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TORNADO DEATHS INCREASE TO 100

Huge Damage Is Done in 7 States.

EAST RAKED BY GALES

Whole Area From Rocky Mountains to Atlantic Is Swept by Storms.

LOSS REACHES MILLIONS

Several Hundred Persons Are Injured — Wisconsin Has Worst Blizzard of Year.

AFTERMATH OF STORMS THAT SWEPT WHOLE EAST YESTERADY.

Wisconsin has worst blizzard of winter.

Nebraska storm causes one death.

One life lost in Missouri storm.

Five killed and 15 injured by tornado in Mississippi.

Dubuque, Ia., is snowbound.

Rocky mountain regions slowly recover from storm.

Ten killed, scores injured and many homes wrecked in Alabama.

Seven Texans killed when tornado sweeps sections of five counties.

Dead in Arkansas exceed 50 and loss may be millions.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 16.—One hundred persons reported dead, several hundred injured and property damage estimated in the millions made the total of a series of tornadoes last night and today which swept eastward from Texas to South Carolina, doing damage in seven states.

Arkansas, with 50 persons reported killed in Hempstead and Miller counties, suffered the heaviest loss of life. In Alabama the number of dead was estimated at ten; seven were killed in Texas and six in Mississippi.

In Tennessee no fatalities were reported. Relief parties tonight were still searching the storm area.

Storm Starts in Texas.

The storm apparently broke in Texas, swept sections of five northern counties and passed into Arkansas, where the reported dead list tonight had reached 50. Six of the seven persons killed in Texas were crushed to death when their homes in Avinger were wrecked.

Crossing into Aakansas, the storm skirted Texarkana and cut a swath a half-mile wide through a heavily wooded section.

Near Hope, Ark., the list of reported dead had reached 20, 15 others were said to have lost their loves near Prescott, Ark., and a like number north of Texarkana. Five persons were reported killed at Steen, near Columbus, in eastern Missis-

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TOTAL MOON ECLIPSE TO OCCUR THURSDAY

LUNA TO BE WITHIN EARTH'S SHADOW AT 11:23 P. M.

Earth to Begin Casting Mirror at 8:57 P. M.—Phenomenon to Last Until 2:32 A. M.

The only total eclipse which will be visible this year in the western part of the United States will occur on Thursday night, April 21. The schedule of the eclipse has been reckoned by the astoronomy class of Reed college.

At 8:57 P. M., Pacific time, the moon will begin to enter the outer shadow of the earth, but it will not begin to pass into the real shadow, or umbra, until 10:03 o'clock. At that time, the shadow will begin to show on the rim of the moon, and will slowly advance across the moon's face until at 11.23, the moon will be completely within the shadow, and the eclipse will be total.

Until 12:05, the moon will remain totally eclipsed. Then the bright rim will slowly become visible on the side of the moon first eclipsed, and by 1:26 o'clock the moon will have completely emerged from the shadow, but it will be within the fainter shadow, or penumbra, until 2:32 A. M.

The moon is eclipsed when the earth passes directly between the sun and the moon. As the earth travels along its path, it always casts a shadow out into space, because it cuts off that portion of space from the light of the sun. The moon, which has no light of its own but shines only by the reflected light of the sun, is thus robbed of its light when its path passes through the shadow cast by the earth. Because this shadow was a portion called the umbra which is entirely cut off from the sun's light, and an outer portion, the penumbra, which is only partially deprived of light, the moon becomes pale before the eclipse proper begins and remains so for an hour after its close.

Another eclipse of the moon will occure this year on October 16, but will not be visible in the western part of the United States.

HARDING DISLIKES TIME

Attendance Promised if Northwest Farmers Delay Convention.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., April 16.—(Special.)—President Harding, through Secretary Christian, promised A. A. Elmore of Spokane to attend a great convention of farmers from all of the northwest states to be held in Spokane late in the summer.

The president was told that present plans called for a gathering to be held in July, which he said was impossible. He said, however, that if the convention were deferred until after congress adjourns he would make every effort to attend. He said that he was counting on a trip to the Pacific Coast this summer and would be disappointed if anything intervened to prevent it.

