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PORTLAND, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING,

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CITY IS RUINED

Almost Every Building in Laredo Gone.

TWENTY-ONE ARE DEAD

Town on Mexican Border Is Strewn With Wreckage.

MEXICAN TOWN SUFFERS

Every Building of Laredo Seminary Demolished-Teachers Escape by Miracle-Governor of Texas Wants Help.

LAREDO, Tex., April 29 .- (Special.) -- Al injured in Laredo and New Laredo by a tornado that tore through the city late last night. Sixteen were killed here. Rumors of many others killed in places outside Laredo are heard, but as yet they lack confirmation. Property damage is large. Four of the dead were members one family and were working on the ranch of George Woodman. They were all crushed to death by the falling in of the heavy walls of the adobe house they ocupied. The others met their fate in a

The damage wrought at the Laredo Seminary is severe. Not one of the group of buildings that go to make up the institution escaped damage. The escape from death of the teachers at present quartered institution is considered miraculous, as the walls of some of the buildings that they occupied were demolished. Mrs. Early, one of the teachers, was heroicdents of the institution, they lowering her by a rope from a second-story window. She was badly bruised.

The Mexican National Hospital building roof was lifted, and it will require much time to repair the building.

Wreckage Blocks Streets.

A trip through the town falls to show a locality that has not suffered from the storm. Telegraph and telephone poles, corrugated roofs, chimneys and walls; in fact, debris of all imaginable kinds strew work clearing away the wreckage of the ing the damage done by the storm. storm, and tonight the city began to as- linemen making repairs to the longsume its customary tranquil appearance. distance telephone have reported with-Linemen are at work endeavoring to in 50 miles north of Laredo. They straighten out the tangled wires, and it report tonight a terrible state of deis believed that within two days the elec- vastation. tric light service can be resumed. It is hoped to re-establish telegraphic communication at least partially within two

Conditions at New Laredo, across the river, are similar to those on this side. It is not known how many dead or intured there are, but a city official of that place stated that there are at least five The five known dead, added to the dead on this side of the Rio Grande, both cities up to IL

The storm made its appearance from the Southwest in the neighborhood of Lampus, Mexico, 72 miles from this city, and it is said that great havoc was wrought in that locality, although it is not thought any loss of life resulted. Poor Suffer First.

When the storm struck the city the houses occupied by the poorer classes were the first to be leveled to the ground, out, as the wind increased in force, the more substantial buildings were unroofed. and in many cases were demolished. The lighting flashed vividly and continually, adding to the fears of the people. The

storm lasted about an hour. The Mexican National Railroad has temporarily abandoned its trains on account of the lack of wires over which

to arrange meeting points. Physicians are busy attending the in jured and it is thought no deaths will result. Dr. H. J. Hamilton, of the United States Marine Hospital Service, has placed 150 tents with bedding, etc., at the ties were at their height Sheriff Hengehold disposal of the homeless.

Warnings of Storm Cause Panic.

The weather on Friday was sultry, and shortly after 7 o'clock in the evening a dark low rain-cloud appeared in the southwest. A short time later and with hardly any warning rain began failing in torrents, accompanied occasionally by hall. The conditions previous to the storm were so remarkable that a vast majority of the citizens locked themselves in their houses, the entire Mexican popu lation being terror-stricken and becoming impressed with the idea that the world

was coming to an end. Suddenly a flash of lightning lit up the scene, showing clouds hanging low over the housetops. A wind began to blow, the lightning in a few minutes played almost continuously, and thunder roared over the city like z thousand batteries pounding out a mighty chorus. Trees began to bend under the strengthening Over the heart of the city was carried the roof of a negro's hut from the suburbs. A group of men saw the roof being spun along as if by a glant hand. and the lightning and thunder seemed

to combine in a magnificent climax. Houses were swept away as if they were structures of pasteboard. Substantial stone structures were raped, frame houses were caught up in the swirling sform and torn to pieces. Roofs were carried away. trees were torn out by the roots. Tele graph poles were anapped, wagons were May 12,

picked out of the streets and carried be-

yond the city limits.

The storm was terrifying—a grand spectacle. It seemed to be rent by lightning, the electrical flashes cutting through until the city seemed to be spun with lines of light. There was no escape and the population simply cowered in the uses and trusted to fate.

