from a visit by John Mitchell, vice president of the American Federation of labor to this city to hold a private conference with Governor Selzer. Neither would confirm or deny the report.

KING OFFERED JUDICIAL JOB

COURT OF CLAIMS MAY BE HIS NEW POST.

McCombs Refuses Paris Ambassadorship and "Matter up in Air."

Washington, March 22.—It is reported that President Williams and Attorney General McReynolds have decided to appoint National Committeeman Will R. King of Oregon to be chief justice of the court of claims.

As the result of the declination of William F. McCombs to accept the ambassadorship to France it is believed today that Augustus Thomas will be offered the post.

Secretary Tumulty admitted that "everything was up in the air," regarding the prominent ambassadorial posts.

LIEN STATUS UNDECIDED

Decision of Circuit Court Holds That Shaffer Lien Is Void.

Without touching upon the priority between mortgages and improvement liens, arising out of action brought in the case of West against Shaffer and the city of La Grande, Circuit Judge Knowles today handed down a decision that holds the Shaffer property has no improvement lien against it because the records do not show he was served with a notice of the intended improvement as is required by law. Through this ruling, the priority in right of improvement lien or the mortgage, though the mortgage may be dated first, is not requiring interpretation. Such a decision would have come had it been found that a valid improvement lien existed against the property. This precipitates upon the city further troubles in improvement work already done.

PRESIDENT HEARS DATA.

Washington, March 22.—A movement for a nation wide campaign and minimum wage law for girls and women took definite shape when the Illinois committee put the result of the Illinois investigation before Wilson. After listening attentively Wilson said: "I appreciate in full the gravity of the question. I wish you would leave with me such papers as you have prepared and I assured you the matter will receive my full consideration."

VICE CRUSADE SPREADING OVER CALIFORNIA

GENERAL CLEANUP BILL EXPECTED TO PASS BOTH HOUSES

WILL CLOSE ALL VICE DENS

Lower House Has Already Passed Bill and the Senate Is Expected to Vote on the Measure Next Monday—Los Angeles to Vote on Numerous Measures in Charter Amendments Monday.

Sacramento, March 22.—White slave dens and disreputable houses of all sorts in California are expected to be doomed by the legislature passing the Grant-Bohnett red light abatement and injunction bill, which has already passed the assembly, and is to be voted on in the senate Monday. The measure provides for the closing, for a year, if any house proved to be used for illegal purposes.

Los Angeles to Clean up.
Los Angeles, March 22.—Voters of Los Angeles will pass upon nineteen proposed charter amendments at a special election Monday and also vote upon an initiative ordinance to regulate public dance halls and provide for regulation and revocation of licenses allowing them to operate.

Among the most important of the proposed charter changes are two propositions offering proportional representation, and to return to the old ward system representation in council. The city's councilmen at present are elected at large.

FIVE TAILORS ARRIVE.

Five tailors, to be employed in the Toggery, arrived today and A. V. Andrews, the proprietor, has three others coming which will give him a force of ten men to handle the spring line of tailoring. The shop now employs, or will on Monday, more tailors than all the shops in Boise and Pendleton combined, says Mr. Andrews. Several dozen suits are being turned out now, announces the proprietor.

MOORE RESIGNS, PEEVED.

Was Not Appointed Secretary of Agriculture and Quits His Post.

Washington, March 22.—Willis Moore today resigned as chief of the United States weather bureau, the resignation to become effective July 31. It is reported Moore resigned because he was not appointed secretary of agriculture.

STUART J. FULLER.

U. S. Consul in Peru, Who Reported on Rubber Atrocities.



Photo by American Press Association.

SALEM PRISON NOOSE DROPPED ON MURDERERS

HUMPHREY BROTHERS PAY THE PENALTY OF FIENDISH PHILMATH CRIME.

NEITHER MAKES STATEMENT

Confessions Follow Arrests but Both Men Later Refute These Statements and Appeal but Supreme Court Ruled That Men Must Hang—Life Continued One Day in Respect to Good Friday.

Salem, Ore., March 22.—George and Charles Humphrey, brothers, were hanged at 8:05 today at the state penitentiary for the murder of Mrs. Elias Griffith, a widow, aged 56. The men were to have been hanged yesterday but because it was Good Friday, the governor reprieved them one day.

The bodies were cut down fifteen minutes later. Both men were nervous and had to be assisted upon the scaffold. Rev. Lee, speaking for the two men on the scaffold said the men had pleaded their innocence to him and that he believed in them. The Humphreys made no statement on the scaffold. No one has claimed the bodies.

The murder they explained was brutal in the extreme. The woman lived alone on a homestead near Philmath and after being assaulted and strangled to death, the body was thrown in a pond nearby where it was found several days later.

The Humphreys made no statement before the execution.

In March, 1912, George Humphrey was arrested at Hillsboro and after a long questioning, confessed. A few days later Charles was arrested, and also confessed. The Humphreys appealed to the supreme court after their conviction in Corvallis, on the ground that the confessions were obtained under stress and were untrue, but the supreme court decided against them and they were re-sentenced to hang about a month ago.

LYNCH SEVERELY INJURED.

General Delivery Manager Badly Hurt When Mount Falls.

His leg broken in two places below the knee and otherwise badly bruised and injured John D. Lynch, general manager and proprietor of the general delivery system in this city, is suffering today at his home as the consequence of an accident yesterday afternoon. A horse which he was riding shied suddenly on West Adams avenue, taking fright at some tools used by water department crews, and in his capers, fell. Mr. Lynch's leg was pinned under the animal with the results noted. He was taken to the home of nearby residents and later removed to his home, suffering much.

COMPANY RAISES WAGES

International Harvester Company to Pay More Wages

Chicago, Ill., March 22.—Following the agitation against low wages for women in this state, President McCormick of the International Harvester company has announced his concern will raise its wages for girls and women from \$5.00 to \$8.00 in its plants throughout the country. The new rule goes into effect Monday and about eight hundred are affected.

NEW TICKET CASES HERE.

Local O.-W. Office Ticket Supply Is Enlarged Materially.

Local Agent Keeney and Ticket Office Clerk Bramwell are now supplied with a new ticket case. The big affair holds over 1000 tickets whereas the old one held only 600. The new rack is on the same order with folding front but has more room giving added convenience.