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MANY KILLED IN TEXAS TORNADO

Fourteen Dwellings Demolished at Wills Point.

OTHER DISTRICTS SUFFERED

It is Feared That the Death Roll Will Be Large When Reports Are All in—Storm Also Did Great Damage in Arkansas.

WILLS POINT, Tex., March 9.—A tornado passed through the west side of this place at 11 o'clock this morning, demolishing everything in its track. Four persons are dead, and about 20 others injured. Fourteen dwellings were entirely ruined and a number of others badly wrecked.

The public school building is a total wreck. The cotton gin plant is in ruins. Wires were blown down and poles and fences leveled. A freight car was blown off the track.

The dead—Two children of J. H. Glous and J. W. Williams and a Mr. Powell.

The storm did great damage in the country districts southwest and northwest of Wills Point but details cannot be obtained tonight. It is feared that many lives have been lost. Reports from Terrell are that the heaviest rainfall on record occurred throughout that section today. Several persons are reported drowned or missing.

ALSO TOUCHED ARKANSAS.

TENARKANA, Ark., March 9.—A storm with the fury of a tornado swept over the west part of this county today. It is reported that many buildings were destroyed and several lives lost. All wire connections with the stricken districts are interrupted.

ADVANCE WILL BE CONTINUED.

Coal Operators Anticipate Continuation of Concessions With Hope of Preventing Friction.

PHILADELPHIA, March 9.—Anticipating the convention of the United Mine Workers of America at Hazleton, Penn., next week, the coal operators throughout the anthracite region today posted notices announcing that the 10 per cent advance in wages and other concessions made to the miners last November will be continued until April 1, 1902, and that local differences would be adjusted with the employees of the respective collieries.

This action, it is understood, was determined upon one week ago and is said to have been the result of an effort on the part of the operators to avoid a conference with the miners or any recognition of the union. Notices have been posted at all the mines operated by the nine leading coal mining and coal carrying companies.

WASHINGTON LEGISLATURE.

House Passed Bill Appropriating \$25,000 for Exhibit at Buffalo.

OLYMPIA, March 9.—The house today passed a bill for a temporary increase in the supreme court until the general election in 1902. It increases the membership of the court from five to seven, confers the appointive power on the governor and provides that one judge shall be a Republican and the other a Democrat.

The house passed a bill for a \$25,000 exhibit at the Pan-American exposition.

EMPLOYEES MUST NOT DRINK.

Sweeping Order Issued by a Railway Superintendent.

DUPUQUE, March 9.—Superintendent Davis, of the Dubuque, Chicago and Great Western Railroad Company, has issued a sweeping order to employees which has caused a sensation. In effect it prohibits them from using intoxicating liquors in any form, or at any time. It applies to trainmen, station agents, foremen and others who hold responsible positions with the company.

REMOVAL SALE

Commencing Monday, February 4,

We shall make the following prices:

Iron Beds with brass knobs \$3.00
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Our Combination Book Cases and Writing Desk we make a 20 per cent discount from regular prices. Parlor Chairs Reduced in price. On Carpets, Rugs, Linoleum, Window Shades, we give 10 per cent from regular prices, which includes, Sewing, Laying and Paper.

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BRITISH OFFER LIBERAL TERMS

Report That Botha's Forces Will Surrender to French Monday.

ARMORED TRAIN ATTACKED

Boers Took It for Train of Horses and Lost Heavily Through Their Mistake—British Unearthed 29000 of Boer Gold.

CANAL QUESTION.

Colombian Government Submits Proposals to the United States Regarding Panama Route.

NEW YORK, March 9.—According to a special to the Herald, Secretary Hay has received advices that Lord Pauncefote will submit proposals for the revival of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and for harmonizing the points of difference between the United States senate and the British government.

Senor Sivela, the Colombian minister to the United States, has already informally submitted proposals to Secretary Hay for the acquisition of the Panama canal by this government and has been invited to discuss them further. Preliminary protocols were entered into some time ago with Costa Rica and Nicaragua, so that these two countries during the summer will probably be merely interested spectators of the moves which the United States, Great Britain and Colombia will make.

It is understood that these are the essential points which the Colombian government will urge. A lease for a term of years, as long as the United States may desire, not exceeding 200 years, of the territory across which the Panama canal is being constructed; in return for such lease Colombia is to receive either a percentage of the tax on tonnage passage through the canal or a lump compensation, and recognition of the rights of the French company, which will sell its concession with Colombia's consent to the United States.

CHARGES AGAINST OFFICER.

Superintendent of Naval Observatory Complain of a Subordinate Officer.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Charges have been preferred to the navy department by Captain Charles H. Davis, superintendent of the United States naval observatory, against Professor S. J. Brown, head of the mathematical branch of the observatory, who is an officer of the navy with the rank of captain.

