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DEATH AND DESTRUCTION MARK PATH OF DISASTROUS TORNADO

Hundreds Killed and Countless Villages Destroyed in Thirteen States from Dakota to the Gulf.

Thousands Driven from Their Homes and Utmost Suffering Results—Eighty Lives Lost in One Mississippi Town—Heaps of Ruins All That Remain of Certain Sections of Small Cities—Thirty Villages Levelled in Louisiana Alone—Number of Fatalities Cannot Be Ascertained Until Ruins Are Cleared Away—Twelve Dead, 150 Injured, 25 of Whom Will Die Is Record in Albertville, Alabama—Origin of Twister Unknown—Believed That Two Cyclones Were Traveling in Opposite Directions, East and West—Late Reports Show Conditions Even Worse Than First Dispatches Indicated.

New Orleans, April 25.—The latest estimate of the dead by tornado is 235 dead and 40 towns destroyed.

New Orleans, April 25.—A total of 225 dead, countless destroyed villages in 13 states from the Dakotas to the Gulf of Mexico, untold suffering of thousands who were driven from their homes, is the general estimate made today of a disastrous tornado that is still sweeping the southern states.

The latest reports come from Purvis, Miss., that 36 whites and 50 negroes were killed late last night by the "twister."

The fury of the storm is spent in Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi where all that remains of certain sections of eight large towns are heaps of ruins under which are thought to be the bodies of many killed and injured.

In Louisiana alone it is thought that 39 villages were leveled. Reports are coming in slowly, but they show the first reports are not exaggerated.

At Albertville and Bergen, Alabama, many were killed and injured. In the first town, 12 are known to be dead and 150 are injured, 25 of whom will die. Florence, Texas, is reported to be leveled. No one knows just

where the tornado started, but apparently two cyclones were traveling in opposite directions, east and west and spread a wide trail of death and destruction over the gulf states.

Five Killed at Griffin.
Atlanta, Ga., April 25.—Reports from Griffin, a small town in western Georgia, states that five were killed and 15 injured by the tornado.

Dead May Reach 500.
New Orleans, La., April 25.—The grim roll call of the dead and injured as the result of the devastating tornado that swept the Gulf states yesterday afternoon and last night will total a full 500.

Dispatches received up to noon today from various southern points indicate this. All the hospitals in the small towns are crowded with the injured. Many lack facilities for caring for so many who need assistance. Because of this suffering in some localities is intense.

It appears that the tornado started in central Louisiana, sweeping everything before it to the Georgia line. This tornado was followed by a second, which did further damage in Georgia.

From what is known today the property damage will equal \$3,000,000.

BANKS CAN'T CONTRIBUTE.

Unlawful for National Banks to Aid Political Funds.

Under the federal law it is illegal for any national bank to contribute to a political fund and the following circular upon that subject has but recently been sent out by the comptroller of the currency:

Washington, April 6, 1908.—The attention of officers and directors of national banks is invited to the following excerpt from the act of congress approved January 25, 1907, prohibiting political contributions: "It shall be unlawful for any national bank, or any corporation organized by authority of any laws of congress, to make a money contribution in connection with any election to any political office."

"Every corporation which shall make any contribution in violation of the foregoing provisions shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$5000 and every officer or director of any corporation who shall consent to any contribution by the corporation in violation of the foregoing provisions shall upon conviction be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1000 and not less than \$250, or by imprisonment for a term of not more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court."

T. P. KANE,
Deputy and Acting Comptroller.

Fleet Steams North.

Los Angeles, April 25.—After a week's stay at Los Angeles ports the fleet sailed this morning for Santa Barbara. Immense crowds witnessed the maneuvers in the bay before starting. At the conclusion of the evolutions the fleet with flying colors signalled a farewell to the hosts and at 9 o'clock stood out for sea. It is expected that Santa Barbara will be reached at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

"FOUR-MILE HOUSE" BURNED TODAY

The "Four Mile House," one of the oldest dwellings in the west end of Umatilla county, situated four miles east of Umatilla on the Umatilla river, and owned by Carl Brownell, burned to the ground today with all of its contents.

It is not known how the fire started, but nothing was saved, the household goods of Carl Brownell and his brother, Llewellyn, who also lived in the house, being totally destroyed.

The "Four Mile House" was erected in 1868 by a Frenchman of Umatilla named Theodore and was used by him as a farm dwelling and stopping place for immigrants and freighters. It was situated on the main road leading out of Umatilla Landing and was one of the most prominent stopping places in the inland empire.

BITTER FIGHT IN KENTUCKY CONVENTION.

