



LIGHTNING AND HIGH WIND WREAK HAVOC

Rancher of Lents District Is Killed.

BOLT STRIKES CHURCH SPIRE

Shingles Torn From St. Francis Roof; Fire Averted.

SUDDEN DOWNPOUR HEAVY

Small Buildings Upset at Clackamas Station—Damage in District Is Widespread, but Is Not Especially Severe.

FEATURES OF STORM IN CITY AND ELSEWHERE.

William Marks, Happy Hollow, dead; tree crashed through house. Spire St. Francis Church, on East Side, struck by lightning. Eastmoreland streetcar struck by lightning; other cars halted in various parts of town. Birdhouse wrecked in fantastic manner at East Fifty-sixth and Sherman streets. Trees, poles and flimsy structures about city torn by wind. Rockman, Roots and Cramer houses, on farms near Clackamas station fantastically swept; wind performs freak stunts. Road from Milwaukie to Clackamas obstructed by trees and poles. Downpour .20 inch in 15 minutes between 5:45 and 6 o'clock last night. Electric power wires at Mel-drum on O. W. P. line down for time. Poles down on Oregon Electric; trains delayed hours. Cloudburst near Stanfield, Or.

An electrical storm, accompanied by high wind, swept through Portland and adjoining districts at 5:45 o'clock last night and left a death toll of one.

William Marks, a rancher in Happy Hollow, three and a half miles southeast of Lents, and beyond the Mount Scott district, was killed when a huge tree fell across the kitchen of his house, pinning him to the floor. His skull was fractured and he died before Dr. J. H. McSloy and Dr. O. A. Hess, of Lents, could reach the place. Mrs. Marks and a daughter were bruised and severely shocked. They were in the house at the time, but escaped the falling tree.

Lightning Hits Church Spire. At Clackamas station, about eight miles southeast of Portland, the high wind played fantastic tricks with the landscape. In the Willamette Valley trains were held up on the Oregon Electric line by fallen poles, and in Portland one of the tall spires of St. Francis Catholic Church, East Twelfth and East Pine, was struck by lightning and shingles rolled to the ground with the crash. Other places in Portland were affected by the elements. The crash could be heard for miles when the lightning struck the church's south spire. It was the first electrical storm of the season, and jarred the whole neighborhood as the bolt ripped shingles from the roof.

Rev. J. H. Black, pastor of St. Francis church, felt the jar of the lightning while working 100 feet away in St. Francis rectory. Father Black believes that the crash could have been heard for 10 miles. The priest called the Fire Bureau, and Lieutenant C. F. Hughes, of Engine No. 7, went to the top of the spire to search for fire. The building had not been ignited.

Shingles Torn From Roof.

The fireman found that a patch of shingles 30 feet long and four feet wide had been ripped from the roof. The lightning struck the top of the metal cross surrounding the steeple, ran through the shingles to a drain pipe and thence to the ground. Father Black estimated the damage at \$150. Services were held as usual in the church last night.

Street Car Is Disabled.

An Eastmoreland street car at Twelfth and Bybee streets, was struck by lightning and the motor disabled. No one was injured. The car was towed to the barns. Portland Railway, Light & Power Company officials said that the flash was not noticeable on the car. The power on the sixteenth-street line was weakened by the electricity in the air, but the cars kept running. At each flash of lightning the telephone and telegraph instruments in the central offices of the railway company were disturbed.

A bolt of lightning during the storm (concluded on Page 6, Column 4).

FRENCH DESTROYER SUNK BY TORPEDO

THREE OFFICERS AND 44 OF CREW ARE DROWNED.

Two Officers and 34 Seamen Rescued by Torpedo-Boat—Attack Made in Adriatic.

PARIS, March 19.—The French torpedo boat destroyer Renaudin has been sunk in the Adriatic by a submarine. Three officers and 44 of the crew were lost. Two officers and 34 of the crew were saved.

The Ministry of Marine made the following official announcement tonight regarding the loss of the destroyer: "The squadron torpedo boat Renaudin was sunk in the Adriatic by an enemy submarine on the morning of March 18. Three officers, among whom were the commandant and second officer, and 44 seamen were lost. Two officers and 34 seamen were rescued by a French torpedo boat which accompanied the Renaudin."