The huts occupied by negroes and the poorer Mexicans first were destroyed. Nearly all of them were blown flat, but many of them were lifted like huge beetives and carried miles. Every telegraph and telephone wire in the city was broken. The wind whipped the roof off the telephone building and, reaching down into the structure, caught the big exchange and whirled it around the operating-room. The exchange was found down and in ruins. The telephone officials report that it will be

necessary to install a new system. Stores and Hotels Wrecked.

The business firms in the center of the city have suffered great losses. The roofs were taken off haif a dozen buildings oc cupled by grocery and drygoods firms and enormous damage was done to stocks. The roofs of the Hamilton and Ross Ho tels, two of the most pretentious buildinfis in the city, were torn to pieces and 50 patrons fied into the city streets in fright. The rooms in the hotels were covered with many inches of water. Two of the patrons and two bellboys were seriously hurt by falling bricks.

Governor Lanham was appealed to by Mayor Sanchez, of Laredo, for aid. In response he issued a general appeal for help, expressing the wish that Texas in general would be liberal and prompt in its help.

RAILROAD BRIDGE WRECKED

least 21 persons were killed and a score Cars Blown From Track and Wires Down in All Directions

DALLAS, Tex., April 29 .- (Special.)-Reports have reached here of the cyclone that has swept the town of Larned, Tex., this morning. A string of boxcare was blown off the International & Great Northern tracks.

A long-distance telephone message from Cotulia says the bodies of ten dead Mexicans have been recovered, It is reported that it persons have been killed outside Laredo.

Fifty railroad coaches belonging to the International & Great Northern and Mexican Central Railroad were blown Superintendent Gates, of the South

western Telegraph Company, with headquarters in Dallas, states that wires were down south of Cotulia, shout 80 miles south of San Antonio ally rescued by several young cadets, stu- He received a dispatch from San An tonio that the repair crew at Cotulia had learned from a conductor of a northbound that the bridge across the Rio Grande had been wrecked by the storm. The conductor stated that his train had just escaped the storm. There are two bridges at Laredo across the fiver and it is not known which one was destroyed. They are built of steel and are costly struc-

The Southwestern Telegraph Comany has a large force of men repair-

NOW YOUNG WIFE SUES FOR A DIVORCE.

would bring the number of known dead in Mrs. Overend's Theatrical Husband Says "Thank You" to the Sheriff When Served With Notice.

> CINCINNATI April 29 .- (Special.)-Wooed and won in three days, wedded and parted in three more, Mrs. A. A. Overend, of Covington, Ky., through a divorce peti-tion filed today, hopes again to be Miss Sadie Snyder as quickly as possible. Last Saturday she and her chum, Miss

> Lizzie Graziani, also of Covington, met William H. McCausiand and William Overend, theatrical men, both from Jer sey City, N. J. Tuesday, the four repaired to the home of Rev. George A. Miller, of the First Christian Church, Covington and the double wedding ceremony

Overend came over to Cincinnati and stopped at a hotel. His bride remained in Covington. The flame of their love in Covington. The flame of their love quickly died, and Mrs. Overend sought Attorney Hutchins.

performed.

Last night McCausiand and his bride gave a reception to make formal announcement of their wedding. Overend was among the guests. While the festivisuit to Overend.

The young man was so surprised that all he could say was "Thank you." The Sheriff told him he was welcome and left.

fight the suit. TIBBLES IS TO BE EDITOR

Tom Watson Will Own New Populist Paper at Lincoln.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 29.-(Special.)-A new Populist paper will be started in Lincoln or Omaha, with Thomas H. Tibbles, late Populist candidate for Vice President, as editor,

The paper will be owned by Tom Watson, Mr. Tibbles, C. Q. De France and other Populists. Mr. Tibbles has given up his Wali-street project, saying he would rather stay in the West where his

His Second Verdict to Hang.

DALLAS, Tex., April 29 .- (Special.) The jury brought in a verdict of guilty Ostes, a negro, for the murder of Solomon Ornoff in Dallas on the night of November 29, 1994. This is the second death sentence for Oates, the first having been set aside by the State Court of Criminal Appeals. Holly Van, a white man, who assisted Cates in the murder, is to be hanged at Dallas on

B. Lee Paget Is Nominated for Mayor, but May Later Be Forced to Resign.

HOT DEBATE AS TO POLICY

Friends of H. R. Albee Urge That Head of the Ticket Be Left Off, but They Are Defeated.

THE PROHIBITION TICKET.

