



# STEVE ADAMS MAKES A STARTLING CONFESION

## TORNADO SWEEPS OVER MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Twenty-One Whites and One Hundred Negroes Are Killed by Storm--Buildings Blown Down --Fire Adds Horror to Scene.

## WIND BLOWS SEVENTY-FIVE MILES AN HOUR

DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT ONE AND ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLARS--BUSINESS SECTION IS DESTROYED--MANY PEOPLE BURNED UNDERNEATH RUINS OF HOUSES--RAIN FOLLOWS IN IN THE HURRICANE.

MOBILE, March 3.—Information has reached Mobile by telephone of a destructive tornado which visited Meridian, Miss., at 6:30 last evening killing twenty-one white persons and over 100 negroes, and damaging property to the extent of \$1,500,000. Also scores were seriously injured being caught in the wreckage of houses. The tornado caught the city on the southwest and traveled northeast spending itself in the suburbs where many negroes were killed or injured, the whole tenement district being wiped out. Two large wholesale stores, one smaller one, the principal hotel, the electric lighting plant and all the smaller property between the Mobile and Ohio depot and the business part of the city were badly damaged. Twenty-one men were caught in a restaurant and several were killed. The negro tenement district in the north of the city was demolished and the debris caught fire, threatening a new danger, but the local department with the aid of hundreds of citizens overcame this after a hard fight. They were assisted by a torrential rain following the tornado. The city is in darkness and the full extent of the disaster will not be known until daylight. It is known the path of the storm was

600 feet wide and a mile long. Wind Blows Hard. MEMPHIS, March 3.—A long distance message to the Item from Meridian says that during the tornado which lasted about two minutes, the wind blew about seventy-five miles an hour. A conservative estimate places the number of buildings blown down at between thirty and forty. Buried in Debris. NEW ORLEANS, March 3.—The Pleasure's Jackson, Miss., correspondent says the tornado struck the city from a northeasterly direction near the New Orleans and Northeastern depot. The passenger and freight depots were completely destroyed. Sixteen employees of the Queen and Crescent railroad were buried in the ruins and so far as can be learned none were rescued. A large number of bodies were recovered, but as the tornado passed through the densely populated district and the houses caught fire immediately, it will take days to learn the exact number of killed. Ask For Aid. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 2.—A message received from the operator at Toomsu Bay, four miles north of Meridian, asks for a large force of workmen to assist in removing the dead and injured from the debris.

### TO OUST ASSOCIATION.

Wholesale Grocers in Ohio Charged With Restrict of Trade. COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 2.—Attorney-General Ellis today in the circuit court filed a petition to oust the wholesale grocers' association from its charter on the ground that it has operated to restrain trade, contrary to the provisions of the anti-trust law. The petition was based on complaints made to the attorney-general, that the association had arbitrarily fixed the prices at which sugar and coffee should be sold by retail grocers in Ohio.

### LOOKS LIKE POISON.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—Mark Shaughnessy, manager and trainer of Harry Tenny, who died after his fight with Frankie Neil, and who was present when Tenny died, in describing the little fighter's last moments, gives many symptoms of strychnine poisoning. Captain of Detectives Burnett is making a careful inquiry of what was given Tenny after the fight.

### WAGES INCREASED.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 2.—Wages of about 800 firemen on the Illinois Central Railroad have been increased from 10 to 30 cents per day.

## COURT ADMITS 200 NAMES IN THE PACKERS' CASE

CHICAGO, March 2.—The direct examination of Special Agent Durand in the packers' case was finished today and the cross-examination begun. No change was made in his direct evidence. Early today a sharp argument occurred regarding the admissibility of the names of 200 witnesses which were turned over

to the department of justice by Commissioner Garfield. District Attorney Morrison fought against the ruling and when it was finally made, he said he would not have them. The court ordered the government to search for the names and all correspondence relating to them.