The destroyer Renaudin was built in 1913. She weighed 756 tons and was 256 feet in length. She was a 30-knot boat, but in her trials had developed 32 knots.

HOSPITAL SHIP IS SUNK

Berlin Says Vessel Was Torpedoed by Entente Submarine.

BERLIN, March 19, via wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—The Austro-Hungarian hospital ship Elektra was torpedoed Saturday in the Adriatic Sea by an entente allied submarine, according to the Overseas News Agency. "One sailor was drowned and two Red Cross nurses were seriously wounded. The statement of the news agency follows: "Vienna reports that the hospital ship Elektra, of the Austro-Hungarian Red Cross, bound from the North Adriatic to Southern Dalmatia, was torpedoed March 18 by an enemy submarine. The steamer stranded. "The Elektra was not unknown to the enemy as a hospital ship, and was provided with visible marks."

BLAME DENIED BY BERLIN

Tubantia Declared Sunk Outside of German Submarine Zone.

BERLIN, March 19, via wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—No German submarine could have been in the vicinity of the spot where the Dutch liner Tubantia was sunk, and no German mines had been laid in this region, the German Admiralty announce. The official statement said: "A German submarine is out of the question in connection with the sinking of the Tubantia, as the place where the accident took place is less than 30 miles from the Dutch coast, which means that this place is within the territory declared to be not dangerous for shipping by the manifesto of February 4, 1915. No German mines were laid there."

2 IN COUNTERFEITING NET

Plates Used for Making Federal Reserve Notes Also Found.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 19.—John Ryan, alias J. E. Murphy, and a man giving his name as Jim Ryan were arrested by the police today and held for investigation by Federal officers in connection with the circulation of counterfeit Federal reserve bank notes in Pacific Coast cities. Captain Thomas B. Foster, of the United States Secret Service, said that John Ryan had served a sentence at Walla Walla. The local office of the Secret Service received word tonight that the plates with which the counterfeit notes had been printed have been found there.

AUTO KILLS BRIDAL PAIR

Machine Leaves Road and Falls Down 16-Foot Embankment.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, March 19.—T. J. Fitzpatrick, an attorney, and his bride of two months were killed, and Mrs. Margaret Morrison, mother of the young woman, and Mrs. David Hack, daughter of President Gorman of the Rock Island Railroad, were injured when their automobile left the road and fell down a 16-foot embankment near here today. The occupants were pinned under the car, which turned over. Mr. Fitzpatrick is believed to have lost control of the machine.

POSTMASTERS ARE NAMED

New Offices Established in Oregon and Filled in Washington.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 19.—Three new post-offices have been established in Oregon, as follows: Josephine County, George W. Dart, postmaster; Golden, Josephine County, Earl E. Cohen, postmaster; Umatilla County, Olin H. Griswold, postmaster. Washington postmasters have been appointed as follows: Charles G. Barrett, Govan vice E. M. Evans, resigned; Guy N. Bartlett, Rocklyn, vice Fred Grob, deceased; Perry L. Sargent, Tullip, vice Nina F. Sargent, resigned.

LAWYER DIES IN PULPIT

Talk Was to Have Been First of Series by Attorneys in Church.

CHICAGO, March 19.—Louis J. Pierson, lawyer and member of the Illinois Legislature, dropped dead in the pulpit of the Methodist Church at Wilmette, a suburb, today. Mr. Pierson was to have been the first of a series of talks by lawyers to the congregation.

BIG MILL BIDS ARE ASKED IN PORTLAND

Allies Want \$100,000 of Trench Posts.

RAILROADS ALSO IN MARKET

Car Builders Buying 2,000,000 Feet of Douglas Fir.

EARLY DELIVERY PROMISED

European Powers Said to Be Heavy Buyers of High-Grade Spruce for Aircraft, With Price \$30 to \$100 a Thousand.

LUMBER INDUSTRY EXPERIENCES REVIVAL UNDER MOMENTUM OF BIG ORDERS.