B. Lee-Paget, Mayor. P. Northrup, Auditor. F. McKercher, Treasurer, E. O. Miller, Municipal Judge. Councilmen-at-Large: I. H. Amos. F. L. Posson and R. B. Steele. Councilmen-L. L. Paget, R. H. Tate, James M. Leach, S. Morrow,

E. H. Bertroche and D. B. Morgan. To have a head or not to have a head, that was the question over which the Prohibition party, that assembled in con-

vention yesterday afternoon, wrestled for three hours. There were some delegates present who thought a real live bead to the ticket was not necessary. They lost out in the convention. For three mortal hours the "no head" and "the head" advocates talked. Every one of the 42 delegates present took a hand in the discussion. Some thought it was an oldfashioned experience meeting and dwelt at length on the "hows" and "whys. They became cold-water advocates and forgot the real problem at issue. They were all for harmony, however, so the

ing much, according to the Prohibition Session Opened With Prayer.

convention convened, adjourned and re-

The gathering of the delegates was set for 3 o'clock, but it was fully half an hour after this time before B. Lee Paget, who, by the way, is the first Prohibition candidate for Mayor ever put forward by the party in Portland, called the con vention to order. After briefly stating the object of the meeting. Mr. Paget called upon Rev. Albyn Elsson and the proceedings of the convention were opened with prayer. The delegates assembled in the Y. M. C. A. building. Prohibition politics and religion mixed and mingled. ng the delegates were a number enough shrewd political movements on the ples: board to give the convention a political almosphere. Mr. Paget, the wheelhorse of the party, told how five years ago, a Mosez, he was called to the firing-line and he proclaimed with some show of pride that he had been there ever since. With this bit of biography out of the way, the delegates cettled down to the decision of the question of head or

headless. The convention was several minutes old when some brother discovered that I. H. Amos was absent, and timidly announ that a searching party be sent to hunt for him. This plea was squeiched when someone back in the room announced loudly that "Mr. Amos' presence ain't needed." He was needed, for he became a helmsman and an obstructionist before the convention was through. One of the ardent workers for no head to the ticket was H. W. Stone. He was clearly playing politice. He wanted the delegates to name a ticket headless, that is, without a Mayor, for he evidently wished to leave a soft spot for H. R. Albee to fall In in case lightning did not strike him in the approaching primaries. Others were with him, but they were in the minority when it came to the final vote.

Albee Had Friends.

There were those present who stood for naming of a complete ticket, but with the understanding that in case of a

ontingency arising-that contingency be ing the defeat of Mr. Albee in the primaries and his subsequent appearance as an independent candidate—the candidate named by the convention should be willing to resign his place at the head of the ticket, in case the Prohibitionists deemed it to be the best interests of the party. This won, for Mr. Paget in accepting the nomination made himself clear on this mooted point. He asserted that he was honored by the convention and that he would be the candidate of the party to the end, unless a contingency arose that he could best serve the interests of the party by resigning. He asserted, however, that he would not do this, unless the candidate in whose favor he resigned should be known as the Prohibition party candidate. Rather than have the party lose its identity in the campaign, Mr. Paget declared that he would remain on the ticket and go down in defeat or win, as the result of the June election showed. This provision of side-stepping is made in the resolutions that were adopted at the evening session.

Stone for No Mayoralty Nominee. The entire afternoon was taken up in skirmishing by Mr. Stone and those who did not want a Mayor nominated, and

the naming of a committee on resolutions and platform, a committee on nominations and a finance committee. Professor R R. Steele was elected permanent chairman, and E. P. Northrup secretary. Some one suggested that the convention go into the "committee of the whole convention. This sounded like blue label goods, and it carried. O. E. Miller was appointed a committee of one on credentials, and this consisted of passing cards among those present to be filled out. While this was going on the momentous question of

"heads" was discussed. Among those who took part in the de bate was an ancient German wafted Oregonward from somewhere in the Dakotas. His German tongue tripped over his English, but he made himself clear on one point. He wanted a firm foundation, and he didn't care whether that foundation was made up of ministers, Prohibitionists, Democrats or Republi cans-he wanted a firm foundation. There was still another délegate present, agé not given, who had voted for years for the Democratic and Republican parties, to discover about nine years ago that he had been voting for the Devil. This declaration was greeted with tremendous applause, for the speaker's statement was taken as a clean bill of lading that there were no devils in the Prohibition party. When hunger began to hit some of the delegates they got down to real business of the afternoon session, that of naming the committees, When this was accomplished the convention adjourned for dinner and to give the committees a chance to frame their resolutions and to name their candidates. It will be noticed that there are several vacancies, that of City Attorney, two in the Councilmen-at-Large and several among the Councilmen. These vacancies will be filled by the city and county committee, upon whom was thrust this They are E. P. Northrup, F. McKercher,

Dr. E. L. Lane, A. D. Davis and C. A. Lewis. Mr. Paget was also a member of

Resolutions Were Adopted. When the evening session reconvened of Portland's prominent ministers. The following set of resolutions and the dec-

mittee, but will resign.