Newport, Ky., April 25.—A bitter battle is being waged today at the congressional district convention between adherents of Taft and Senator-Elect Bradley, whose men favor instructions for Vice President Fairbanks.

Taft men took possession of the hall and locked the doors, barring the Fairbanks forces.

Later in the day the police cleared the hall and then admitted all the delegates.

DISASTER NARROWLY AVERTED.

Trans-Atlantic Liners Come Together in Dense Fog.

London, April 25.—An appalling sea disaster was narrowly averted today when off Yarmouth, the St. Paul and American liner, rammed the steamer Gladiator in a dense fog.

A wild panic of passengers followed. The St. Paul keeled badly, but stayed up. The Gladiator made a desperate run for the beach and grounded just in time to prevent sinking.

No loss of life is reported, as the small boats made a safe landing. Both steamers were running at a fair rate of speed.

News Not Official.

New York, April 25.—No official report of the collision of the St. Paul has been received here by the steamship officials. The St. Paul cleared from Southampton with a full complement of passengers and a heavy cargo.

20 Reported Lost.

London, April 25.—Unconfirmed reports here indicate that 20 of the crew of the cruiser Gladiator were lost in the collision with the St. Paul. In response to an appeal for assistance, warships have been sent to the scene of the collision. There are many injured on the Gladiator.

DYNAMITER ARRESTED.

San Francisco, April 25.—One of the men who blew up ex-Supervisor Gallagher's house in Oakland Wednesday night is said to be in the custody of the police and a confession has been secured. The arrest was made last night by Detective Petersen and the man taken, closely guarded, was taken to the station and questioned.

It is said the evidence is strong against the arrested man. No one is allowed to see him.

NEW RAILROAD INCORPORATED

MRS. SANFORD, T. H. HUBBARD AND CROOKER, PROMOTERS

Tacoma to Be Terminus—600 Acres Already Secured for Yards—Will Tap Spokane, Walla Walla and North Yakima and Will Be Known as the Pacific and Southeastern—Backed by \$15,000,000.

Tacoma, April 25.—Announcement is made today that a new railroad, the Pacific and Southeastern, will be built with a terminus at Tacoma, where 600 acres for yards have been secured, tapping Walla Walla, North Yakima and Spokane.

Charles Lathrop, brother of the late Mrs. Jane Lathrop Stanford, general T. H. Hubbard and George Crooker are incorporators and the road's capital stock is set at \$15,000,000.

All three men were prominently identified with the building of the Southern Pacific.

CALIFORNIA CREW WINS.

Stanford Three Boat Lengths Behind—Captain Gay Expelled.

San Francisco, April 25.—The crew of the University of California defeated Stanford today in the annual race by three lengths.

The Stanford crew had lost Captain Gay because of the recent suspension which greatly weakened the Cardinal boat. California had a splendid crew whose work was as fine as any ever seen on the coast.

Coach Dan Murphy of Stanford has been in the hospital the entire season which is partly responsible for Stanford's condition.

Cossacks Scatter Kurds.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—Beating off thousands of Kurds in repeated cavalry charges the Cossack detachment which was surrounded in the mountain country south of the Arax river, has completely scattered the outlaws and is now in hot pursuit of the broken bands. The 1000 reinforcements which had such difficulty in reaching the surrounded Russian troops, have joined the vanguard and are now participating in the pursuit.

FARMERS TRAIN FOR UMATILLA

O. R. & N. Will Run Demonstration Train Through Four Counties in May.

DATE FOR UMATILLA

COUNTY IS MAY 13

Train is the First of the Kind Ever Run in Eastern Oregon and Will Be Accompanied by Experts from Oregon Agricultural College—Same Trains Have Been Highly Successful in Eastern Washington This Year.

Through the persistent efforts of Pendleton Commercial association, eastern Oregon counties are to enjoy the benefits of a farmers' demonstration train, over the O. R. & N., such as have been running this spring through the eastern Washington counties.

The East Oregonian has received from General Freight Agent R. B. Miller of the O. R. & N., the itinerary of the train, its dates, stopping places and program and today C. F. Van De Water and A. A. Morse of the O. R. & N. freight department arrived in the city from Walla Walla to make definite arrangements for the meeting in this city and to advertise the train throughout eastern Oregon.

The train will be run through Umatilla, Morrow, Sherman and Gilliam counties, remaining over night in this city on Wednesday night, May 13.

The objects of the demonstrations are to encourage farmers in advanced methods of farming, which will add to the productivity of the soil, make land more valuable, increase country settlement, build up the towns and furnish homes for more people in the farming sections.