MOONSHINE COMES HIGH

Wheat Grower With Two Ounces Fined $100 an Ounce.

CONDON, Or., April 16.—(Special.)—It cost Ben Cook, a wheat grower of Gilliam county, $200 for having in his possession two ounces of moonshine. Preparatory to a visit to relatives in Michigan, he had purhcased his railroad tickets and was stopping over in town with friends, "ginning up."

At this point he ran up against the sheriff, who took him before Justice of Peace Darling here. He pleaded guilty of having intoxicating liquor in his possession and was fined $200, which he paid, and proceeded on his way to Michigan.

RAIN SLATED FOR OREGON

Showers to Spread From Northern California, Says Forecast.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—Light rain which fell today along the northern California coast probably will spread tomorrow throughout northern California and into Oregon, according to the forecast tonight of the United States weather bureau here.

MARKET PROBLEM WORRIES FARMER

Selling, Not Producing, Now Chief Concern.

WALLACE SOUNDS WARNING

Census Figures Show Agriculture in Bad Way.

FARM POPULATION WANES

In One Respect Producer's Lot Is Improving; Labor Supply Now Is Declared Ample.

BY RALPH BARTON.
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WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16.—(Special.)—Marketing of their products is the great problem now confronting the farmers of the nation. A few months ago the cry was still "Produce, produce," but now, faced with the difficult job of disposing of a large surplus of amost every variety of crop, the farmer is wondering, first, how he can finance his operations for the present year, and second, assuming the matter of financing to be sufficiently provided for, how far he dares commit himself to production in the current season.

Figures issued by James J. Davis, secretary of labor, indicating that the middlemen of the country get 21 cents out of every dollar paid by the consumer for his household and other expenses, have revealed to the farmer one reason for the trouble he is experiencing in marketing his goods.

High transportation rates present another. As an example of this, it may be mentioned that a ton of farm products can be shipped more cheaply from Texas to Holland than from Texas to Kansas. The influx of grain and other commodities from Argentina, Australia and elsewhere, in anticipation of tariff restrictions in this country, offers a third.

Wallace Sounds Warning.

Henry C. Wallace, the new secretary of agriculture, a man who, through long experience, is closely in touch with the problems affecting agriculture, sounded this warning, that continued arrival without restriction of foreign products would seriously endanger farming in the United States. A glance at the census figures shows that farming is at best in none too healthy a condition. In New Hampshire, which is perhaps an extreme example, yet fairly typical of the condition existing throughout the country, the number of farms, acreage cultivated, number of persons engaged in agriculture, amount of crops, number of cattle and draft animals, all decreased during the decade from 1910 to 1920. In fact, about the only recorded increase in the entire field of farming were in the number or size of mortgages.

Reduction of farm population in all parts of the country is another symptom of the prospective if not present unhealthy state of the country.

Mr. Wallace did not refer specifically to these things, but he made it clear that he considers farming deserving of special assistance at this time. On Thursday he went, with a group of men interested in the good roads movement—vital to the farmers—to take up their cause directly with President Harding. Improvement in highway facilities is essential, if relief cannot come through other channels.

Labor Plentiful Now.

In one respect the farmers' lot is improving. The labor problem is no longer serious, for unemployment in the cities has driven large numbers of men back to the rural regions and labor can now be obtained in ample quantities. Statistics gathered by the

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STEAMER SERVICE TO CALIFORNIA PLANNED

SENATOR AND ADMIRAL EVANS ENTER PORTLAND TRADE.

New Weekly Through Service Soon to Be Inaugurated on Coast Route of Admiral Line.

Establishment of a new weekly through freight and passenger service from Portland to San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego, with the steamers Senator and Admiral Evans, was announced yesterday by the Pacific Steamship company (Admiral line). Beginning on May 6 one of these steamers will leave Portland at 9 o'clock every Friday night.