Resolved, It has been, and is, our earnest desire to unite with any other reform forces which stand for political while the Prohibitionists were looking for rightcoursess and for the election as municipal officers of men who are not indebted to and will not be controlled by the we have sought and joined in conferences with the hope that they might lead up to the unification of such forces, but without result. Up to the present time there are in the field none but candidates who seek nomination at the hands of the license parties. A man of high character, as the candidate of a saloun-controlled party, does not mark the moral level of that party, neither will be control its policy, Furthermore, so far as we are advised, these candidates would regard their interests in their respective primaries as adversely affected by our open indorse-

> candidates will, or can be, nominated who can be so fully trusted to combat the evil political tendencies of the day as the candidates of a party which stands unequivo cally for the destruction of that consum-mation of the political villainy, the or-ganized liquor traffic, and believing that to such candidates all voters earnestly seeking reform will rally unless reseeking reform will rally unless re-strained by partisan prejudice; therefore

Resolved. In order that there shall be hefore the people candidates whose at-titude toward moral questions admits of no doubt, and in order to preserve our orrganization and our prerogatives as a party in the coming election, we put in (Concluded on Page 8.)

LOOMS UP AGAIN

Mae Wood Sues Wynne and Loeb.

HER LOVE LETTERS GONE

She Intended to Publish Aged Senator's Effusions.

PREVENTED BY THREATS

Woman Who Accused New York Bos of Jilting Her Tells Remarkable Story of Detective's Plot to Protect Him.

OMAHA, Neb., April 29,-Miss Mae Wood fate today filed in the District Court a damage suit against William Loeb, secretary to President Roosevelt; Wynne, and J. Martin Miller, whom she charges with having destroyed a number of letters received by her from Senator Platt, of New York, Miss Wood recites at length the conditions that led to the securing of the letters by the defendants, and asks the court to

award her damages.

Miss A. C. Wood, who is an attorney. formerly practiced in Omaha, later was connected with the Postoffice Department in Washington, and since has returned if this city. She asks \$35,000

damages Miss Wood charges that the defendants by force and threats secured from her love letters walca, she alleges, were written to her by Senator Platt, of New York. These letters, she says in her charges, formed the basis for a book, the manuscript of which she had completed and for the publication of which sie had contracted with a publisher.

Says Wynne Threatened Her. Miss Wood alleges that Mr. Wynne and her at a house in Washington, where he lietained her for two days, and by theats and force took from her the alleged love letters. She says Mr. Wynne was accompanied by two gen-

lemen, one of whom gave his name as The charges as filed name, first, Robert J. Wynne, Consul-General to Longathering was homogeneous, with just laration of the Prohibition party princi- don: William Loeb, secretary to President Roosevelt, and J. Martin Miller, alleging that the defendants had conspired to obtain possession, and did obtain possession, of a book which she was compiling under the title of "The Loveletters of n Boss," which letters, vicious element of our city. To this end Miss Wood avers, were written to her by United States Senator Thomas C.

Platt. The petition in part follows: Love Letters of a Boss.

nd, that beginning about May 1, 1903 plaintiff had prepared as a literary produc titled "The Love Letters of a Boss," which manuscript was largely made of actual letters received by this plaintiff from a very prominent man in the United States Senate (Thomas C. Platt), 71 years of age and who pretended to be desperately in love with the plaintiff.

Third, that plaintiff had been engaged to marry said prominent elderly man, and had received attentions from him which could only be excused on the ground of such engagement; that because of the conduct of sald sufter the engagement was about to be canceled on April 15, 1903; that for the purpose of trying to make an independent living in a literary field, and as compensa tion for the peculiar humiliations and per secutions she had been subjected to, she determined to utilize such unfortunate and disagreeable experiences and publish the said book, containing verbatim paragraph after paragraph of the silly love expositions contained in said letters, which were mixed with political animosities and news. manuscript also being prepared with an actual account of the replies thereto as

pear as it was possible for this plaintiff to

Fourth, that said defendants, obtaining knowledge of the plaintiff's intention to get out such a book, conspired with each other omession of the manuscript and the sale original letters by any means possible, and by illegal means, if necessary, for the purpose of holding the same over the author, and possibly to hold for ransom in addition and thus force said author to do or not to to certain things.