The trains have been highly successful in eastern Washington and several thousand farmers attended the meetings. It is hoped that the farmers of eastern Oregon respond as well to the meetings as did those of the Palouse country.

The following letter has been received by Pendleton Commercial association from General Freight Agent R. B. Miller, showing the object of the train, the subjects to be treated upon and giving the names of the experts who are to accompany the train. Mr. Miller says:

The O. R. & N. special farming train will cover our lines in Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla counties on May 11, 12, 13 and 14 on a schedule permitting stops as per attached. Lectures will be given on the train in cars provided for that purpose by the following members of the Oregon Agricultural college faculty:

Dr. James Withycombe, director experiment station.

Professor C. I. Lewis, horticulturist.

Professor C. E. Bradley, chemist.

Professor H. D. Scudder, agronomist.

The principal subjects to be discussed are:

Summer fallow, horticulture, animal husbandry, chemistry of the soil, rotation of crops, general cultural methods.

The talks to be given by the college people will be very instructive, and I am sure that much good will result to the farmers, and consequently to the country in general.

The lectures are free for all, but it is the farmers whom we desire particularly to reach, and if they are able to derive any benefit therefrom we will feel repaid for our outlay.

The train is the first of its kind that has ever been operated in Oregon, although it is the third of a series of lecture trains recently inaugurated by this company.

Following is the complete itinerary of the train, showing the stopping places, the length of time at each stop and other details:

Monday, May 11.
Arr. Kent 8:30 a. m., remain 1 hour.
Arr. Grass Valley 10 a. m., remain 1 hr.
Arr. Moro 11:30 a. m., remain 1 hour.
Arr. Wasco 2:30 p. m., remain 1 hour.

Tuesday, May 12.
Arr. Condon 8:15 a. m., remain 1 hr.
Arr. Clem 9:45 a. m., remain 1 hour.
Arr. Ione 2:15 p. m., remain 1 hour.
Arr. Lexington 3:45 p. m., remain 1 hr.
Arr. Heppner 5:15 p. m., remain 1 hour.

Wednesday, May 13.
Arr. Irigon 8:15 a. m., remain 1 hour.
Arr. Hermiston 9:45 a. m., remain 1 hr.
Arr. Echo 11:15 a. m., remain 1 hour.
Arr. Pilot Rock 2:15 p. m., remain 1 hr.
Arr. Pendleton 4:00 p. m., remain 2 hrs.

Thursday, May 14.
Arr. Milton 9 a. m., remain 1 hour.
Arr. Weston 10:45 a. m., remain 1 hour.
Arr. Athena 1:15 p. m., remain 1 hr.
Arr. Adams 2:45 p. m., remain 1 hr.

San Francisco Quakes.
San Francisco, April 25.—A slight earthquake shock was felt here at 3:22 this morning. No damage has been reported.

HAYWOOD IS OUSTED FROM FEDERATION.

Portland, Ore., April 25.—William D. Haywood has been ousted from the executive board of the United Mine Workers of America, according to a report from Denver. The official announcement will be made public today in the Miners' Magazine.

It is said that Haywood's recent speech making tour in the east on which he strongly advocated socialistic doctrines, angered the federation men who believed he should devote more attention to the federation.

42,000 TROUT FOR UMATILLA COUNTY STREAMS

An Additional 36,000 Fry Secured by Anglers' Association.

Altogether a total of 42,000 trout are to be sent here by the bureau of fisheries to replenish the stock in the streams of the county. Aside from the 8000 rainbow trout to be shipped at the request of Game Warden Turner, 36,000 brook trout fry are being sent here at the request of the Umatilla County Anglers' association.

C. K. Cranston, president of the association, has just received notice from the bureau to the above effect. For the Umatilla river 10,000 brook trout will be sent while 8000 fry have been booked for each of the following streams: Meacham creek, McKay creek and Birch creek.

ROOSEVELT HAS PLANS ALL MADE

TO HUNT BIG GAME, BUT WILL NOT MAKE TOUR

President Declares He Will Not Compromise Country by Giving European Monarchs a Chance to Treat Him as Private Citizen After Being Their Equal for Seven Years—Diplomats Disagree.

Washington, April 25.—As announced exclusively by the United Press recently, President Roosevelt will probably go to South Africa next year to hunt big game, but beyond a brief visit in England during the transfer of vessels he will not touch any other European country nor will he make a trip around the world.