The Senator and Admiral Evans are both modern steel passenger steamers and are well and favorably known on this coast. The Senator, which is slightly the larger of the two ran between Puget sound and the orient during the war and since has been on the Admiral line run between San Francisco and Mexico and Central America. She has accommodations for 105 first-class passengers, 84 second-class and 77 third-class. She is a vessel of 2432 gross and 1450 net tons register, built in 1898 by the Union Iron works at San Francisco. Her dimensions are: Length 292 feet, beam 38 feet and depth 21 feet.

The Admiral Evans has accommodations for 102 passengers in the first class and 150 in the third class and carries about 1820 tons of cargo. She

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INLAND EMPIRE WOOL TO COME TO PORTLAND

IDAHO AND EASTERN OREGON GROWERS POOL 1921 CLIP.

Decision Made to Store Here Until Better Prices Prevail and Then Ship to Boston by Steamers.

BOISE, Idaho, April 16.—(Special.)—Leading wool growers in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon at a conference held here decided to pool all of this year's wool clip and store it in Portland to await better prices, when it will be shipped to Boston by steamer. Harry Coon, a representative of the growers, has been sent to Portland to arrange for the storage.

The freight rate from Boise to Boston is $3.46 a hundred. The rate to Portland is $1.20 and the ocean rate to Boston is 90 cents, plus 10 cents insurance, or a total from Boise to Boston of $2.20, a saving of $1.26.

The market on wool is off and has been off for the past year. Idaho wool is now stored in both Chicago and Boston. Last year's clip is virtually unsold. This year's clip will soon be on and the market still is unfavorable. Buyers now are in the field, but their offers are not attractive to wool men. In order to protect themselves and their industry they have decided to try the Portland storage plan. Should the price of wool advance they then can get their wool to eastern markets at a much lower rate than from here.

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PLOT TO MURDER CRONKHITE BARED

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ROSENBLUTH HELD LEADER

Captain Said to Have Urged Crime on Subordinate.

MOTIVE OF DEED LACKING

State to Take Over Case Because Scene of Shooting Was Outside Government Reserve.

TACOMA, Wash., April 16.—Roland P. Pothier, charged with slaying Major Alexander Cronkhite at Camp Lewis in October, 1918, confessed to federal authorities that he was ordered by his superior officer, Captain Robert Rosenbluth, to bring out a loaded gun and "get" Cronkhite, it was announced today by Prosecutor Selden, who disclosed five alleged confessions made by Pothier.

"I joined Major Cronkhite on the maneuver grounds at Camp Lewis," read the confession of Pothier, made in jail at Providence, R. I., on March 24. "When about two feet behind him I loaded my revolver with three shells. I fired one shot into the open field, and as the major was turning around in my direction, I fired my second shot at the major, hitting him in the right breast."

A complete description of all the incidents leading up to the shooting were given in the confession, Mr. Selden said.

Confession Is Quoted.

After explaining that Captain Rosenbluth first approached him four or five days before the shooting, the confession stated:

"On the next day or the night thereafter, I again met Captain Rosenbluth, and he asked me if I was going out with the school of reconnaissance and I said that I had heard nothing about it. He told me it was for all the non-commissioned officers and that he didn't see any reason why I should not go.

"I said 'If that is so I guess I am included with them.'

"He then asked me if I remembered what he said to me the other night about firing a pistol. I answered 'yes.' He then asked me if I had any idea what it was for and I answered 'no.' He then said, "I want to get Major Cronkhite.' I asked him what he meant and he said, 'I want to kill him.'

"I asked him what his reasons were for wanting me to kill the major and he said, 'because we want to get him out of the way.'

Officer Gives Instructions.

The confession then stated, as given out by Mr. Selden, that Rosenbluth told Pothier precisely what he was to do and promised him full protection, no matter what might arise.

"Rosenbluth then said," the confession in the hands of the prosecutor recited, "that he had looked over the maps and had found a good location for the crime. He said when we got to the right place he would tell me. 'Be sure that you hit him in a good place so he won't have a chance to say anything.' Rosenbluth advised me.

