

90 OR MORE DIE IN TORNADES

Fifty Dead, 300 Injured at Mattoon, Ill.

BUSINESS DISTRICT RAZED

Two Thousand Persons Homeless and Many Are Reported Missing.

32 KILLED AT CHARLESTON

Westervelt Has Five Fatalities and 20 Hurt and Modesto Ten.

TOLL OF DAY EXACTED BY TORNADES.

Mattoon, Ill.—Fifty or more killed, 300 injured, 2000 homeless, business district wiped out.

Westervelt, Ill.—Five killed, 21 injured.

Modesto, Ill.—One killed, nine fatally injured.

Manhattan, Ill.—One dead, six injured.

Joliet, Ill.—Two injured.

Elwood, Ill.—Four injured.

Pearl, Ill.—Five injured, one fatally.

Charleston, Ill.—Thirty-two killed.

Property and crop damage heavy over wide area.

MATTOON, Ill., May 26.—About 50 persons were killed and more than 300 injured when a tornado struck Mattoon late today. The entire business section of the town is wiped out and upwards of 2000 are homeless.

The storm, traveling from east to west, destroyed practically the entire northern half of the town, leaving no building standing in a swath several blocks in width.

Planks Hurdled Miles.

A lumber yard directly in the path of the storm contributed largely to the damage. Flying planks struck a number of pedestrians, who had been unable to find shelter, and other planks were hurled for miles around the countryside, one being discovered sticking through the side of a farmer's house.

Bits of broken and twisted steel also flew through the air, damaging buildings entirely out of the path of the storm. A canning factory contributed to the loss in a similar way.

Public Buildings Are Hospitals.

Rescue work began almost immediately. Within an hour every church and public building standing was filled with injured, many of whom were unable to obtain adequate medical service.

Efforts to estimate the casualties with any degree of accuracy were futile because of the confusion which followed the tornado.

Hundreds of persons reported that members of the families were missing.

WOOL THIEVES ARE CAUGHT AT SALEM

BARN OF LINN COUNTY FARMER ROBBED AT MIDNIGHT.

Autos Used to Carry Away Plunder. Two Sacks Left in Road Leads to Arrest of Five Men.

ALBANY, Or., May 26.—(Special.)—Five men who stole more than \$500 worth of wool at 1 o'clock this morning and carried it away in two automobiles were captured eight hours later and are now in the Linn County jail. They are W. F. Davis, Frank Davis, Frank Kooos, Arthur Wagner and William Morgan.

The men waived examination before Justice of the Peace Swan here this afternoon, and the first four were held for the grand jury under \$1000 bond each. As Morgan is only 17, his case was transferred to the Juvenile Court. The others range in age from 22 to 34. The men took five sacks of wool, containing 1200 pounds, from the barn on the farm of Wheeler Bros., near Plainview. Leading the wool into two cars they sped to Salem. Because the men had carried out more wool than they could haul and left two sacks by the roadside, the theft was discovered early this morning and word sent to Sheriff Bodine. He and Chief of Police Catlin telephoned in all directions in Albany and Kooos was picked up by Salem officers while selling the stolen wool. They were returned to Albany at noon and admitted their guilt.

One of the automobiles used belongs to the Davis brothers and the other to a brother of young Morgan. A dog named in Albany and Kooos where the wool was kept and the men killed her by poison before stealing the wool. A litter of her young puppies was not disturbed.

Kooos, Wagner and Morgan were all reared near Plainview, though Morgan now lives in Albany and Kooos has been working in Benton County, north of this city. The Davis brothers also have been working on farms north of Albany, though their home is at Yamhill, Or. Wagner and Morgan have been in trouble in local courts before.

The capture has aroused great interest here as there have been several thefts of wool in Benton County north of Albany and in the vicinity of Corvallis recently. In each case the wool appeared to have been taken away by automobile. The men in jail deny complicity in these thefts, however.

"BILL" BROWN BUYS MORE

Central Oregon Ranch Owner Adds 1200 Acres to His Holdings.

BEND, Or., May 26.—(Special.)—Already the proprietor of 12 or 13 sections of land in Deschutes, Crook and Harney counties, W. W. Brown, best known as "Bill" Brown, recently added 1200 acres to his holdings. Mr. Brown came into prominence two years ago, when it was announced that he had made a will leaving over \$100,000 to Oregon Methodist organizations.

Of his latest acquisition Mr. Brown has put more than 600 acres into cultivation to increase the amount of feed for his 10,000 head of sheep and 5000 head of horses. Reports from his ranch indicate that he expects to sell large consignments of horses for war purposes this summer. Mr. Brown is 64 years old, but is still active in the management of his properties.

FAIR WEATHER FORECAST

Occasional Showers Predicted for Last Half of Week.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Weather predictions for the week, beginning May 27, issued by the Weather Bureau today, are:

Pacific states—Seasonal temperatures and generally fair except occasional showers are probable the latter half in Washington and Oregon.

Flms Are Out on Strike.

