

## TORNADOES LEAVE DEATH IN WAKE

### Ten Killed by Storms in Oklahoma.

## SIX OF THE INJURED WILL DIE

### Three Cyclones Enter Alfalfa County Simultaneously.

## MANY CATTLE ARE LOST

### Bones in Their Bodies Crushed by Windpumps Lifted Bodily Out of Wells—Awful Scene of Devastation.

WICHITA, Kan., May 27.—Ten dead, 12 injured, several fatally, hundreds of head of cattle killed, a vast acreage of crops destroyed, ruin and desolation, are the results of a series of tornadoes that visited Alfalfa County, Oklahoma, last night. The dead:

MRS. GUY HUTCHISON AND BABY, PETER RUDY, WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN.

MRS. ELLIOTT, MRS. PARKER AND BABY, E. C. ATCHISON.

The fatally injured: Fred Parker, Mrs. Wares, Daniel Deas, Rev. R. D. Cox.

Mrs. Frank Lee and baby.

The storms seemed to enter the county from west, north and northeast simultaneously. Every obstruction was leveled. The path of the storm presents a sickening appearance today. The baby of Mrs. Guy N. Hutchison has not been found. It is believed the wind carried it some distance, or that it is buried in the ruins of the Hutchison home.

## FOUR DEAD IN TORNADO

### Oklahoma Cyclone Leaves Ruin in Its Wake.

GUTHRIE, Okla., May 27.—Four persons were killed in a tornado which swept through Alfalfa County, near Ashby, ten miles west of Alva, last night. The storm started in Woods County, 25 miles south of Alva, swept a path of half a mile wide through Alfalfa County for several miles. Much property damage was suffered, everything in the path of the storm being swept away. The storm had sufficient force to pull pumps out of wells and break bones in the bodies of livestock.

The dead: Peter Rudy, aged 15; his wife, aged 15; their daughter, aged 15; and their son, aged 12.

Mrs. Frank Lee and little daughter and Mrs. Parker and baby, near Ingersoll, Okla., were dangerously injured. Besides these, several persons who were caught in the storm sustained injuries less serious.

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## CARRIE NATION IS AGAIN ON WARPATH

### NARROWLY ESCAPES GOING TO JAIL AT PITTSBURG.

### Refuses to Pay Fine for Rebuking Cigarette Fiends, Preferring Prison to Hell.

PITTSBURG, May 27.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, of Kansas, who was arrested here yesterday, charged with disorderly conduct for scolding and embarrassing four men in public, was fined \$25 and costs, or 30 days in the workhouse, by Magistrate Brady. She refused to pay her fine and was to have been taken to the Allegheny county workhouse this afternoon. As she was



Rev. F. M. Bristol, Newly-Elected Methodist Bishop.

being led back to the cell department, she cried out in the courtroom:

"I would rather go to jail than go to hell."

Mrs. Nation's present trouble started yesterday when she strenuously objected to three men smoking cigarettes and a fourth wearing a Masonic emblem on a steamer. Detective Kelley, who arrested her, testified afterwards: "If she is not a grifter, she is crazy, and I think she ought to be held until a commission can be appointed to examine into her sanity."

This testimony so angered the saloon smasher that Magistrate Brady brought the proceedings to an abrupt close by imposing the fine.

Several members of the W. C. T. U., who were present, passed a hat to collect money to defray her fine. They were successful and Mrs. Nation was released a few minutes before the train left for the workhouse.

"Pittsburg needs more disorderly people like me," she said, as she left the police station.

## SHORES THICK WITH DEAD

### Typhoon in China Wrecks Steamers and Many River Craft.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 27.—News of another disaster at Hankow, following on the disaster at Peking, which involved the loss of more than 1000 lives, wrecked 500 junks and the stranding of many steamers, including several of the foreign river craft, was brought by the steamer Shimano Maru.

The typhoon came suddenly and in a few minutes reduced hundreds of boats in the Kan River to splinters. Steamers broke away from their moorings and only those which could get up steam quickly escaped. The steamer Wu Sang was driven ashore. The Kiang Poo, a paddle steamer, was driven against some hulks and her wheel broken and several other steamers were damaged.

The shores were thick with corpses of river people. Hundreds were recovered before the steamer left Shanghai.

News was also brought of a great coal mining disaster in Kwang Sal, where 1000 lives were lost when the mine took fire.

