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STORM-SWEPT CHICAGO.

AFTER THE FLURRY IT FAC-
ES SERIOUS CONDITIONS.

Car Service Greatly Impaired by
the Rain and Wind—Many
Miraculous Escapes—In
Illinois and Michigan
Great Damage Is
Done by
Floods.

Chicago, March 25.—Full re-
ports from the storm-swept area in
and about Chicago indicate that
the havoc wrought is even greater
than at first believed. The prop-
erty loss from the wind was augmen-
ted later by heightened flood, which
had partially receded from previ-
ous heavy rainfalls.

In Dauphin Park and vicinity,
the water has risen until the first
floors of many homes are submerged
and families are fleeing in panic
by boats. Business in the town is
suspended and schools are closed,
the saving of life and relief of suf-
fering being of chief concern.

The business part of East Chi-
cago was flooded and much damage
from wind and water is reported in
the residence portion of the town.
Communication by wire with the
affected points is badly crippled,
and trolley lines are practically tied
up. No cars are running over the
Calumet system south of Ninety-
fifth street. Incoming trains on the
railroad bring more acute stories of
ruin in the city environs.

The freight car shops of the Nick-
el Plate railroad was the center of
a miniature tornado. A large
building used as repair shops was
partly wrecked, the roof being hurled
into an adjoining building. A-
bout the shops were a large number
of freight cars. Many of these were
thrown from the tracks, while others
were unroofed.

At Washington heights several
persons were injured and houses
were blown down or unroofed. In
Morgan Park and Fernwood the
storm reached the proportions of a
tornado. Five houses were unroofed,
another blown from its founda-
tions, and miles of telegraph and
telephone poles were blown down.
Twisted telegraph wires blocked
the Rock Island and Panhandle
railway tracks. Sidewalks were
wrenched from their places and
thousands of yards of fences scat-
tered throughout the streets.

Among the injured at Wash-
ington Heights was Mrs. S. W. Schar-
pier, who was badly cut by flying
glass. The families of Peter Mel-
len and Mrs. R. Ray had narrow
escapes. Mrs. Mellen and her
daughters were in bed when the
storm struck. In an instant the
roof was carried away and the terri-
fied women were drenched with
the rain. The Ray cottage was 200
feet away. Mrs. Ray and several
friends were in the parlor when the
roof of the Mellen house crashed up-
on their dwelling, wrecking the up-
per story. A number of other houses
and stores were badly damaged.

Almost every house in Burnside
was damaged in the storm. Chim-
neys were blown down, roofs were
torn away, and there was scarcely
an unbroken window left in the
suburb. No one was injured. The
water covering this portion of the
city rose about six inches in the
storm. In South Chicago the
storm continued through the night,
sweeping down telephone poles and
covering part of the town. Fred
Brunk, of South Chicago, and his
wife, were severely injured when
the roof of their dwelling was
blown off. Both were struck by
bricks.

At Seventy-fifth street and rail-
road avenue the wind blew the roof
from a building occupied by coal-
dealers, and hurled it against a car
on the Calumet line filled with pas-
sengers. The car was knocked from
the track. None of the passengers
was seriously hurt.

At Dauphin Park, the Illinois
Central station platform and roof
were torn off by the wind and
thrown across the track, stopping
traffic for some time. The situation
in Dauphin Park is serious. Many
acres of land are under water al-
ready several feet deep, and side-
walks in the south end of the town
are submerged. Last night's storm
added materially to the gravity of
the situation. The total damage
there is put at \$15,000.

The wind put an end to the Rog-

ers Park street-car service in North
Clark street. Between Devon and
Greenleaf avenues, fallen trolley
and arch-light poles and tangled
wires stopped all traffic during the
night and caused the calling of po-
licemen and firemen to prevent fa-
talities. Throughout Lake View
considerable damage was done by
wind and rain.

In Evanston the wind blew down
a number of trees and trolley poles,
and all traffic was suspended until
the wrecking cars could bring tem-
porary wires.

East St. Louis, Ill., March 25.—
The wind and rain storm that swept
over this city last night caused a
large amount of property damage,
injured many persons and seriously
crippled street-car traffic. No fa-
talities have been reported, but
thirteen persons were injured, most
of them receiving slight bruises.
Only one, Mrs. Thomas Doyris, was
seriously injured.

A landmark known as the cus-
tom Mills and occupied as a board-
ing house by a dozen miners, was
blown down but the occupants es-
caped. The home of Philip Rip-
linger was overturned and Rip-
linger and his six children were rescued
from the debris. At the aluminum
works of the Pittsburg Reduction
Company one building was demol-
ished and the electric light plant
was badly damaged. Thirty homes
were damaged.

