

1500 KILLED IN TORNADO

CITY OF 11,000 IS WIPED OUT BY TWISTER; SCORES DYING ON STREETS; PANDEMONIUM REIGNS

CHICAGO, March 18.—(By the Associated Press).—More than fifteen hundred persons are reported killed or injured by a tornado which swept through southern Illinois and Indiana late today, causing great property damage and virtually wiping out two or three towns in its path, from Missouri to the northwest.

West Frankfort, Ill., a mining town, on the face of tonight's reports, suffered the greatest loss of life, estimates of the dead running as high as 1,000.

Murphysboro, 30 miles southwest of West Frankfort, with a population of 11,000, suffered severely with a casualty list reported as high as 250.

Great havoc was wrought to buildings in this city and fire broke out in the debris. One report of this situation said an effort was made by Governor Len Small to send troops to Murphysboro while relief trains and Red Cross workers prepared to depart from Chicago and St. Louis for the storm area.

Among the other towns and cities to report damage and loss of life were De Soto, Ill., with 150 casualties reported; Parrish, Ill., with all but three of a population of 500 reported either killed or injured; Princeton, Ind., with an estimate of 100 casualties; Griffin, Ind., with 20; Gorham, Ill., with 87; Carmi, Ill., with 150, and Crossville, Bush and Hurst, Ill., reporting serious damage and numerous casualties.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 18.—Griffen, Ind., a town of 400 inhabitants, 12 miles northwest of Poseyville, is "burning up" following a tornado which swept the community this evening, according to a telephonic report from Evansville. All communications with Griffen has been severed.

BENTON, Ill., March 18.—(By the Associated Press).—More than 250 persons are reported dead and injured in Franklin county, Illinois, as the result of a severe tornado which struck about 3 o'clock this afternoon, according to reports reaching here early tonight.

CENTRALIA, Ill., March 18.—(By the Associated Press).—Striking with unprecedented fury a severe tornado late this afternoon virtually destroyed the town of Murphysboro, practically obliterated Parrish and severely damaged De Soto, Duquoin, West Frankfort, Thompsonville, Logan and scores of other towns in southern Illinois causing an unestimated number of casualties, according to reports reaching here today.

CHICAGO, March 18.—(By the Associated Press).—Great destruction of property and many casualties resulted from a tornado that swept through Murphysboro, Ill., and other southern Illinois towns late today. Wires were down to the paces affected but reports from surrounding territory indicated that the dead and injured might number 100 or more.

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\$4,000,000 FIRE HITS PALM BEACH

EPIDEMIC STRIKES ALL FRATERNITIES Between 70 and 75 of Students Living in Groups Are On Sick List

The faculty of Willamette university took no official action in regard to the influenza epidemic that is seriously interfering with the class work at the university.

A canvass of the fraternities and sororities of the campus revealed that 70 or 75 students from the houses were unable to attend classes yesterday. This does not include those staying at the woman's dormitory or those living outside of the houses.

STATE RESTS IN OIL TRIAL Counsel for Government Does Not Call Former Secretary to Stand

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 17.—(By the AP).—With its battle for annulment of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve lease completed the government late today rested its case with the contention that it had proved the existence of a conspiracy between Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, and Harry F. Sinclair, lessee of the big oil field.

The refusal of M. T. Everhart, Pueblo rancher, banker and son-in-law of Fall, to testify today, caused government counsel to rest its case without calling the former cabinet official to the stand.

"If I had been able to have gleaned any information from Everhart connecting Mr. Fall with the passage of bonds between Sinclair and himself, I would have called him immediately and put the direct question to him as a matter of record," Mr. Roberts said.

Striking back at the moment under long hours of questioning while Mr. Crowe has held him admittedly without warrant of law. The state authorities today planned exhumation of the body of Mrs. Emma Nelson McClintock whose death placed the "millionaire orphan" in the hands of the Shepherds and also of the body of Dr. Oscar Olson, brother of Judge Olson, who died suddenly after eating fruit taken by Shepherd when he visited the physician while he was mildly indisposed.

Edwin Hedrick, who as attorney for Shepherd, fought hard all during the long inquest and accused Judge Olson of forcing the issue because of "regrettable mental condition," today withdrew from Shepherd's defense. He announced his withdrawal did not indicate a

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SHEPHERD NOW CHARGED WITH BOY'S MURDER

Testimony of "Prof." C. C. Pariman, Former Delivery Wagon Driver, Results in Indictments

TRUE BILLS DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN ENTERED

Grand Jury Investigation States Shepherd Killed Young McClintock

CHICAGO, March 17.—(By the Associated Press).—True bill's charging murder were reported to have been voted late today in the grand jury investigation of rich young William Nelson McClintock's death last December 4 from typhoid fever.

Previously Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney, had announced the grand jury would be kept in session until William D. Shepherd, McClintock's foster-father and chief heir of his estate of approximately \$1,000,000, and C. C. Falman, former delivery wagon driver, but more recently head of a school of bacteriology, had been charged formally with responsibility for the youth's death.

Large Sum Promised Falman followed up his confession of the early morning that for a promised \$100,000 from the McClintock estate he had provided typhoid fever germs and schoolboy Shepherd in administering them to McClintock by signing a waiver of immunity and going before the grand jury.