## WILL "LAY OUT" PLATFORM

### President, Taft and Others to Make Tentative Draft.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—At least a tentative draft of the Republican National platform will be prepared in Washington. The likelihood is that conferences on the subject will be held here next week and that by the time the delegates to the convention turn their faces toward Chicago, the declaration of principles will have been whipped into shape and tucked away in the inside pockets of a prospective member of the committee on resolutions.

Participating in the platform conferences will be President Roosevelt, Secretary Taft, leading Republicans in both branches of Congress and others who probably will take a conspicuous part in the convention and subsequent campaign.

## FARNAM'S RECORD FLIGHT

### Makes Aeroplane Travel 1600 Meters in Straight Line.

GHEENT, May 27.—Henry Farnam, the British aeronaut, today made two flights of 1600 meters in his aeroplane. This is the greatest distance yet accomplished in a straight line.

## Belgium Insulted by Morocco.

BRUSSELS, May 27.—The Metropole states that the Belgian Consul agent at Rabat has been insulted by natives and that Sultan Abd el Aziz himself called at the Consul's house and ejected him. The Metropole demands energetic action by the Belgian government.

## COLORED BROTHER SHABBILY TREATED

### White Methodists Act Selfish Part.

## BREAK GLITTERING PROMISES

### Refuse to Elect Dr. Mason General Superintendent.

## DASH HOPES OF NEGROES

### Office Confidently Expected by Colored Delegates Refused Them in Violation of Implied Contract. Race Problem Is Serious.

By D. L. Rader, Editor Pacific Christian Advocate.

BALTIMORE, May 22.—(Special correspondence.)—The distressing situation of the colored man in his association with the white man in social and religious movements is being illustrated in this conference. The colored members came to Baltimore in high hope and with great expectations. They had been led to believe that one of their number would be elevated to the episcopacy. They had selected their man in the person of Dr. C. B. Mason. They had canvassed the entire membership of this body, numbering 78, they assert that in every instance they were given to understand that the time had come when a negro should be made general superintendent. It is because of this encouragement that they have advocated the defeat of the amendment of the constitution of the church which would allow bishops to be made of people of different races and colors. Thinking it would be possible for them to secure a colored man for the exalted position of general superintendent, they had bitterly opposed the amendment, and enthusiastically advanced the interests of their candidate.

They fully expected him to be elected on the first ballot, but instead of receiving the 54 votes which would have been necessary to win, his vote only reached 25. This number was secured in the second ballot. On the sixth ballot his vote dropped to 13. When this was announced in the conference; Dr. Mason secured the floor, on the request of a "high privilege," under great excitement, though in mild terms he still indicated great disappointment, alleging that his people had not had a "square deal," and concluded by withdrawing from the race.

The pitiful situation in which the colored men find themselves in this conference is enough to arouse the sympathy of any man.

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## ORIENTAL TRADE IS THREATENED

### DANGER IN INTERSTATE COMMISSION'S RULE.

### J. C. Stubbs Says Western Railroads Must Be Given Freedom in Fixing Rates.

CHICAGO, May 27.—(Special.)—The Interstate Commerce Commission was told by J. C. Stubbs today that if that body did not change its ruling there was grave danger of a loss of all the Oriental export trade through the Pacific Coast ports. The ruling that the Western roads not only to make extremely low rates on this traffic, but also to have a free hand to change their rates upon a moment's notice.

It so happens that the rates which the railroads receive for export business to the Orient are much less than the rates on domestic goods. This is made necessary by reason of the sharp competition with the Suez Canal route and by the fact that nearly all the exports come from the territory east of Chicago and close to the Eastern seaboard.

It was explained to the Commissioners that it was necessary for the railroads to make extremely low rates on this traffic, but also to have a free hand to change their rates upon a moment's notice.

## CATCH BURGLAR IN ACT

### Two Deputy Sheriffs Do Piece of Good Work.

Deputy Sheriff Adams and Everett caught a burglar early this morning in the act of ransacking the house occupied by S. S. Stanley at 71 Park avenue. The fellow had taken off his shoes, raised a window and was busy inside looting the place when Deputy Adams climbed in after him, plied him with a pistol and brought him out. Then the two deputies walked their prisoner to the police station, and booked him.

Deputy Everett had noticed the man in the afternoon sitting up the house, and he had Adams watched for him last night. At the station the man gave his name as George Bradley, and said that he had just come from Spokane. He is about 25 years old.