### LEATHER GOES UP. Shoes Cost More and Vegetarians Are Blamed For It.

CHICAGO, March 2.—Vegetarians are largely responsible for the increasing price of shoe leather, is the belief of August H. Vogel of Milwaukee, who was the principal speaker last night at the semi-annual dinner of the shoe and leather association of Chicago. He and other speakers complained that shoes in Chicago were sold too cheaply. "The world's visible supply of hides," said Mr. Vogel, "is every year becoming less in proportion to the increase in population. The hide industry is dependent on the consumption of meat. People are eating less meat than formerly. The consumption of cereal and vegetable foods is increasing every year and the price of leather is increasing proportionately. "There has been an advance of shoe leather all along the line and it would be natural and legitimate for shoe dealers to ask for from 10 to 30 per cent more for their goods, but they don't expect in the cheapest grades."

### STATE BAR DECIDES WALSH IS ARRESTED

Fate of Bristol in Hands of Oregon Bar Association.

### PRESIDENT WAITS DECISION MISAPPROPRIATED FUNDS

Roosevelt Wishes to be Fair with Bristol and Will Await Report From the State Bar Before Acting on the Matter.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Bar Association holds the fate of United States Attorney Bristol in its palm. The case has been dragging before the Department of Justice here for the reason that Attorney-General Moody has been going over the evidence carefully, but will venture no move until the State Bar Association at Portland ends its investigation, which is said to be now in progress. It is thought here that in all probability the Bar Association's report will clear Attorney Bristol, but, of course, there has been no intimation of its probable action. President Roosevelt wishes to be entirely fair with Mr. Bristol, and that the charge of "put up job" can be probed better by Mr. Bristol's home people. The Department of Justice will await the report from the Bar Association, after which Attorney-General Moody will carefully use all of the evidence submitted.

### MEASURE PASSED.

Senate Passes Five Civilized Tribes Bill Yesterday. WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Senate today passed the five civilized tribes bill, but under the guise of considering the bill it consumed practically the entire day in a discussion of the railway question. The subject came up on La Follette's proposed amendment prohibiting railroads from owning or acquiring coal lands in the Indian Territory. The amendment was finally laid on the table. Notwithstanding that La Follette has been in the Senate less than three months, he led the debate and occupied more time than any other Senator. It is a general bill for the final adjustment of the affairs of the five civilized tribes upon the abandonment of their tribal organization.

## TELLS OFFICERS ABOUT CRIMES OF NOTORIOUS "INNER CIRCLE"

### MODERN SODOM. Louisville is Full of Unsaved People, Says Postmaster.

CHICAGO, March 2.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Louisville, Ky., says: "Send me a list of the unsaved men and women of Louisville." This message was received yesterday by Postmaster Baker, from a man at Rutland, Vermont, who said he had heard of the wickedness in Louisville and desired to do missionary work here. Postmaster Baker forwarded a city directory with a letter saying that the directory contained 250,000 names and he was certain that this plan would afford everybody in Louisville a square deal.

### MINOR ARRESTED AT HAINES, OREGON, MAKES FULL AND COMPLETE CONFESION OF DASTARDLY CRIMES COMMITTED BY FEDERATION.

President of Defunct Chicago Bank Charged With Crime.

### FEDERAL WARRANT ACCUSES WALSH WITH VIOLATING NATIONAL BANKING LAWS IN MAKING FALSE RETURNS TO COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY.

CHICAGO, March 2.—John R. Walsh, president of the defunct Chicago National Bank was today arrested on a federal warrant charging him with violating the national banking laws in making false returns to the comptroller of currency and also asserting he converted to private use without the proper authority, funds of the bank amounting to \$3,000,000. Walsh was released after giving a \$50,000 bond. The complaint specifically charges that Walsh unlawfully made certain entries to the effect at the close of business on November 9th, that the amount of loans and discounts on which the officers and directors were liable was \$45,000 whereas in fact it was \$3,000,000 and that the amount on which he was not liable was over \$10,000,000 where it was \$7,500,000. The arrest of Walsh came as a direct result of the last examination of the books of the Chicago National Bank by special Examiner Curry. The data furnished the treasury department was sent to District Attorney Morrison with instructions to take proper steps. After his release, Walsh stated he believed a more thorough investigation of the facts by the department of justice and a comparison of the returns with the books of the bank would convince the department that its action was uncalled for and cannot be sustained. Walsh asserts any inference that there has been a misappropriation of funds in any way, is false.