Secretary Long has had copies of the charges laid before Professor Brown, preliminary to the usual procedure of a court of inquiry which will determine whether the charges are of a character to warrant a court martial. The affair grows out of personal differences arising in connection with certain legislation before congress as to the position of astronomical director of the observatory. The charges come under four main heads.

That the accused resorted to intriguing methods to bring about the administration of affairs which he desired; that he made statements as coming from Captain Davis which that officer controverts; that he threatened the superintendent with attacks upon the floor of congress and, last, neglect of duty.

WOMEN SAVED THE DAY.

Victory for Law-Enforcement at Topeka Primaries.

TOPEKA, March 9.—After a fight of unprecedented bitterness between the temperance and anti-temperance elements here, Col. J. W. F. Hughes and the entire law enforcement ticket was nominated today by the Republican primaries by a majority of over a thousand. Mere women voted that has ever been known in an election here.

It is generally conceded that the woman vote saved the day for the law enforcement people.

CALIFORNIA PIONEER DEAD.

Brought First Stage Coach Across the Continent.

SAN JOSE, Cal., March 9.—Wm. Buckley, a pioneer stage driver and owner, is dead. He was born in Albany, N. Y., in 1825 and drove stage in the Mohawk valley and along the old post road to New York City. He brought the first stage coach across the continent from St. Louis to Salt Lake in 1874. He was the pioneer in the coast line stage between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

HAY-PAUNCEFOTE TREATY.

Reply of British Government to Senate Amendments Will Be Delivered in a Few Days.

LONDON, March 9.—The reply of the British government to the note conveying the amendments of the United States senate to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty should be formally delivered by the British ambassador at Washington to Secretary Hay within a few days. The foreign office here did not originally contemplate delaying the British answer until now. The plan appears to have been to transmit the answer previous to the date on which the treaty lapsed which, according to the British view of the case, would have put the cause of its lapsing on the senate.

The main object of the British government throughout is to make an entirely new arrangement. At no stage of the proceedings has there been any inclination to accept the senate's amendment.

Great Britain has no intention of modifying the Clayton-Bulwer treaty without a satisfactory quid pro quo. That treaty, according to the foreign office view of the case, remains as much in force now as the day it was signed.

COLOMBIAN REVOLUTION.

Rebel Leader, Now in New York, Declares That the Situation is Desperate.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Gen. Uribe Uribe, leader of the Colombian revolutionists, now in this city, issued a statement last night in relation to the present state of affairs in Colombia. He said that the revolution in Colombia is still going on, although the government has several times announced that all is quiet. He continued: "We have received reliable news of

at least four serious engagements in which the revolutionists have had the advantage—one in Panama, where Colonel Noriega defeated the government troops, taking 100 prisoners with arms and ammunition; a second on the upper Magdalena river, where the Liberal chief, Marin, took the port of Honda, with its whole garrison, 400 rifles, 150,000 cartridges and \$500,000; a third in Chita and a fourth in the interior of Boyaca where General Comancha and Neira defeated the dictatorial troops.

"The government says that the departments of Cauca, Antioquia, and Santander are completely pacified, yet it has to support large armies everywhere in order to defend the territory. "The revolutionists are employing tactics similar to those of the Boers. In the meantime the dictatorialists have given to the war the most cruel and bloody features. They set the towns on fire, abuse the women, torture the children and the old men, and boast in their official reports of not giving quarter to any of those who have the misfortune to fall into their hands.

"The rate of exchange continues on the advance; in Bogota, the capital, it is at 1500 per cent for national bank notes and on the Atlantic coast at 2500 per cent for provincial paper currency. All trade has come to a complete standstill; the whole population is in mourning and the government has confiscated their property. The situation is so desperate that everybody is anxious to see a solution, no matter what it may be.

"The price of a pair of shoes is \$70, a chicken \$7, a pound of meat \$4 so on."

GERMAN-AMERICAN COMBINE.

England Worried by Report That Morgan Is to Co-operate With German Trusts.

NEW YORK, March 9.—The London correspondent of the Tribune says: "The English people, already worried by reports of depressed trade, have now to face an announcement made by the Express that early in April J. P. Morgan will meet a representative of the leading commercial syndicates in Berlin to arrange terms of a combination between German and American trusts."

ANOTHER RAILROAD DEAL.

Central Georgia Road Buys Chattanooga, Rome and Southern.

NEW YORK, March 9.—The Times says: "The Central Georgia Railway Company has acquired the Chattanooga, Rome and Southern Railway Company. The purchase was made through J. P. Morgan & Co., and the price was \$2,500,000. Its main line is 138 miles long."

IDAHO LEGISLATURE.

Bill Establishing County of Clearwater Has Now Passed Both Houses.

