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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

A street car strike is impending in Chicago.

Tonopah, Nev., is rapidly recovering from the effects of the recent fire.

Railroad company officials admit they are charging wheat farmers all the traffic will bear.

The thousands of visitors who gathered at San Francisco to see the fleet are returning to their homes.

The grand duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin has ceased to be the only state in Germany without a constitutional government.

Awards have just been made for supplying the battleship fleet with provisions for its journey across the Pacific.

After 11 years of military occupation Great Britain, Russia, France and Italy have decided to withdraw and turn the government over to Greece.

Diagnosed with the California delegates to the governor's conference, Roosevelt has appointed ex-Governor Pardee to represent that state.

General Bliss, as governor of the Moro province, Philippine islands, declares the effort to establish a judicial system in that province a failure.

The father of Mrs. Howard Gould, Seldon Perry Clemmons, has left his daughters but \$1 each, because they did not care for him in his old age.

Republican members of congress favor emergency currency.

Little progress is being made in the Parkside trolley trial of Abe Ruef.

Central Kansas has been visited by a rain storm that bordered a cloudburst.

The corner stone of the bureau of American republics has been laid at Washington.

Chinese rebels are becoming more active. Large forces of troops are being sent out to check them.

A tornado in Mercer and Henry counties, Illinois, did considerable property damage and killed one woman.

The National Industrial Traffic League has appealed to the interstate commerce commission to prevent an increase in freight rates.

The British house of lords is discussing a plan to tax American hops that are being imported to the detriment of the English crop.

While officers from the battleship fleet were being given auto rides, two of the big machines collided, with almost serious results.

The United States is enlisting other nations in the war against opium trade. The Methodist general conference has asked that presidential candidates be total abstainers.

Chicago street railway men are to vote on a general strike.

There is an increase of tipping among English society women.

Indications point to Taft men controlling the Oregon republican convention.

New York's unemployed have formed an association and will hold a national convention.

The Union Pacific reports an increase in earnings, and is putting shopen back to work.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is to investigate the proposed increase of freight rates.

A French mob tried to lynch a woman who had murdered many children, but was prevented by the police.

If the weather permits the battleship fleet will stop off Coos Bay on its way from San Francisco to Seattle.

A number of senators are preparing to denounce Roosevelt as a usurper because he claims supremacy over the army.

Methodists have called on Speaker Cannon to aid prohibition.

Heineke has been sued for the losses of the Aetna Bank, of Butte.

There have been several serious outbreaks in Ohio against the tobacco trust.

The man who blew up the Burlington train at Butte has proven to be only half-witted.

Prince Philip zu Eulenberg, once favorite of the kaiser, has been arrested for perjury.

Japan has issued a peremptory demand that China stop the boycott of Japanese goods.

Roosevelt denies the power of congress to restrict authority over the army and navy.

Kentucky continues to have trouble with night riders, who are burning tobacco warehouses.

The Ruef bribery trial is the scene of many threats and almost open fights among the lawyers.

California people have drawn up a memorial to congress asking for the promotion of Rear-Admiral Evans to the grade of admiral.

Senator Hayward, of Idaho, wants the government to survey all unsurveyed lands in Idaho, Washington, Montana, Oregon and California.

Great Britain is considering an old-age pension.

Japan denies the report that the Co-rean emperor is to be banished.

The cashier of the Allegheny National Bank, of Pittsburgh, has been arrested for embezzling \$429,000 of the bank's funds.

Great Britain's financial budget, just issued, shows conditions to be in such good shape that the duty on sugar is to be reduced.

The senate has confirmed the nomination of William R. Wheeler, of California, to be assistant secretary of commerce and labor.

President Campers, of the American Federation of Labor, has written a letter to congress urging the passage of many bills of interest to labor.

TORNADOES IN NEBRASKA.

Destroy Four Towns and Kill at Least Fourteen People.

Omaha, Neb., May 13.—Twelve persons are known to have been killed and a score injured by a tornado which swept over the northern part of Sarpy county at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The storm, which gained in velocity on its way south, started in Omaha about 4:30.