Portland mills have been asked to submit bids on an order for 8,000,000 feet of timber for trench posts in France. Two million feet of car lumber has been placed with the Douglas Fir Lumber Company. Between 60,000,000 and 75,000,000 feet of lumber will be required to fill foreign orders in the United States for railway freight cars, according to Chicago reports.

Portland lumber mills have been asked to bid on an order for 8,000,000 feet of trench posts and pickets for use by the allied powers in the war zone. The posts are to be 2 1/2 inches and four feet long, sharpened at one end, and will be used for stringing barbed wire along the trenches. They are to be used on the fighting front in France, and delivery will have to be made from Portland within 90 days. This will insure them reaching Europe, barring marine accidents, by September. The order may be for all or part of the 8,000,000 feet. It is presumed by local lumbermen that Portland can handle easily an order for about 4,000,000 feet.

A large domestic order for lumber for railroad cars has been placed with the Douglas Fir Lumber Company, of Portland. The order calls for 2,000,000 feet of fir. The European governments are also in the Portland market for as much high-grade spruce as can be obtained. It was learned on good authority yesterday. This spruce brings \$30 to \$100 a thousand, and is for building aeroplanes.

The allies' agents for trench posts have been authorized to ask for bids in Portland and in British Columbia. It is presumed by local lumbermen, ship owners and agents in Portland that about 4,000,000 feet will be taken from Portland. The posts would be cut (concluded on Page 3, Column 2)

CARRANZA PATROLS DRIVE OFF BANDITS

FIVE SKIRMISHES OCCUR NEAR DERAILED TRAIN.

Villa Forces Make Concerted Move on Towns About Torreon, but Each Effort Is Failure.

TORREON, Mexico, March 19.—Fighting took place between Carranza forces and small bands of Villistas at five different points in the neighborhood of Torreon yesterday, apparently with a view to reaching the Monterey train, which was derailed near Pomona two days ago.

The attacks were concerted against Villista, Matamoros, Coyote, San Ignacio and Canon Chorrizo, where the government patrols successfully held their ground, with but a small loss in killed and wounded. The train reached here today, reporting that four Mexicans had been killed in the wreck, which was due to bad conditions of the roadbed.

The Americans, who number about 100 men, women and children, including those in Durango, are undecided about leaving for the frontier, as the train journeys are slow, apart from risks of derailment. It is no belief here that there is absolutely no business at present here for Americans, and it might be better for them to go at least to Monterey.

SNOW MELTS WITH RUSH

Powder River Rises Two Feet in 24 Hours and Damage Is Feared.

BAKER, Or., March 19.—(Special).—Warm Spring weather today started the snow in the mountains to melt faster than ever and there is fear of flood. The Powder River rose two feet during the last 24 hours, reaching the highest point of the year. Tonight it was still rising.

Reports from the high mountain countries are that there is still from six to 12 feet of snow there and when this begins to melt there will be one of the worst floods in years. Ranchers in the lowland have moved livestock, hay and all other movable things to the hillsides and are delaying their plowing and seeding until the onrush of waters is over.

TAGGART TO BE SENATOR

Indiana Governor Decides on Successor to Mr. Shively.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 19.—Thomas Taggart, National committeeman from Indiana of the Democratic party, it became known here tonight, is to be named successor of the late Benjamin F. Shively in the United States Senate. Governor Eakin and Mr. Taggart would not discuss the appointment for publication tonight, but the commission probably will be issued tomorrow or Tuesday.

CARDINAL GOTTI IS DEAD

Prefect of Propaganda Passes After Continued Illness.

ROME, via Paris, March 19.—Cardinal Jerome Mary Gotti, prefect of the propaganda, died today. Cardinal Gotti was born in 1834 at Genoa and was made a cardinal in 1895. He had been ill for some time. The office of prefect of the propaganda is one of the most influential in the Catholic church. (concluded on Page 2, Column 4)

BABY IS FOUND ON PORCH OF HOME

Recipients Pleased and Will Keep the Stranger.

MESSAGE IS LEFT WITH IT

Waif Is Well Dressed

NOTE ACCOMPANYING IT DECLARES BABE IS HEALTHY AND OF GOOD FAMILY AND WILL APPRECIATE HOME IF GIVEN.