The dapper little claimant of three degrees from universities which denied his pretensions, was before the inquisitorial body one hour and forty five minutes. He was followed by Harry Olson, municipal chief justice, who started the McClintock investigation shortly after the youth died.

Dr. George Fosberg, who had reported Shepherd discussed germs and subtle poisons with him, and J. W. Marchand, former agent for Falman's national university of sciences, who told of a letter Shepherd had written regarding a course in bacteriology, were yesterday's witnesses. It is expected the indictments will be returned in court tomorrow morning.

Mr. Marchand has not spoken under long hours of questioning while Mr. Crowe has held him admittedly without warrant of law.

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TWO HUGE HOTELS ARE CONSUMED IN BLAZE IN FLORIDA

PALM BEACH, Fla., March 18.—Fire here tonight was brought under control after two hotels, the Breakers and Palm Beach, had been destroyed.

Two small cottages still were burning but firemen regarded the situation as holding no additional danger. Property damage was estimated at more than \$4,000,000.

FIRST ADDRESS BY POLING INSPIRING

Large Crowd Attends Special Services at First Presbyterian Church

"Why I Believe the Bible is God's Inspired Word" was the challenging topic of the Rev. Charles S. Poling last night at the First Presbyterian church. "I freely admit that the Bible has in it many things I do not understand," he said, "but this is no reason at all why I should not believe in the Bible."

The speaker professed that it would be his honest purpose to stick to facts only in giving his faith in the Bible.

"I can believe anything in which God has His part, when we count God in nothing is impossible. Remember that and you won't have any more trouble with your doubts, when it is a choice between what Jesus Christ said and the expressed doubts of modern criticism, I never think twice," announced Mr. Poling. He further said:

God is an intelligent creator, proof of which the universe is full, of logical necessity he must have a program for his creatures. The Bible claims to be that plan. Twice has it justified its claim.

Mine Blast Kills 33; Recovery of Bodies Declared Impossible

FAIRMONT, W. Va., March 17.—Thirty-three men were believed to have been killed tonight in an explosion which wrecked Mine 41 of the Bethlehem mines corporation, three miles west of here.

The explosion occurred between 8:30 and 10 o'clock and at first it was believed all or part of the men were alive. At midnight, however, Mine Superintendent Benton Mitchell said he believed all the men were dead and that the entire mine was on fire. It was believed the explosion, one of the most terrific in the Fairmont mining region was caused by ignited gas. First reports indicated that a dynamite bomb had been dropped into the shaft. By midnight the electric light plant of the mine, which was wrecked by the blast, was in operation again, one of the two main fans was in operation and a bucket was being rigged to send rescue men to the bottom.

"The Bible has been the very foundation of civilization. Destroy this book and you destroy civilization. I believe the Bible because of what it has done for the good of the world."

"We kind of people who believe and who have believed the Bible are satisfying reasons for believing the Bible is God's word to man. The most brilliant, the most humble and every other kind

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GOVERNOR PIERCE URGES JOINT MEET

Anniversary of Founding of Fort Vancouver Will Be Celebrated

Governor Pierce, in a proclamation issued here tonight, urged the citizens of Oregon to join with those of the state of Washington in the observance of the 100th anniversary of the founding of Fort Vancouver.

The anniversary of the founding of the historic fort falls on Thursday and will be observed by a banquet and other appropriate ceremony. Governor Pierce will be among the Oregon officials who will attend the banquet.

And there is such a thing as being too sensible to be too sensible

PUBLIC SCHOOL CASE DEBATED BEFORE COURT

Contentions of State Declared to Meet With Little Success; Moore Presents Arguments

MAY FRAME AMENDMENT IF BILL MEETS DEFEAT

Interest Runs High; Constitutional Amendment Is Discussed

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The concluding oral arguments in the supreme court on the constitutionality of the Oregon law requiring children between 8 and 16 years of age to attend state schools, brought further questions from the justices today which indicated to an intensely interested audience that contentions in behalf of the act were meeting with little success.

The arguments for the state, which is appealing from decisions enjoining enforcement of the law obtained in the federal district court for Oregon by the Society of the Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus and Mary, and the Hill Military academy, were presented by W. S. Moore, assistant attorney general of Oregon, former senator George E. Chamberlain and A. H. Putney, while the parochial and private schools were represented by William D. Guthrie, J. P. Kavanaugh and John C. Veatch.

May Draw Amendment If the court should take jurisdiction in the case and uphold the decision of the lower court, counsel for the state asserted that a constitutional amendment would be proposed to give states complete control over the education of children.

They argued, however, that having decided that the states have control over the labor of children, the supreme court in such a decision, must go a step further and declare they already possess a similar right to control education.

Constitutional questions relating to the rights of property and personal liberty, the guarantees of religious freedom, and the control of parents over the education of their children, which were touched upon in the opening arguments yesterday, were enlarged upon today, the two sides disagreeing completely as to the effects of the law in these respects.

Allusions to "conditions" prevailing in Oregon without any explanation of those conditions were frequent, particularly in the arguments of counsel for the state, who insisted that they were such

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ASTORIA BURNS

ASTORIA, Ore., March 18.—The Louvre hotel, a wooden structure, located in the center of Astoria, was ablaze early this morning. Several large buildings surrounding the hotel were menaced by the flames. All available fire fighting forces of Astoria were at the scene.