At Bellevue the college buildings were damaged to the extent of probably \$50,000, and several persons were injured, none fatally. The storm then moved on to Louisville, Litchfield and Springfield, where the principal damage and loss of life occurred.

The storm was the most severe that ever struck Eastern Nebraska. The damage to the college buildings at Bellevue was heavy. The tower was blown from Park Hall, and the building wrecked. Lowry Hall and Rankin Hall were unroofed. The panic-stricken students ran to the basement and in this way many fatalities were probably avoided. The college stables were wrecked and all the horses killed. A number of small buildings and stores in the village were blown down.

Moving south, the tornado struck Fort Crook, damaging several of the barracks buildings, but nobody was injured. In the town of Fort Cook, however, a number of buildings were entirely wrecked and other damage was done.

Three Towns Are Wrecked. Springfield, Neb., May 13.—A tornado laid yesterday afternoon wrecked the towns of Louisville, Bellevue and Richfield and killed several persons and injured large numbers.

The heaviest losses of life and injured are reported from Louisville, a junction point of the Missouri Pacific and Burlington railroads, in Cass county. The number of deaths is unknown, and no names have been secured, but it is said between 40 and 60 are injured, many seriously and some fatally.

The town of Bellevue is declared practically wiped out, but it is not known that there are any fatalities. Bellevue is the seat of the Presbyterian college.

The storm destroyed part of the village of Richfield, where Elmer Leader was killed and his father was badly injured. Ed. Fuller, a farmer near Richfield, was fatally injured.

Louisville is Blown Away. Lincoln, Neb., May 13.—It is difficult to get any definite news from Louisville. Reports are to the effect that the town is blown away and the people are in a panic. The Burlington station was torn to pieces, most of the business houses were wrecked and 30 residences destroyed. The Missouri Pacific station is standing, but both the telegraph and telephone wires are down.

There were four distinct tornado clouds as seen at Springfield, and they made their appearance shortly before 5 o'clock.

Heavy damage was done in the country, and it is feared there was some loss of life.

Dispatches received at Lincoln say there were several storms along the Missouri river further south at Nemaha City and Falls City.

IMPROVEMENT BONDS VOTED. San Francisco to Spend Millions for Greater City.

San Francisco, May 13.—Citizens generally are enthusiastic over the result of the bond election. The vote was 10 to 1 for the bonds. The first step to be taken by the supervisors will be to estimate the cost of the improvements made possible by the sale of the bonds and the amount of money to be expended. Possibly by the middle of August work will begin on the projects which are to make San Francisco a larger and more beautiful city than ever.

For an auxiliary fire system and lands necessary for it, bonds amounting to \$5,200,000 were approved.

For a city sewer system, \$4,000,000. For school buildings and lands for ample sites, \$5,000,000.

For public hospitals and necessary lands, \$2,900,000.

For a new city hall and county jail, \$1,000,000.

For a suitable garbage system and crematory, \$1,900,000.

Evans Reiterates Demand. North Platte, Neb., May 13.—Standing upon the rear platform of his car as it lingers here for a few minutes today, "Fighting Bob" Evans addressed a big crowd of people who came from miles around to greet him. The former commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet repeated the statement that he has made on different occasions, that the United States would be better off with fewer statesmen and more battleships and added: "We are in danger of war and always will be as long as we have something that some other nation wants."

Few Sailors Desert. San Francisco, May 13.—The numerous desertions from the Atlantic fleet, which it was prophesied would follow the arrival of the fleet at this port, have failed to materialize. Less than 100 absentees are reported today, and a number of these are men of long service who have overstayed their shore leave but are expected to report before the fleet sails for the north. Very few of the young bluejackets who are on their first cruise and were expected to desert are reported absent. The morale of the fleet is excellent.