"I asked him where he wanted me to shoot Cronkhite, and he said, 'of course you will be standing on his right side and it won't be a bad idea to get him about here,' pointing to a spot even with his heart.

"I asked Rosenbluth what I was to do after I shot Cronkhite, and he said, 'You never mind. I will be somewhere around, and when I see him fall I will run up and grab him. Then I will yell for a doctor and get him down there and we will go about it just as

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20 MARION COUNTY RESORTS ARE RAIDED

DRY AGENTS GET WARRANTS BEFORE MAKING ARRESTS.

Pool Halls, Hotels, Farm Houses, and City Homes Searched by Officials.

SALEM, Or., April 16.—(Special.)—A dozen federal officers, headed by officials of the Oregon Anti-Saloon league and assisted by local officers, tonight swooped down upon Marion county, raided 20 or more dwellings, hotels, rooming houses and soft-drink establishments and confiscated a small amount of liquor.

Earlier in the day the federal officers came to Salem nad obtained search warrants 'nvolving the soft-drink establishment and pool hall operated by J. King at Aurora; dwelling of P. Ringruber, on the Nick Plannet ranch near Mt. Angel; dwelling of Frank Morley, two miles northeast of Silverton; dwelling of Antone Wachter, at Gervais; Blue Bird pool hall and Tracy Poorman's poolhall at Woodburn; dwelling and three farms of A. Schwab, near Aumsville; club pool hall at Silverton; streeter's pool hall, Rex hotel, Otto Ketts' pool hall, Eldredge hotel, I. F. Clark's rooming house, Club stables, Clyde Mays' dwelling, dwelling at Stair grounds, Ingle pool hall and Tom Edwards, whose address is Streeter's pool hall, all of Salem.

The raids were conducted systematically and started shortly after 10 o'clock. Armed with search warrants, two men were assigned to each of the places suspected of housing the contraband. At a time prearranged by the officers the searchers entered the establishments. With a man standing guard at the door, another officer, armed with revolver and searchlight, went carefully through the stocks, as well as making an examination of all places where liquor might be concealed. A number of local soft-drink establishments were crowded with patrons at the time the officers entered, and none was allowed to leave until the search was completed. Salem officers said the raid was the most systematic and thorough ever conducted in this city.

HARDING'S LOSS MADE UP

"Robber" of 20 Years Ago Sends Dollar to President.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16.—President Harding started a "conscience fund" of his own today, in a dollar remitted by an unidentified person in Pasadena, Cal., who wrote that it represented an amount of which Mr. Harding was "robbed" 20 years ago.

"About 20 years ago," the letter said, "the writer robbed you of 40 cents worth of property. Please accept enclosed for amount and interest and let the writer remain unknown."

The president said he would keep the dollar as a fund similar to that carried by the treasury department for remittances from conscience-stricken defrauders of the government.

FEDERATION CHIEF WEDS

New York Woman Becomes Wife of Samuel Gompers.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Mrs. Gertrude Gleaves Neuscheler, whose engagement was announced last night, were married here today in a hotel.

The ceremony was performed by Supreme Court Justice Wagner. Only a few close personal friends of the bride and bridegroom were in attendance. These were guests at a bridal breakfast immediately after the ceremony.

EX-MAYOR-CONVICT FREE

Former Salt Lake City Executive Out on Parole.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 16.—Former Mayor Bock, sentenced last December to an indeterminate term in the state prison, the trial judge recommending a term of seven years, on charges of embezzlement involving a total of $12,000, was paroled today.

Prior to his trial Bock made restitution of the amount.

FOR-HIRE SPACES OPEN FOR PARKING

Chauffeurs Usurp Right to Exclusive Use.

DRIVERS BREAK ORDINANCE

Law Permits Private Autos in Vacant Taxi Stands.

MAYOR TO TAKE ACTION

Commissioner Mann Suggests Plan for Establishing Central Automobile Terminal.

Portions of Portland's streets within the congested area set aside for the use of for-hire cars and taxicabs remain public property and can be used by private automobile owners for 20-minute parking purposes when the for-hire cars are not occupying them, according to Police Captain Lewis.