## VETERAN OF NAVY DEAD

### Rear-Admiral Crowninshield Passes Away in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, May 27.—Admiral A. S. Crowninshield, U. S. N., retired, died at the Episcopal Hospital here today. The Admiral had been at the hospital for about a month and had an operation performed on him for an affliction of the nose. He never fully recovered from the shock of the operation. The immediate cause of death, however, was hypertrophy of the tissues of the body. Mrs. Crowninshield was at the Admiral's bedside when he died.

Admiral Crowninshield was 73 years old and had been in ill-health for more than a year.

## SNOW STORM IN MONTANA

### Wrecks Wires and Trees at Butte. Worst May in Years.

BOZEMAN, Mont., May 27.—A heavy snow storm last night impaired wire service and did great damage to trees. The precipitation during the month is the heaviest of any May in 28 years.

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## COMPROMISE BILL THROUGH HOUSE

### Agreement at Last on Currency Reform.

## MAY STRIKE SNAG IN SENATE

### La Follette May Delay Passage and Adjournment.

## WILL OPPOSE TO THE END

### House Democrats Denounce Measure Without Stint and Are Joined by Republican Insurgents—Congress Wants Adjournment.

## THREAT FROM BARTHOLODY

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Representative Bartholody, chairman of the House committee on buildings and grounds today repeated his declaration that he would hold back in the House the report of the conference committee on the omnibus pension bill until the Senate should act on the currency question. The Democratic Senators generally resent this attitude as a threat and say that it will not expedite the passage of the currency bill.

## WASHINGTON, May 27.—An emergency currency law is assured. The currency question held its place today as practically the only subject of consideration at both ends of the Capitol, and when both houses adjourned the compromise bill, which was drafted by the Republican conferees, had received the sanction of the House and had been presented to the Senate, where it was announced it would be taken up for consideration tomorrow and where it will also be passed when the vote is reached.

The day began with a continuation of yesterday's conference between the Republican representatives of the two houses. This resulted in a complete agreement, which being later presented as a matter of form to the Democratic conferees, was shortly after 2 P. M. presented to the House. There it was taken up at 3 o'clock, discussed for one hour and passed by a vote of 186 to 140, all the Democrats voting against it. Fourteen "insurgent" Republicans voted with the opposition. After the report had been agreed to the members vanished, and there was great difficulty that a quorum could be obtained on subsequent roll calls.

The House had no sooner recorded

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## SPENT FORTUNE TO WIN WOMEN

### SNELL'S BANKERS SAY HE SQUANDERED \$300,000.

### Contestants of Will Consider Proof of Insanity Strong Enough Without Alienists.

CLINTON, Ill., May 27.—With the submission of the famous affinity letters from Mabel Snell McNamara, the grandniece, and Mrs. E. A. Hamilton, the clergyman's wife, and the presentation of the final witnesses, the contest in the Snell will case closed today. The jury may bring in a verdict on Saturday.

Satisfied that adequate testimony has been presented to convince the jury that



The Late Captain A. S. Crowninshield, U. S. N.

Colonel Snell was insane, the contestants decided not to call alienists. Thirty other witnesses, who had been subpoenaed, were not used.

Fred Unger, of the Dewitt County National Bank here, testified that between 1900 and 1902 Colonel Snell had \$40,000 on deposit. When the Colonel died, five years later, he owed the bank \$5000. Postmaster Frank Davidson testified that in 1896 Colonel Snell admitted having expended \$300,000 upon women.

## DIES TO AVOID A PRISON

### Paroled Convict Quarrels With His Daughter and Commits Suicide.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., May 27.—Suicide after 25 years in the penitentiary at San Quentin today ended the life of Frank Klessner, who died to death at the home of his daughter 15 minutes after he had slashed his throat, wrist and thigh with a pocket knife.

Klessner was paroled two months ago, after serving a quarter of a century for shooting a man who had trespassed on his ranch in Tuolumne County. He bore an excellent reputation at the prison, but could not get along with his daughter. Two days ago she sent for a prison official to take him back to San Quentin and this morning she telephoned for the police to arrest him.

Before a policeman arrived and while Captain Randolph of San Quentin was on the way to Santa Barbara, Klessner seized a pocket knife and cut several veins, bleeding to death in a few minutes.

## PROBE ALLEGED SHORTAGE

### San Francisco Supervisors Check Up City Treasurer's Accounts.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27.—The finance committee of the Board of Supervisors today took up the matter of the alleged shortage of \$37,500 from the city treasury, which was discovered late yesterday. A number of witnesses were brought before the committee today, but the testimony they had to give only made the matter more of a mystery than before.