Robbers Secure \$15,000. Seattle, Wash., May 12.—E. J. Perrine, Great Northern express messenger on the train which left Seattle at 8:10 this morning for Vancouver, B. C., was beaten over the head with his own gun and tied hand and foot by two men who entered the train just as it was leaving Seattle, and who, after overpowering the express messenger, noted the strong box of a sum of money estimated at from \$1,000 to \$10,000. The robbers escaped. Perrine is in a serious condition.

Tillman Fears Paralysis. Washington, May 13.—Threatened with paralysis, Senator Tillman is in a condition here, declining to see visitors. On Saturday he will sail for Europe, accompanied by his wife, returning in November.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

PREPARE FOR CHERRY FAIR.

Salem Exposition to Surpass That of Last Year.

Salem.—Extensive preparations are being made for the annual cherry fair to be held in Salem about the first of July, and from information received it is apparent that the fair this year will surpass that of 1907. Cherry growers at The Dalles are planning to come to the Salem fair and capture the best of the season in competition with Willamette Valley growers. Last year 30 silver cups and as many diplomas were offered as premiums. This year the number will be considerably increased, an effort being made to offer a premium for every class of fruit ripe at that season of the year. Special attention will be given to cherries in commercial pack. The Salem Board of Trade has taken charge of the preliminary arrangements, and has committees at work.

Brownsville Adds Vehicle Factory. Brownsville.—Brownsville has a new manufacturing enterprise, W. J. Moore, a hardware dealer of the north side, has put in a wagon and vehicle plant. He will make a specialty of wagons and wheelbarrows. Several men and boys will be employed. The plant will be running in a short time, and will have credit in the city. Brownsville has many manufacturers, but the citizens are after more. It is doubtful if any other city in the state of like size can boast of as many automobiles as are owned here.

Ask for Freight Depot. Salem.—Citizens of Lyons, on the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, have presented to the railroad commission a formal complaint, alleging that the Corvallis & Eastern, through lack of enterprise, has neglected to build a freight shed at that station, which will maintain an agent there. Freight is left exposed to the weather, and all articles must be shipped prepaid, which is annoying sometimes. The complaint is signed by several persons. Formal answer must be filed by the railroad company within 10 days.

Timber Claims in Bly Country. Klamath Falls, Or., May 4.—Several good timber claims have been secured recently in the Bly country, and others are said to be obtainable, on account of the recent ruling in land cases against homesteaders on timber land. In many instances the homesteaders have either relinquished or placed timber and stone filings or have sold their relinquishments for the mere locating fee. Travelers returning from Bly state that claims having several settlers on last fall at the time of the rush, appear to be deserted at this time.

Commission Remedies Extortion. Salem.—Acknowledgments of material assistance rendered by the state railroad commission are coming to Secretary George Goodall daily. The most recent instance is that of the Blue Mountain Fruit & Produce company, of Cove, overcharged \$33 by the O. R. & N. and \$255 by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, both of which charges were refunded by the railroads through the offices of the Oregon state railroad commission.

Frost Nips Prunes. Portland.—Advice being received daily by Secretary Williams, of the State Horticultural Board, show that the recent frost was productive of considerable damage to the prune crop of the Northwest. This state, it is now estimated, will have only about two-thirds the quantity of prunes produced last year. This, however, will make the crop fall but little less than normal, because next year's production was more than ordinarily large.

Railroad Doings at Dorris. Klamath Falls.—The depot on the California Northeastern railroad at Dorris is now in course of construction. Newcomers are arriving in Dorris at the rate of 30 and 40 a day, and it is a common occurrence for many to be unable to find accommodations at night. A large force is at work just over the hill from Dorris, and every indication points to the completion of the road in a few months.

Asparagus at Klamath. Klamath Falls.—Dr. C. H. Coll, of the Healy ranch, has brought in the first asparagus of the season raised in Klamath county. This section produces asparagus of the finest quality, and Mr. Carroll has been demonstrating what can be done here. Several farmers are planting celery this year on quite an extensive scale, as this section on the coast can rival Klamath for celery.