Peoria, Ill., March 25.—The Illi-
nois River has reached the highest
point ever recorded and is still ris-
ing. Much damage has occurred.
The dike of the La Marsh drainage
district opposite Pekin went out to-
day. East Peoria is flooded and
many persons were compelled to
flee to higher ground.

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 26.—
The flood situation here today is
very serious. Owing to the rapid
rise of Grand River, 40 of the large-
est factories in the city have been
obliged to close and thousands
of men are out of work. Basements
of all the large buildings in the
wholesale districts are flooded. The
entire southwest section of the re-
sidence district is under water, and
people are using rafts to go about.
A man floating down the river on a
timber was rescued and two boys
were taken from a drifting cake of
ice.

Detroit, March 25.—From all
over Lower Michigan today come
reports of floods after last night's
severe rain storms that have caused
losses that well reach into the hun-
dreds of thousands of dollars.
Streams everywhere are greatly
swollen. Dams and bridges have
gone out along all of the streams.
Great damage has been done at
Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Battle
Creek and Lansing. The railroads
are badly interrupted by the floods
and washouts.

Battle Creek, Mich., March 25.—
Flood conditions here are the most
serious in the history of the city.
All street cars are stopped and the
railroad depots are surrounded by
several inches of water. One of the
three bridges connecting the busi-
ness and residence sections has gone
out. Owners of up-town stores are
moving their stock out of basements
and lower floors, while many of the
down-town stores are flooded. Cit-
izens are using boats.

Norfolk, Neb., March 25.—Reports
from Holt, Wheeler and Rood coun-
ties indicate that the prairie fires
are still burning. The towns of A-
melia, Newport and Chambers were
threatened, but were saved by the
shifting of the wind. Several
ranchmen have lost everything they
possessed.

St. Petersburg, March 26.—A
dispatch received today from Gen-
eral Kouropatkin en route to Har-
bin states that Thursday, a Cos-
sack patrol encountered a Japanese
outpost near Pakohieng and that in
the fierce fighting that followed many
of the Japanese were killed.

The dispatch adds that the Jap-
anese have suspended their advance
along the Ping Yang line, fearing
that the Russians are too strong to
be overcome at this time. Details
of the fight are not obtainable but
it is intimated that the Japanese
were surprised and failed to recover
in time to make much of a defense.
General Kouropatkin will arrive
at Harbin tonight.

FOR SALE.

Vetch seed at Corvallis Flour Mills

HORRIBLE CRIMES.

LONDON IS HORRIFIED BY
THE DEEDS OF A MOD-
ERN BLUEBEARD.

Leaked Out Through the Suspicion
of a Lodger Who Notifies Po-
lice—Body of a Woman
Found in a Trunk—
Marries by the
Wholesale.

London, March 26.—Polygamy
and its influence over George Cross-
man, who had eight or more wives
and the developments following
from the suicide of Crossman, are
absorbing public attention. On the
night of March 23, Crossman, who
was living in the respectable sub-
urb of Kensalrise, killed himself to
avoid arrest by the police whose
suspicions had been aroused regard-
ing the contents of a trunk which
Crossman was sending away from
his house.

On opening the trunk the body
of a woman was found encased in
cement. An investigation proved
she was murdered about six months
ago, and that she was one of Cross-
man's wives. Five of his wives
were traced and found alive. One
wife is dead and two are missing.
The body found cemented is in a
decomposed condition, even to the
skull which had been split with an
ax.

The police believe it possible the
investigation may prove that Cross-
man adopted a similar method in
ridding himself of other superfluous
wives, of which it is suspected he
may have had several who have not
yet been traced.

Though only 30 years of age,
Crossman's career rivals that of fa-
mous criminals. Under various
aliases, he led a double and even a
triple married life. He was an
engineer, composer, wigmaker or
bookmaker. His chief means of
support, however, appears to have
been derived from his wives, sev-
eral of whom he secured through ad-
vertisements.

In 1899 Crossman was sentenced
to five years imprisonment for big-
amy, and when he killed himself he
still was on parole. Yet his neigh-
bors regarded him as a respectable
man, who led a quiet and uninter-
esting life.

Crossman's first wife died appar-
ently, of natural causes in 1897.
He remarried in 1898 at Maidstone,
and the same year created a biga-
mous marriage at Aldon with the
result that he was sentenced to five
years in penal servitude. Good con-
duct in prison enabled him to avoid
the full term.

Once free he sets to work to mar-
ry by the wholesale. Wife No. 4
was quickly secured. She and her
baby were recently living at Cross-
man's house at Kensalrise. At
Reading, Crossman secured a fifth
wife under the name of Seaton. A
month later he again married. The
whereabouts and fate of the sixth
wife are still uncertain. Having
three wives living at different places
Crossman took a fourth wife, mak-
ing a total of seven up to that time.
For a year he kept up the decep-
tion, and apparently none of his
wives had the faintest suspicion of
his polygamous living.