BOISE, March 9.—The senate today passed the house bill establishing the county of Clearwater out of the southern part of Shoshone and portions of Nez Perce and Idaho counties.

The senate last night passed the house bill providing a bounty of one cent a pound on beet sugar.

SMASHERS' MAIL.

First Issue of Mrs. Nation's Paper Appeared Yesterday.

TOPEKA, March 9.—The first issue of Mrs. Nation's "Smashers' Mail" appeared today and was used as campaign literature by those opposed to the nomination in today's primaries of the law and order candidate for mayor. Mrs. Nation is yet in the county jail and edited the "Smasher" from there.

LIBRARY FOR SAN JOSE.

SAN JOSE, March 9.—Andrew Carnegie has offered to donate \$50,000 to establish a library for the city of San Jose providing the city shall appropriate not less than \$5000 a year for its maintenance and furnish a site.

FAILURE OF SEARLES.

NEW YORK, March 9.—A petition was filed in the bankruptcy court in Brooklyn today to have the affairs of John E. Searles wound up in bankruptcy.

OREGON COMING HOME.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Orders have gone forward from the navy department for the return of the battleship Oregon from the Asiatic station to the United States. She will be replaced by the Wisconsin.

WHEAT MARKET.

FORTLAND, March 9.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 36.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—Wheat, May, 98½; cash, 35.

CHICAGO, March 9.—Wheat, May, opening, 77½; closing, 75.

LIVERPOOL, March 9.—Wheat, July, 5s. 11½d.

HARRISON IS BETTER.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 9.—The condition of General Harrison is slightly improved.

MITCHELL TOOK OATH OF OFFICE

Senate Adjourned Yesterday After Six Days' Session.

NAVAL OFFICERS PROMOTED

At Request of Chairman of Committee on Inter-Oceanic Canals Mitchell Was Put on Committee Vice McBride.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—After proceedings lasting only six days, the extraordinary session of the senate was declared adjourned sine die at 1:35 p. m. today. During the session very little business except of an executive character was transacted.

John H. Mitchell, the recently elected senator from Oregon, was presented by his colleague, Senator Simon, and took the oath of office. He was given a cordial reception by his colleagues on the floor, many of whom had served in the senate with him, and by his friends in the galleries, who greeted his appearance with hearty applause.

Several baskets of beautiful roses and Jonquils arranged in elaborate designs adorned the desk of Senator Mitchell.

Simon announced that Mitchell was present and requested that the oath of office be administered to him as a matter of privilege. On the arm of Senator Mitchell advanced to the vice-president's desk. As they ascended the platform the galleries recognizing Mitchell cordially applauded him. The vice-president sharply rebuked the spectators for their applause.

Morgan, chairman of the committee on inter-oceanic canals, asked unanimous consent that Mitchell be appointed to succeed his predecessor, McBride, as a member of that committee. He realized, he said, that it was an unusual request but it was made because of the notable interest in canal legislation always manifested by Mitchell who, like McBride, was an earnest and able advocate of the construction of the canal.

After the request had been granted without comment Senator Hoar, addressing the chair, remarked that for very obvious reasons no objections were made to the request of Morgan, but he felt bound to say that it was likely to give rise to great inconvenience in both sides of the chamber. If any further requests of such a nature were made by individual senators, he said he would feel bound to object.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The president today sent to the senate a long list of appointments for promotion in the army. They mostly included officers in Chinese waters. Among them is Captain Bowman McCalla to be advanced three numbers.

The senate confirmed all the nominations to office that have been made during the session.

TWO STEAMERS SEIZED.

Alleged to Have Been Trading With Filipino Insurgents.

MANILA, March 9.—It is reported that the small steamers Oriente and Caraman, plying on the Pasig river and Laguna de bay, have been seized, it being alleged that they were trading with the insurgents. Contraband articles were found aboard the steamers. Captain Gullick, forty-seventh United States volunteers, has received the surrender of forty insurgent officers and 200 men.

INDIANA SALOON SMASHED.

Woman Sought Revenge Because Her Father Came Home Drunk.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., March 9.—The saloon of Wm. Brubaker, at Churubusco, was smashed by Mrs. Chas. Zollman tonight. Mrs. Zollman's father, who lived with her, went home drunk last night and the evening, armed with a basket full of stones, she raided the place and smashed everything breakable.

CASHIER DISAPPEARED.

Great Excitement in Niles, Michigan, Over His Absence.

NILES, Mich., March 9.—Great excitement prevails here tonight over the disappearance of C. A. Johnson, cashier of the First National Bank, which closed its doors yesterday. President Lacey insists that Johnson is in Chicago suffering from a complete mental collapse.

LIBRARY FOR LAWRENCE.

LAWRENCE, Kas., March 9.—Andrew Carnegie has offered \$25,000 to this city for a new library on condition that the city devote \$2500 a year to its maintenance.