He announced to personal friends yesterday that he had given up the plan to follow the precedent established by Grant in making a tour. He declared that he felt he could not meet and be entertained by the rulers of Europe as a private citizen after having been their equal for seven years.

He declared that he believed the dignity of the office he now held would be compromised if he did so. Diplomats disagree with the president in this and say that if he visited in Europe he would be received with all the honors due an actual president.

"He is considered the greatest American since Lincoln," said one prominent ambassador from a European power today.

Great Law School for California.
San Francisco, April 24.—At a dinner which is to take place tomorrow night, one of the most important announcements made in educational circles on the Pacific coast since Stanford announced the founding of his university will be made by Prof. George H. Boke, head of the law department of the University of California.

It is the announcement of the endowment of \$1,000,000 for this school which will make the law school of the University of California one of the best equipped in the United States. It will also allow California to secure the ablest legal educators in America on her faculty.

The aim of the school will be to train young attorneys not only in legal matters, but in state affairs and this branch of study is to be looked to in the new curriculum.

On account of the rising water in the Columbia, work has been discontinued on the government canal at Celilo and will probably not be resumed before August.

O. R. & N. OFFICIALS MEET HERE

A conference of O. R. & N. officials, including superintendents, assistant superintendents, division engineers, dispatchers and roadmasters of all the divisions on the system, will be held in this city tomorrow.

This will be the first general conference of the officials ever held in this part of the state and is held for the purpose of bringing the different departments closer together for cooperation in the work of operating and maintaining the road and for the purpose of having a general understanding of rules and regulations governing the operation of the road.

General Superintendent M. J. Buckley and Superintendent D. W. Campbell, who are in the city today, will remain over to take part in the general conference and it is expected that about 20 officials will be present at the meeting.

Hereafter these meetings will be held often and the heads of the departments will keep in closer touch than formerly. It is believed that the results will be very beneficial.

TRACK TEAM IN TRIM FOR MEET

Students Enthusiastic Over Prospect of Winning.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES OUT FOR THE VICTORY

Pendleton Institution Will Be Represented in Tri-State Meet With Strong Team—Twenty Schools Will Be Represented—Local Boys Took Second Place Last Year and Are Counting on First This Time.

Preparation for the track meet at Whitman, in which over 20 high schools of the inland empire will participate, are already being made by the local high school. The athletic spirit of the high school is very high now.

The huge scale on which the meet will be held and the number of schools that will take part has aroused the ambition of every athlete to do his very best when he meets the representatives of every high school of the inland empire on Whitman field, April 30 and May 1. Not only will the work be a great honor to the athlete that shall receive a medal for his accomplishment, but it will also be an honor to the school that can send out athletes who shall be successful over every other school.

Last year Pendleton took second place in this meet and now while every other school has had to supply their team with new men, the local high will send the same team, nearly man for man, besides additional men that are now doing excellent work.

The Pendleton team will consist of: Orin Jay, captain, Arthur Means, manager, Cliff Turner, Lester Means, Nat Kimball, Chester Gordon, Alfred Euster, Brook Dickson, Harvey McDill and Hawley Bean.

With these men Pendleton will have entries in every event of the meet and in weights and jumps will have three entries.

The boys themselves have the "do or die" spirit and are going to Walla Walla to win the meet. The team will leave Wednesday evening, attended by Superintendent Landers.

Orville Reeves also goes over to represent the school in the tri-state declamatory contest, which is to be held Friday evening.

Lumbermen Take Step Against Forestry Bureau.
Washington, April 24.—The senate today passed a resolution presented by Heyburn of Idaho, asking the secretary of agriculture to send in the names of all officers and employees of the department who attended the forestry convention at Denver last year.

This is the first step in the fight of the lumbermen against the forestry bureau.

National Committee.
Indianapolis, Ind., April 24.—Chairman Harry New of the republican national committee, has sent a letter to the committeemen stating a meeting would be held early in June to hear contests.

Cleveland Recovering.
Lakewood, N. J., April 24.—Mrs. Cleveland announced today that her husband is making slow but certain recovery from an attack of indigestion.

To Work for Government.
Geary Kimbrell, city engineer, has secured a surveying contract from the government and will spend about two months of this summer in the mountains of southwestern Oregon. He will be employed in locating section lines on land that has never been surveyed and will be in the Rogue river mountains, west of Jacksonville.

As this is in the heart of the best hunting territory left in the state, he expects a pleasant outing in connection with his summer's work. He will probably leave here in June.

A few days ago Edward Fenagel disappeared from his home at Burnett, near Tacoma, and Wednesday his dead body was found in a reservoir which supplies the village with drinking water.