PETROGRAD, via London, May 26.—Strikes in all branches of industry throughout Finland are reported in dispatch from Helsingfors. In some districts acts of violence against the employers have been committed.

AIR RAIDERS KILL 76 IN BRITISH PORTS

175 Hurt; Many Buildings Destroyed.

ATTACK MADE BY 16 CRAFT

Dover and Folkestone Bom- barded, Says Berlin.

3 GERMANS SHOT DOWN

Fliers Battle Over Sea as Teutons Speed Homeward After Finish- ing Work—Most Victims Women and Children.

A TOWN ON THE SOUTHEAST COAST OF ENGLAND, via London, May 26.—Women and children who had stood for hours in a long line in the busiest street here waiting to purchase potatoes were the principal victims of the German airplane raid last evening. Intent only on not losing their places in the line, the women and children had little warning of the raid and were easy victims of the air raiders, who dropped their deadly bombs indiscriminately. (An official Berlin dispatch says Dover and Folkestone were raided.)

The raid, which claimed the lives of 76 persons and caused injury to 175 others, proved more deadly than any raid that the Zeppelins have made on England since the war began.

Bombs Dropped on Shoppers.

Flying so high that they looked like a flock of ducks, the raiders rained dozens of bombs on the busiest block of the main thoroughfare, which was choked with shoppers of every age and sex.

A correspondent of the Associated Press visited the destroyed district today. He found a grocery store that had collapsed and was told by the grocer, who lost two members of his family, that ten dead persons were found in the debris of the building.

A dozen more were killed, and three scores or more were injured by flying bombs and bricks and shrapnel-like fragments which were scattered forcibly by the bursting shells.

Property Damage Small.

Many persons lost their lives on a narrow stairway-like passageway between two houses on this street when a bomb burst overhead, the concussion killing them. All the victims in this part of the town were struck down within a radius of 200 yards.

One of the most striking results was the small property damage here compared with the heavy loss of life. This is thought to have been due to the fact that the bombs happened to drop where large crowds of shoppers, augmented by people attracted to the potato sale, were gathered.

In the residential sections of the town fashionable homes were demolished, but only one or two victims were found in the ruins. The raiders made a bee-line over the town, first bombing the residential section, and then pelting the shopping district as they flew out to sea.

Missing Persons Sought.

The casualty list for this town alone was tonight placed at 60 dead and 150 injured.

Large gangs of workmen, however, continued to work into the night on the huge piles of debris in the residential section, where several persons are missing.

The raiders spent less than three minutes over this town. They came from places further inland which they had bombed freely. The loss of life and property damage in those places, however, was not reported.

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M'NARY BELIEVED CHOICE FOR SENATE

Governor, However, Maintains Silence.

SPECULATION, EVEN, SUBSIDIES

Announcement Expected Im- mediately After Funeral.

EARLY DEPARTURE DESIRED

Prospective Successor to Senator Lane Has Been Identified With Republican Party Since At- taining His Majority.

SALEM, Or., May 26.—(Special.)—The question of who will be the next United States Senator from Oregon to succeed Senator Harry Lane is decided. At least it is conceded on every side that Judge Charles L. McNary, of Salem, will be selected by Governor Withycombe.

The appointment will not be announced until after the funeral of Senator Lane next Tuesday.

Governor Withycombe returned from Portland today, but refused to make any announcement of the appointment.

"I am determined upon who the man will be, as I said in my recent statement in regard to Senator Lane's successor," said the Governor. "My mind is fully made up, and has been, but, as I said before, the announcement of the appointment will not be made until next week."

Opinion is General.

To those familiar with the situation, however, there is small room left for doubt as to who the Governor has determined upon, and it is no longer considered even a subject of speculation.

The past day or two there still have been strong efforts made by other candidates than Judge McNary to have their claims for the appointment considered, but it is known pretty definitely that the Governor has kindly, but firmly, adhered to his early statement and suggested that there is no use of any further endeavor to push the candidacies of themselves or of their friends, as the case might be.

Judge McNary has refused to discuss the matter in any manner whatsoever, but it is considered an entirely safe prediction that Judge McNary will be the selection of the Governor.

Political Interest Active.

Judge McNary handled the Hughes-Fairbanks campaign as chairman of the state Republican central committee last year, and was exceedingly active in promoting the interests of Mr. Taft in the preceding Presidential campaign. His affiliations always have been with the Republican party, and he has been active in politics in one way or another since attaining his majority.

It is considered quite likely that the appointment of Judge McNary will be made soon after the funeral of Senator Lane.

Early Representation Desired.

It is known Governor Withycombe feels that in the present crisis it is important Oregon have its full Congressional representation at Washington. For that reason it seems certain he will endeavor to arrange that his appointee may leave for the National Capitol with all expedition possible under the circumstances.

By a strange coincidence this appointment will be similar in its political effect to the only two other appointments of United States Senators, which have been made to create a vacancy caused by death. In each of

AMERICAN AVIATRIX BACK FROM ORIENT

GIRL OF 20 SURPASSES AIR- MEN OF JAPAN.