Crossman found his eighth wife
in the young daughter of a London
railroad employe, and she is suppos-
ed to be the victim he encased in
cement.

At the time of his suicide Cross-
man had five known wives living
and several children. The discov-
ery occurred through the suspicions
of a lodger to whom Crossman let
some rooms at Kensalrise. For sev-
eral weeks the lodger had noticed
an obnoxious odor, and complained
of it, but Crossman attributed it to
the drains.

At the same time Crossman was
living with one of his wives in the
same room where the dead body of
wife No. 8 was concealed in a
trunk. The lodger traced the odor
thereto, and Crossman agreed to
send the trunk away. During the
evening of March 23, while moving
the trunk, the lodger's suspicions
were further increased, and when
he saw a black fluid ooze out of the
trunk he went to a police station.

Just as the grewsome load was
lifted into a cart the police appear-
ed. With a cry Crossman started
to run. For three-quarters of a
mile he fled for his life. The police

gained on him, and just as the fore-
most of the pursuers were on his
heels Crossman drew from his pocket
a razor and cut his throat from
ear to ear. Death was almost in-
stantaneous.

The body found in the trunk was
that of a young, well-formed wo-
man, only partly dressed. The po-
lice theory is that Crossman, while
she was undressing, struck her
from behind with an ax, severing a
portion of the skull, part of which
is now missing.

Louisville, Ky., March 26.—A
terrible storm at this time is raging
throughout the South, and it is be-
lieved that the loss of property here
will reach \$250,000. Fifty residen-
ces were unroofed this afternoon,
and churches and high buildings
were damaged to a great extent.

So furious is the tornado that
persons are unable to ascertain
whether lives are sacrificed but it
is believed that many will be un-
ited victims to the tempest when it
subsides, and the details are known.

From the south, so long as wires
were in service, came reports that
fearful damage had been done and
that deaths would surely result in
addition to the great property loss.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the
city was almost in darkness owing
to the black clouds that accompa-
nied the winds.

While estimates of damage to
property at this time are of neces-
sity uncertain, reports up to the
hour indicate that the damage will
probably reach \$1,000,000.

Chicago, March 26.—Peter Neid-
ermier, Harvey Vandine and Gus-
tav Marx, the carban bandits
whose trials occupied the courts
here for several weeks, were sen-
tenced today to be hanged April
22. Neither betrayed the slightest
emotion when sentence was passed
upon them.

A great crowd was present in the
court room and the corridors with-
out were thronged with the curious
and morbid. During the sentenc-
ing the mothers of Neidermier and
Vandine stood just inside the rail-
ing, but near them were three de-
tectives to watch their every move-
ment.

Mrs. Vandine seemed bowed with
grief, while the mother of the other
murderer appeared unconcerned.
When the sentence had been passed
the big crowd rushed to the rail-
ings and, fearing that an attempt
at rescue would be made, policemen
were compelled to use force in driv-
ing people back. Finally the court
room was cleared and, after waiting
ten minutes, the condemned men
were led to their cells in the jail be-
low. Four officers accompanied
each prisoner, who was not allowed
to be in company with each other.

Union, Mo., March 26.—George
Collins alias Fred Lewis was han-
ged today at 1:30 p. m. for partici-
pation in the murder of Detective
Schumacher, near Stanton, January
15, 1903. The detective attempted
to arrest Collins and Bill Rudolph
for bank robbery.

Rudolph was found guilty this
afternoon and was sentenced to be
hanged. The verdict was reached
an hour after the drop fell with Col-
lins. Just as the black cap was
adjusted on the latter he said:
"Cut her loose, boys, and make a
good job of it."

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 26.—A
fearful accident occurred at the
Dorrance colliery, near here, today.

The rope to a cage carrying ten
mine-workers of the second shift to
work, broke at 10 o'clock this morn-
ing, letting the cage drop to the
bottom of the shaft, 600 feet below.
Two of the unfortunate men, or
what remained of them, were
brought to the surface. The others
lie mangled at the bottom of the
pit. The latter is filled with de-
bris, owing to several hundred feet
of timbering having followed the
cage in its destructive fall.

The bodies of the men recovered
could not be identified, as they were
crushed to pulp.

It was reported that the shaft had
caved in through the explosion of
fire damp, and soon there were
hundreds of women and children
gathered about the opening, mak-
ing the scene indescribably pitiful
by their frantic efforts to learn the
truth. At the time of the disaster
there were more than 350 men
working in the mine.

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