Strawberry Day at Milton. Milton.—Milton will have another strawberry day this year. The Progressive Club of the city has the matter in charge, and committees have been appointed and preparations will soon be under way for the event, which, it is to be hoped, will exceed all past festivities of the kind. This event will take place early in June, and is looked forward to with keen anticipation by all who have attended them in the past.

Will Clear Stump Land. Astoria.—Dr. L. F. Hawley, the expert of the forest service of the United States, has arrived here with a plan whereby the stump land of this section may be profitably cleared for agricultural purposes. He will be in this vicinity all summer. Dr. Hawley proposes the calling of a convention of owners of all stump lands throughout the Northwest, which the members of legislatures shall be invited to attend.

The Dalles Market Days. The Dalles.—The first market day at The Dalles, held Saturday, was quite a success. There were about 1,000 outside people in town, and the merchants had good sales. It is intended to hold these market days the first Saturday in every month. A committee of business men has been appointed to make arrangements for taking care of the crowds.

Fine Float from Klamath. Klamath Falls.—Money has been appropriated by the Klamath chamber of Commerce for the \$600 float that will represent Klamath county at the Rose Festival in June, and a float is promised that will be the equal of any in the parade.

COLONY IS ASSURED.

Settlers Arriving to Found New Center of Fruit Culture.

Wolf Creek.—Wolf Creek colony is now a settled fact. Development work goes rapidly on. The freight house has shown a congested condition for some time, several Eastern families bringing their belongings with them, and on their great satisfaction household goods shipped from Pennsylvania last two weeks before they started awaited their owners on arrival here.

For a week a surveying party has been at work on the outside lines, running through to government section corners, then making corrections so that the work may be of a satisfactory character. Several tracts have been staked off in subdivision No. 1, and tracts Nos. 2 and 3, comprising 75 acres, were purchased last evening by a young man from Chicago, who has been on the ground for three weeks, awaiting the survey. Inquiries are being received from all parts of the country, and the "no-saloon" feature is commented on as commended more than any other single feature.

Wolf Creek is the first valley south of the Umpqua divide, introducing the traveler southward on the scenic Southern Pacific to the famous Rogue River Valley. In formation, soil and climate the valley is a revelation, and is like the first valley north of the Sierran divide, in which is situated, on rich red soil, so abundant here also, the A. D. Helms Newtown apple orchard, which, without a single failure, has yielded its annual average average profits of \$791 per acre for the past seven years.

Recent showers have wonderfully stimulated growing crops, and a considerable acreage of corn is now being planted.

Market Day Is Successful. La Grande.—Saturday, May 9, promises to be a most successful and entertaining market day. In addition to the attraction of the automobile parade and races there will be a public auction of everything that any one wants to sell. The auctioneer, Martin Larsen, is making a thorough canvass of the valley, and is listing all articles that will be brought to La Grande Saturday and offered for sale. No charge is to be made for the services of the auctioneer. The list of all articles to be offered for sale will be published in the local papers before Saturday.

Klamath Canal Holds Water. Klamath Falls.—Klamath county land holders will pay but \$1.50 an acre for water again this year. It is expected that 10,000 acres will be signed under the temporary arrangement, and if more is signed the rate will be reduced. It is intended to charge only for maintenance and operation. Next year the regular rates will prevail. Water is now flowing in the main canal, and but very little trouble has been experienced with the breaking of banks. They are, however, reports that the squirrels have done but slight damage.

Corvallis Cannery Completed. Corvallis.—The Corvallis cannery is completed, and has been accepted by the cannery company. It is a thoroughly up-to-date plant, well equipped, and ready for business. L. W. Gill, of Wisconsin, a man of ten years' experience, has been engaged as "processor," and is already on hand. W. K. Taylor, manager of local streams, reports that he has a sufficient quantity of tomatoes contracted for the season's run, and all together the prospect is bright for a successful season for the new enterprise.