### BREAKS THROUGH TRESTLE.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 2.—An engine and a mail car and a baggage car of the north-bound passenger on the Cheyenne and Northern broke through a trestle at Buckhorn this afternoon and fell into the canyon. The engineer, fireman, and the mail clerk, were injured, the latter two seriously. No passengers were hurt.

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### CORROBORATES CONFESION MADE BY ORCHARD

DETECTIVE McPARLAND TELLS GOVERNOR GOODING THAT ADAMS CONFESSED VOLUNTARILY—HIS STATEMENT GIVES DETAILS OF MANY MURDERS NOT REFERRED TO BY ORCHARD IN ANY MANNER—VOLUMINOUS DOCUMENT

BOISE, March 2.—The Statesman will say tomorrow:

The Statesman is authorized to announce that Steve Adams, arrested at Haines, Oregon, in connection with the Steunenberg assassination made a full and sweeping confession. This confession is far more important than Orchard's.

This statement was made last evening by James McParland, the famous detective in the presence of Governor Gooding and H. H. Hawley who is in charge of the prosecution.

McParland added that Adams' confession is fully and exactly corroborated by that made by Orchard at every point touched upon by both.

Moreover, McParland continued, Adams knows far more of the workings of the 'Inner Circle,' than Orchard, and was able to give a mass of detailed information which Orchard's confession does not cover.

The confession of Adams, he said, is corroborated by that given by Orchard, in every substantial point connected with the assassination of Steunenberg. Adams, however, was not at Caldwell at the time of the assassination, nor with Orchard at the time of the unsuccessful attempt in November. The man who assisted Orchard on the latter occasion was Jack Simpkins.

Still another statement made by the detective was that Adams' confessions gave the details of a large number of murders not referred to in any manner by Orchard. He further stated the confession had been reduced to writing, signed and acknowledged. It was a voluminous document, covering a greater field and in more detail than that made by Orchard. A further statement was made, that Adams had made his confession without being promised anything. When talked with about the

matter, he simply made a clean breast of all he knew about the case and of the secret workings of the Western Federation.

It was announced by Governor Hawley and McParland that while they thought these facts should be given to the public, there would be no further information given out or hinted at respecting this confession.

### No Disagreement

Governor Gooding tonight gave the Associated Press a signed statement pronouncing a tissue of falsehood the recent article of a special correspondent to the effect of a disagreement between himself and Prosecutor Hawley. On the contrary, says the Governor, more cordial relations could not exist.

The Governor's statement also denies the statements that the prisoners are not well treated. The Governor's statement concludes by saying a committee of the trades council was given permission to visit the penitentiary after which it reported that it found conditions much better than it had hoped for, and that Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone, Adams and Orchard had no ground for complaint.

### Orchard Testifies.

Before the grand jury at Caldwell this morning Orchard completed his testimony in the Steunenberg case. It is said he went into great detail about the matter, telling the jurymen what induced him to undertake the crime, how much he was paid, etc. During the afternoon several other witnesses were examined, including former Lieutenant-Governor Hutchinson, who first formulated the theory that the murder was accomplished by means of a bomb. The jury may take additional testimony tomorrow, but it is not expected any indictment will be returned until early next week. Orchard is quoted as having said to one of the officers who guarded him, tonight: "Now that my mind is unburdened of

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## KING EDWARD OFF FOR HIS HOLIDAY TRIP

LONDON, March 2.—The Duke of Lancaster, as King Edward will be known, left this evening on his holiday trip for Paris and Biarritz. He will stay at the British embassy in Paris and see President Fallieres, whom he has not yet met. He will go from

Paris to Biarritz, where he will see King Alfonso and discuss the details of the latter's marriage with the Princess Ena. At the end of March when the King leaves Biarritz, he will cruise in the royal yacht in the Mediterranean, where it is said he will meet Emperor Williams.