Because of the attitude of many for-hire car owners in barring private automobiles from these spaces, it has become generally believed that the private automobile owner has no rights in such areas.

Captain Lewis pointed out that the ordinance granting for-hire car owners certain stands in the congested area specified that such permits should be only temporary.

Whenever, according to this ruling, a for-hire car is removed from the stand granted by the council, this stand becomes the property of any person desiring to park a car for 20 minutes. It was declared unnecessary for a car-owner to move his vehicle until the 20 minutes had expired, and that the for-hire car drivers had no legal right to demand removal of a private car, or to move a private car from "their stands."

Parking Permits Limited.

In the majority of cases, the permits issued to for-hire car operators specify the site of the stand, and also require that the for-hire cars be spaced from 30 to 50 feet apart. The ordinance in force at present also prohibits the use of more than one automobile by one owner, it being the commissioners' intention to give the public an opportunity to avail itself of this space when the for-hire car assigned to a stand is out on call.

These sections of the present city ordinance constantly have been ignored. Many of the for-hire car owners have two and three machines, and as quickly as one car is called from its stand, another automobile owned by the person to whom the stand was granted for one car, moves into the vacated place, barring the public.

Spacing Provision Violated.

Little effort has been made by the for-hire car drivers to comply with the 20-foot spacing requirement of the ordinance except for their own convenience.

It has not been followed when the for-hire men desire to jockey a private owner out of a parking place in the congested area, nor has it been followed when it was desired to crowd one of their own for-hire cars into a place of waiting, so that it might assume the vacated place when the regular stand car was called out.

Plans for a central terminal station for all automobile stages practically has been completed and probably will be presented to the city council by City Commissioner Mann Tuesday. Commissioner Mann was not certain that it would be practical to require the for-hire men to use this terminal, but urged the establishment of a terminal for stages as the first step to relieve the downtown streets of congestion caused by the for-hire car operators.

Representatives of the for-hire men

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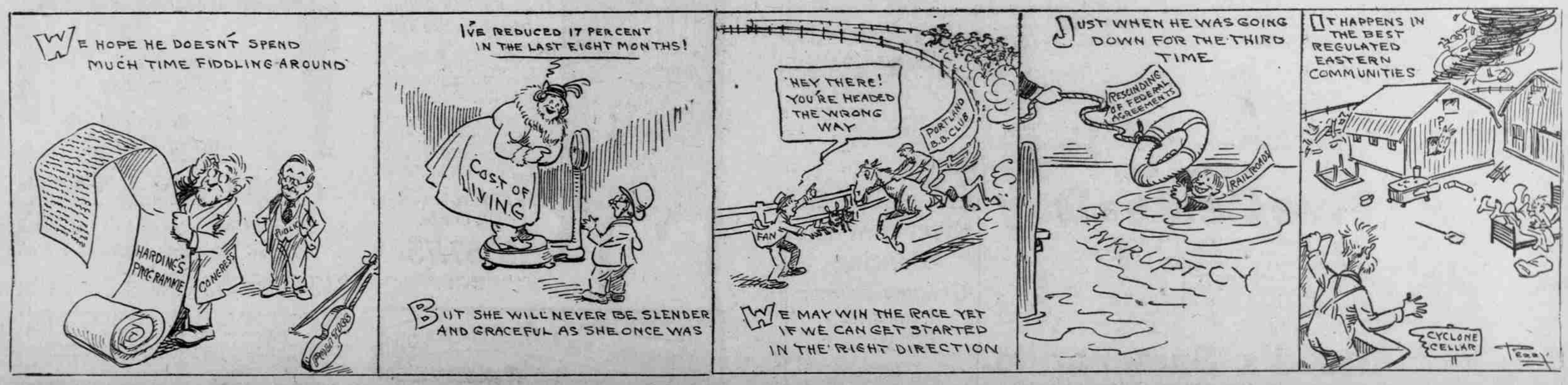
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