Trout for Eight Mile Creek. The Dalles.—A shipment of 10,000 trout fry has been received by Victor Marden from the United Fish Commission at Oregon City, and is being placed in Lower Eight Mile Creek. Many of the trout that have been placed in local streams previously have gone into irrigating ditches, and when the water was turned off they died. However, the farmers are being generally notified to put in screens in their ditches to keep the young trout out.

Excursion to See Fleet. Salem.—An effort is being made by the Salem board of trade to have an excursion train run from Salem to Newport at the time the Atlantic fleet will pass Yaquina bay on its northern trip. The train will also carry all who wish to go to the coast to see the fleet from the Dalles, and will stop at the Southern Pacific and Corvallis & Eastern railroads. It is expected that arrangements will be completed for the excursion within the next ten days.

PORTLAND MARKETS. Apples—Select, \$2.50 per box; fancy, \$3; choice, \$1.50; ordinary, \$1.25.

Potatoes—Select, 70¢ per hundred; Willamette Valley, 45¢ per hundred; East Multnomah, 55¢; Clackamas, 50¢ per hundred; seed, 55¢ per pound.

Fruits—Strawberries, Oregon, \$3@3.50 per crate.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1 per sack; carrots, \$1.50@1.75; beets, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.25; cabbage, \$2 per cwt.; beans, wax, 2 1/2@13 1/4¢ per pound; head lettuce, 35¢ per dozen; celery, 85¢ @81¢ per dozen; artichokes, 50¢ per dozen; asparagus, 7@8¢ per pound; egg plant, 25@30¢ per pound; parsley, 25¢ per dozen; peas, 6@7¢ per pound; peppers, 20¢ per pound; radishes, 15¢ per dozen; rhubarb, 2@3¢ per pound; spinach, 85¢ per crate.

Wheat—Club, 89¢ per bushel; red Russian, 84 1/2¢; bluestem, 91¢; valley, 89¢.

Barley—Feed, \$2.50 per ton; rolled, \$2.75@2.85; brewing, \$2.60.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$2.75@2.85 per ton; gray, \$2.75.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$17 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, \$15; Eastern Oregon, \$17.50; mixed, \$16; clover, \$14; alfalfa, \$12; alfalfa meal, \$20.

Butter—Extras, 24¢ per pound; fancy, 22¢; choice, 20¢; store, 16¢.

Eggs—18 1/4¢ per dozen, 13@14¢ per pound; fancy hen, 14 1/2@15¢; roosters, old, 8¢; fryers, dozen, \$4; broilers, doz., \$4.50@5; dressed poultry, per lb., 12¢; ducks, 16@17¢; geese, 8@9¢; turkeys, alive, 17@18¢; dressed, 19@20¢.

Hops—1907, prime and choice, 4@6 1/2¢ per pound; olds, 1@1 1/2¢ per lb.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 12 1/2@13¢ per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 12@12 1/2¢.

Mohair—Choice, 18@18 1/2¢ per lb.

NONE SAY GOOD-BYE.

Venezuelans Show No Courtesy to Minister Russell.

Willemstadt, May 12.—W. W. Russell, the American Minister to Venezuela, sailed from here today on the steamship Caracas for the United States, where he will spend his vacation of two months. The American Minister arrived here from Puerto Cabello, sailing from that port yesterday afternoon after a visit to the United States gunboat Paducah. His departure from Puerto Cabello was signaled by a salute of 15 guns. That there is tension in the diplomatic relations between the United States and Venezuela was shown in the fact that none of the local officials was on hand to bid Mr. Russell good-bye.

Thomas P. Moffatt, the American Consul at La Guaira, is still in that city without means of communication because of the plague, and it is feared without necessities of life.

It is thought that the United States may send a gunboat there for the purpose of transferring the consul, because at present there are no American interests requiring his presence.

President Castro's decree shutting off La Guaira may be prolonged indefinitely or until a full week passes without new cases of plague appearing. There is great distress among the unemployed, of which the number is large. Merchants and business men are unable to support the poor. An appeal has been made to the chamber of commerce in Caracas for help. A second relief train was sent to the isolated city yesterday with provisions. The death list is growing, and the whole town seems to be infected.