PLEA OF WAIF FOUND ON DOORSTEP OF L. THEKELSEN.

"Mr. and Mrs. L. Therkelsen, 325 East Sixteenth street North. Greetings. "I arrived Sunday evening, March 12. I am well and strong and of good parents, but I have no home in these parts. Take me, love and keep me, and I will bring joy and comfort to your hearts."

A week-old baby girl, left on the doorstep of L. Therkelsen, 325 East Sixteenth street North, by its unknown mother Saturday night, won its way into the hearts of the household in quick time, and the family decided at once to adopt the child.

Yesterday the Therkelsens were holding a reception to the people of that part of Irvington, who came in numbers to see the waif as the news spread. Mrs. Therkelsen estimated that by mid-afternoon over 60 callers had been in to see the child.

Many wanted to adopt it themselves, and expressed regrets that it had not been left on their doorstep. The baby is a splendid child, pretty and contented in its new home. Dr. H. M. Patton, a neighbor, examined the waif and said she is a perfect baby.

Margaret Therkelsen, the 14-year-old daughter of the house, was particularly enthusiastic about her new sister. She it was who found it, and she decided yesterday the baby will be named Jane Therkelsen, in honor of her friends, or Elizabeth, in honor of girl friends, for its middle name.

"We wouldn't part with the baby for anything," she declared yesterday. "I think it is great, and we are certainly going to keep it."

"The child was left on our doorstep about 10 o'clock Saturday night. I heard the bell ring and wondered if anyone could be calling at that hour. Then I thought perhaps some boys were playing a joke on us, as they did once before, and I looked out the window first. Then I opened the door, but did (concluded on Page 2, Column 4)

SEAPLANE LOST IN RAID OVER ENGLAND

THREE MEN, ONE WOMAN, FIVE CHILDREN ARE KILLED.

Defending Aeroplane Chases One of Invaders 30 Miles to Sea and Destroys It in Fight.

LONDON, March 19.—Nine persons were killed and 31 wounded in a raid of four German aeroplanes over the East Coast of Kent today. It was announced officially tonight. A British aeroplane brought down one raider over the sea, the German observer being killed.

The official statement on the raid reads: "Four German seaplanes flew over East Kent today. The first pair appeared over Dover at a height of 5000 to 6000 feet, one at 1:57 P. M.—the second at 2:02 P. M. "The first dropped six bombs in the harbor; then went northwest, dropping bombs on the town. The other raider, after passing over Dover, appeared over Deal.

"The second pair appeared over Ramsgate at 2:10. They dropped bombs on the town. One of this pair went west, the other north, pursued by a British aeroplane. One bomb is reported to have been dropped on Ramsgate.

"The second machine appeared over Westgate at 2:20. Here several of our aeroplanes went up in pursuit. No bombs were dropped on Westgate. The total casualties so far are reported: killed, three men, one woman, and five children. Injured, 15 men, five women, nine children. As far as ascertained 48 bombs were dropped altogether.

"One bomb fell on the Canadian Hospital at Ramsgate, causing damage but no casualties. Several houses the work of artisans and cottagers, were wrecked.

"Flight Commander Bone, royal naval air service, in a single-seater aeroplane, pursued one German seaplane 30 miles out to sea, where, after an action lasting a quarter of an hour, he forced it to descend. The seaplane was hit many times and the observer was killed.

According to a dispatch from Ramsgate, the two German aeroplanes which carried out a raid on that place were attacked at sea by a French machine before reaching the coast. The seaplanes, however, arrived over the town and dropped several bombs, one of which killed a man and four children. As far as can be ascertained, the other Ramsgate casualties total one woman and eight children slightly wounded.

CADORNA TO MEET ALLIES

Unity of Political and Military Views Expected to Follow.

PARIS, March 19.—Lieutenant-General Count Cadorna, commander-in-chief of the Italian army, who will arrive in Paris Monday, will leave the next day, said the Paris correspondent, Turin correspondent, for the headquarters of General Joffre. The same evening General Cadorna will start for London, where he will meet Earl Kitchener, the British Minister of War.