Treasurer McDonald and Charles A. Bantel, who served a term as Treasurer before a policeman arrived and while Captain Randolph of San Quentin was on the way to Santa Barbara, Klessner seized a pocket knife and cut several veins, bleeding to death in a few minutes.

## ARRESTS ARDENT WOOPER

### Threatens to Kill Woman He Loves and Slaps Her Face.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 27.—(Special.)—Mrs. Alice Brown, of 217 Union street, yesterday caused the arrest of George Fisher, alleging that he had threatened to kill her.

According to Mrs. Brown, Fisher was smitten with her and his attentions were not reciprocated. Yesterday, while they were in a restaurant on Union street, she says Fisher struck her in the face. When he walked home with her she said she declared she could have until 8 o'clock tonight to decide as to her future course regarding him, threatening to kill her if he received a negative answer. Fearing he would carry out his design, she says, the woman caused Fisher's arrest.

## MECHANISM NOT INJURED

### Officers entered the turret at once and its mechanism was operated, the turret being swung completely around each way and the interior gun trained.

But the turret bore evidences of a fight. The paint along the seams had disappeared, many of the seams were sprung, bolts were loosened and slivers of the plate lay around.

A board dummy on the inside was intact and the opinion of the officers was that even with the terrific impact the gunners in the turret would not have been injured. The mechanism in the turret bore no outward evidence of damage and the belief was expressed that a test would find it in working order.

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## MONITOR PROOF AGAINST SHELL

### Not Shaken by Their Terrific Impact.

## TURRET WORKS AFTER ATTACK

### In Actual Battle Crew Would Not Be Injured.

## FIGHTING MAST PERFECT

### Built of Woven Tubes, It Stands Unshaken After Five Shots Have Torn Holes in Tubes—Will Be Used Hereafter.

OLD POINT COMFORT, Va., May 27.—The biggest naval gun, the heaviest projectile and the highest explosive known, combined with close range and deadly aim, were today allowed to work their full havoc on the turret plate of the Monitor Florida. The result is declared to be a victory for turret construction, and this, notwithstanding the 12-inch hardened steel plate was blackened, broken, the seams of the turret sprung and the rivets and screws loosened and twisted.

It was not five minutes after the terrible impact that the finely balanced mechanism of the turret was being worked with perfect ease, and the 12-inch gun on the left side was trained at will. Inside the turret, where stand the gunners and gun crew, the havoc was much less apparent than from the outside. Examination showed that of the many delicately adjusted instruments for fire control, sighting and operating the turret, few if any were out of working order.

## FIGHTING MAST IMPREGNABLE

### "If this had happened in battle, the Florida would be fighting yet," said one of the Admiral's witnesses.

The remark followed a futile attempt to destroy the newly designed woven-wire fighting mast on the stern of the Florida. After five shots of the guns had gone through it the mast stood firm. "Forty shots would not bring it down and no enemy would waste ammunition and time shooting at it," was the expert comment.

It was predicted that all new ships would be equipped with battle masts of this description.

The scene of the demonstration was Hampton Roads, the Florida, which had been in the hands of experts for some time, lay with steam up, her nose pointing out through the Virginia Capes, near Thimble Shoal light and about four miles from Old Point Comfort. Just 20 yards on the inside of the Florida lay her sister ship, the Arkansas.

"This is such a test as would never occur in actual warfare," remarked a Rear-Admiral, as the big party of officers boarded the Arkansas. "The aim will be perfect; the distance is so close that the impact will be at its full velocity and the part of the Florida to be hit is weakest."

## FAILS TO SMASH TURRET

### A strip of canvas was stretched between two staffs on the turret of the Florida. The Arkansas fired a 12-inch projectile at the canvas to get the range.

There was a crash, a roar, the monitor kicked back into the water and sprang up again and, when the canvas target came into view, it had a hole through its lower half. Then the turret of the Florida was swung around so that her guns and those of the Arkansas looked squarely at each other. At 10:42 the "big noise" came, two crashes so close together that they sounded like one. The 12-inch projectile had hit its target. It was a crash, a flash, a cloud of yellow smoke quietly drifting away over the top of the Florida.

What was left was a big black wound. Just to the right of the right gun there was what looked like a hole. The officers went to the Florida, but before they got there her crew of 20 or 30 jackies from the receiving ship Franklin, offered by Commander John G. Quimby, commanding, Lieutenant Joseph K. Tussig and a gunner, had come up from the hold and were looking over the damage. The plate had been broken through from the gunport to the edge just above and just below where the shell struck. The broken piece had been driven into the turret several inches, but not the thickness of the plate, so that no hole was actually made.

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