Chinese Express Great Wonder at Feats of Darling—"Machine BUILT TO FLY, MUST FLY."

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 26.—(Special.)—Caustic comments by officials and the press of Japan against their own army and navy aviators was voiced recently after 20-year-old Katharine Stinson, of San Antonio, had made several exhibition flights in Japan. The American girl showed the Japanese what a woman could do with an aeroplane and it was so far ahead of any plying that the Japan government aviators had shown that the comparisons made in the press were far from flattering to their people.

Miss Stinson arrived back in San Francisco today after making 32 flights in Japan and 35 in China. She came from Japan offering her service to the Government as instructor and expects to be assigned to aviation work within a short time. Her brother and sister are conducting an aviation school in San Antonio at present.

"I had my best experiences in China," said the petite aviatrix.

"The Japanese would applaud, but as they had not seen flying machines before it was not so wonderful to them as the Chinese in the cities I visited."

"In Pekin I made a night flight with illuminated planes, the first that had ever been seen there. The Chinese in both day and night flights were speechless, but they said the machine was built to fly and so it must fly. It was funny the way they expressed themselves about it."

"After I was in the air an American asked a Chinese friend what he thought, and the Chinese said the plane had gone up, but that it surely would not come down again."

China Miss Stinson flew before the members of the Chinese cabinet and their families. She was presented with costly tokens by the Japanese aviators and by the officials in China.

U. S. MISSION IS IN TOKIO

Railroad Men En Route to Russia to Develop Transportation.

TOKIO, May 26.—The United States Railroad Commission to Russia, headed by John F. Stevens, of New York, arrived in Tokio on its way to Petrograd. The Americans were entertained by the British and Russian Ambassadors.

George Post Wheeler, American Charge d'Affaires, issued a statement that no commercial or financial work was to be undertaken by the commission, whose sole purpose was to assist in the solution of transportation questions.

DOGS MAY BE SHUT UP

Mayor Promises Relief to Gardeners Who Are Complaining.

Unless dog owners take steps to keep dogs off other people's gardens, steps will have to be taken to force all owners to keep dogs tied up indefinitely, according to Mayor Albion.

Hundreds of complaints have been received against dogs roaming around over gardens and doing much damage. "The dog owners must realize the seriousness of this," said the Mayor yesterday, "and must keep their dogs up or it will be necessary to take drastic action to force them so to do."

WIRELESS GUARD IS SHOT

Shots Are Exchanged With Two Men at Virginia Beach Station.

NORFOLK, Va., May 26.—Frederick Rouch, a guard at the Virginia Beach wireless station, was slightly wounded today in an exchange of shots with two men, who were apparently attacking the net around the station.

There is doubt whether the men accidentally ran against the net in the darkness or attempted to destroy the plant.

GIGANTIC SHIPPING MERGER PROPOSED

Pacific Company Has 4 Vessels Optioned.

RIVER MAY LOSE TURBINERS

Great Northern Pacific and Big Three Lines Affected.

PUBLIC APPROVAL ASKED

Increased Service Promised, With Four Steamers Coming Up River and Flavel Terminal Cut Off. Chamber Considers Plan.

FEATURES OF PROPOSED MER- GER OF COLUMBIA RIVER LINES WITH BIG COAST FLEET.

Purchaser—Pacific Steamship Company, made up of Pacific-Alaska Navigation Company, Pacific Coast Steamship Company and Pacific Navigation Company.

Proposal—To buy steamers Northern Pacific and Great Northern to operate between Puget Sound and San Francisco; also steamers Beaver and Rose City to continue in Portland-California service, and increase the fleet with the steamers President and Governor, now running between Puget Sound and California.

Promises—That service from Portland will be increased, frequent handling of freight will be avoided and Columbia River district will retain advantages in distribution of commerce with interior points.

Prospects—Portland traffic interests to protect city on equitable rates before sanctioning transfer and on maintaining adequate service for movement of cargo.

Definite official announcement of negotiations being under way by the Pacific Steamship Company, now operating from Puget Sound to Alaska and from the Washington harbor to California ports, to acquire the turbines Northern Pacific and Great Northern, of the Great Northern Pacific Steamship Company, and of the steamers Beaver and Rose City, of the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company, was made yesterday through the Chamber of Commerce.

In advance of terminating the negotiations it was decided to place the facts before commercial interests and the public here to ascertain their attitude toward the transaction, which means that the Northern Pacific and Great Northern would be operated from Puget Sound to San Francisco, while the Beaver and Rose City would continue to be operated from Portland and be augmented by the steamers President and Governor, now on the Puget Sound-California route.

Portland Would Lose Turbiners.

The Columbia River would surrender the turbines, but it is promised, the service from Portland would be doubled immediately and increased later if business warranted.

Those close to the principals say several millions of dollars are involved. In spite of repeated denials from certain sources negotiations have been on for months, and it was thought at one

IN THE PAST WEEK'S NEWS THESE EVENTS MOST INTERESTED CARTOONIST REYNOLDS.