Returning to the Continent March 25, General Cadorna will visit King Albert, of Belgium, and will be in Paris with Premier Salandra and Foreign Minister Sonnino for the political conference of the entente allies arranged for March 27.

It is confidently expected here that a unity of political and military views will result from the conference, now in progress and of great importance, therefore, is attached to them.

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SECRET FORCE HOT ON TRAIL OF VILLA

Troopers Maneuver for Quick Capture.

ENCIRCLING MOVEMENT BEGUN

Pershing's Column Makes 110 Miles in 42 Hours.

FEW HORSES ARE LOST

Bandit Leader Is Reported Continuing Outrages Against Americans. Whereabouts Said to Be on Mrs. Hearst's Ranch.

BY FLOYD P. GIBBONS. (By special wireless to the Chicago Tribune. Published by arrangement.) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN MEXICO, via Columbus, N. M.—March 19.—(Special).—We are hot on the trail of General Francisco Villa.

Our troops are camped here (name deleted by censor) after two days of forced marches through waterless plains and mountain defiles. This is the column secretly maneuvered across the border at (name deleted). We expect to connect with the Columbus column here.

Some horses and mules dropped during the march, but the general condition of the men and animals is fine. Scouts find trace of Villa. Scouts have come on traces of Villa in the mountains to the south of here and the Army will continue the pursuit tomorrow.

I have knowledge that the Mormons at (name deleted) are safe. Throughout the march the American troops have been received cordially by the Carranzistas.

General Pershing, commanding the combined American forces, has conferred with Carranza commandants, and encompassing movements have been started by which it is hoped to surround Villa and make a quick capture.

Communication is controlled. Transportation and communication here are under American and Carranza control to prevent word reaching Villa.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY. March 18, via wireless to Columbus, N. M.—After marching more than 110 miles into Mexico in the remarkable marching time of 42 hours, the American punitive expedition today received information apparently fixing the whereabouts of Francisco Villa, the object of the chase. Disposition of the troops began tonight for the task of hunting him down. Meanwhile Villa was reported to be continuing his outrages on Americans.

Pershing Leads in Person. The expedition reached (name deleted by censor). The soldiers were informed that the Mexican leader passed through this place only a few days ago. The latest information of Villa's present whereabouts placed him on the ranch of Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, in the Babicora lake region.

General John J. Pershing personally led the flying cavalry column in the 110-mile dash. Every man in his command was mounted. They pressed through a section of Mexican territory where water was scarce. For such a large body of men the speed maintained was remarkable, and the good condition in which they came through was inspiring.

Few Animals Lost. Only a few cavalry horses and pack mules were lost, the victims of a hard-riding trail. The men reached the camp thirsty and hungry, but otherwise in good condition, fit for action and eager for the pursuit of Villa to begin in earnest.

Here they were met with reports that Villa had raided the American colonies in the vicinity of his mountain retreats, and that he had killed residents of these colonies.

EL PASO, March 19.—Pancho Villa has been driven into a trap by the rapid advance of the American troops, according to information received today in wireless dispatches from the front and in telegraphic messages to General Gabriel Gaviira, the Carranza commander at Juarez.

Much Depends on Carranza's Men. Everything seems now to depend on the ability of the Carranza garrisons to hold their end of the net. On three sides of the bandit chief he is hemmed by strong Carranza columns, while on the fourth the American soldiers are driving forward with amazing speed.

Villa was reported in the Babicora Lake region tonight, on the ranch of Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, which he has ravaged several times in the past. Babicora is about 55 miles south of Guadalupe, where one section of the American expeditionary force has arrived and is pushing forward at the rate of 32 miles a day. A few miles to the west of the bandit's position is Nami-quipa, which is held by a powerful Carranza garrison. On the east are the frowning barriers of the Sierra Madres mountains, barring the way to Sonora.

In any event, it is unlikely that Villa would make a break for Sonora, as that is the native state of General Obregon, Carranza's Minister of War, and the natives are said to be almost fanatical followers of his.

To the south Villa's way is blocked by the Carranza garrison at Madera, a

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