Fifth, that one Martin Miller, who was it reality a detective, was engaged by the defendants herein named to represent himself to plaintiff as an author and publisher and solicit the manuscript for said book, to-gether with a contract to publish the same under his own name through publishers or friends in Philadelphia. That this plaintiff finally consented to enter into a publicapublication of the said book, "The Love Leters of a Boss," and surrendered the manuscripts for said purpose of publication as (Concluded on Second Page.)

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STRIKE LEADERS ARE INDICTED

Chicago Grand Jury Charges Conspiracy.

BIG STRIKE STILL SPREADS

Number of Men Made Idle Doubled in One Day,

APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT

Citizens' Committee Asks Truce With View to Conciliation - Riot Reigns Throughout City. One Man Is Killed.

CHICAGO, April 29 .- Twelve of the labor leaders prominently identified with the teamsters' strike now in progress in this city were indicted tonight by the grand jury. Each indictment contains six counts and charges the men with conspiracy. Bills were returned against the following:

Cornelius P. Shea, president of the International Teamsters' Union; Hugh McGee, president of the Truckdrivers' Union; J. McCarthy, business agent of the Truckdrivers' Union; M. F. Kelly, president of the Market Drivers' Union; Charles Wilbandt, secretary of the Teamsters' Joint Council: George F. Golden, president of the Packinghouse Teamsters' Union; James B. Barry, president of the Rallway Express Drivers' Union: John Smyth, president of the Conjdrivers' Union; Harry Lapp, business agent of the Coaldrivers' Union: Charles Dold, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor: Stephen C. Sumner, president of the Milkdrivers' Union; J. W. Young, business agent of the Baggage and Parcel Drivers' Union.

Much secrecy marked the return of the indictments, and even after they had been returned to the court an effort was made to keep the names from being learned. The indictments were based solely on the evidence given during the last week by witnesses who testified specifically as to the troubles of the labor unions and Montgomery Ward & Co. The most important and detailed evidence came from Frederick Job, secretary of the Employers' Association, and from Robert J. Thorne, manager for Montgomery Ward & Co., stockholder in the coal firm of

Daniels & Co. Charged With Conspiracy.

One count in the indictment charges the defendants with conspiring to prevent all persons not members of the Teamsters' Union from securing employment as drivers. This is described in the count as being contrary to "public merals." Another count charges conspiracy to prevent any union teamster from picking up or de livering any goods to or from Ward & Co. A third count charges conspiracy to do an Illegal act in that the teamsters were warned not to do any work for Ward & Co. The fourth charges that the conspirators compelled the proprietor of the Windsor-Clifton Hotel to put out certain guests of the hotel because they were employes of Montgomery Ward & Co. The other indictments differ only in minor points.

Strike Spreads to More Trades. The strike continued to spread to-

day, and a large number of teamsters employed by lumbermen, grocers and various coal companies went out. The most serious phase of the trouble today was the aggressiveness of the packers, have decided that they will stand with the members of the Employers' Association and demand that their teamsters make deliveries to boycotted firms, and that, if any teamster declines to make them, he is to be instantly discharged. This means a lockout, for the men have already declared that they will not make such deliveries. More than 2500 men will be involved when this action is taken, The wholesale grocers also decided this afternoon that they would demand of their men that goods be delivered to boycotted firms, and a prompt dismissal of every teamster refusing to comply will be ordered. This will add 800 more to the number of men now on strike.

The unions retaliated by ordering that no hay or grain be delivered to members of the above associations. The men employed by the Hartwell Coal Company went out this afternoon. This concern delivers all of the coal to the Union Traction Company and to the People's Gas Light and Coke Company, which supplies the city with gas,

The express companies made some deliveries today, but their business, comparatively speaking, was at a standstill. Large quantities of perishable articles are now stacked in the houses of the express companies, and most of them are expected to spoil. So far the strike has not in any appreciable manner interefered with the food supply of the city.

May Appent to Roosevelt.

There is a strong sentiment among the labor men to have President Roosevelt interfere in the strike when he arrives in the city on his return from his present vacation. He is scheduled

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PRINCIPAL FIGURES IN VENEZUELAN SCANDAL



Francis B. Losmis, Assistant Secretary of State.



Herhert W. Bowen, United States Minister to Venezuela,