FLEET VISITORS VICTIMS. Petty Swindlers Sell Bogus Tickets for Trips to Warships.

San Francisco, May 12.—The thousands who wished to visit the warships today furnished a rich harvest field for a number of petty swindlers. Bogus tickets were sold without interference from the police by vendors who represented no launch company whatever. None but invited guests were taken on the flagship, although thousands bought tickets which they thought would enable them to board the Connecticut, and many of the excursion steamer did not land passengers on any warship, but merely cruised around them.

Because his indignant passengers demanded the return of their money when he failed to land them on the battleship Vermont today, Captain Henry Frisch, of the excursion steamer St. Helen, drew a revolver and threatened to shoot John Habcock, the spokesman of the protesting excursionists. Police Officer Charles Wedeking was on the dock when the trouble began, and he lost no time in disarming the steamboat captain.

QUIET IN THE ISLANDS. Basilian Moros Lay Down Arms Without Serious Trouble.

Manila, May 12.—The disarming of the Basilian Moros is progressing without serious trouble. The Lanao districts are quiet. The trouble against which the troops were recently operating was sporadic and neither general nor serious.

Major-General Weston, who has returned to Manila from an inspection of the entire district, reports that conditions are quieter than usual. He pronounces the recent operations to have been police rather than military.

The government is being urged to secure a loan for the purpose of installing an extended system of irrigation. The islands must purchase 10,000,000 pesos of foreign rice this year, making a total purchase, during the past ten years, of 100,000,000 pesos worth. It is believed that irrigation will restore the crops.

Joaquin Miller is Coming. Portland, May 12.—One of the picture attractions of the Portland Rose festival during the week June 1-6, will be the appearance here of Joaquin Miller, the "Poet of the Sierras." Miller is a native of Oregon, and when the request and invitation was sent to him by the festival management to take part in the spectacular street pageant "The Spirit of the Golden West," he readily accepted, agreeing to appear in some feature of the cavalcade that would be typical of his life, habits and customs of the early days of the Oregon pioneers, in the times in which he was a conspicuous figure. This parade will symbolize the advancement of civilization in the Northwest from the earliest days down to the present time. Many cities of Oregon will be represented by beautiful floats in the line of march.

Children in Factories. Richmond, Va., May 12.—Dealing with the world-wide topic of children, their education, training and the evil of driving them under steam pressure at the wheel when their frail limbs and bodies are too weak to stand the terrible punishment and strain, the session of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections at St. Paul's Church tonight aroused the public to the importance of adequate laws to protect them from the evils of the factory work. Professor W. H. Hand, of the University of South Carolina, pointed out the imperative demand for compulsory education.

Train Stopped in Time. Wenatchee, Wash., May 12.—With a roar that could be heard for miles around, the waters of Lily Lake came rolling down the Stemilt Creek Canyon, about five miles from Wenatchee, this morning at 4 o'clock, in a flow that swept everything that came in its way. Just before it found its way into the Columbia River, it washed out about 90 feet of the Great Northern road, just a few minutes before the Great Northern overland came speeding along, eastward bound, and was stopped just in time to prevent a wreck.

Long Walk for \$2,000. Kansas City, May 12.—Across the continent and back in eight months for a purse of \$2,000 is the task chosen by Charles Moyer, an Indian of the Sioux tribe. Moyer is in Kansas City on his return trip to San Francisco. He left there October 29, 1907, and arrived in New York on January 23, 1908. He has until June 29 to complete his trip back to San Francisco. He expects to reach San Francisco two or three weeks ahead of time.

Dying by the Hundred. Kiev, Russia, May 12.—A frightful epidemic of exanthematous typhoid is raging in the city prison. More than 200 deaths so far have occurred, and practically all of the inmates are infected. The authorities are withholding details.

TOWNS ARE WRECKED

Cyclone Sweeps Louisiana, Doing Damage to Property.

SEVEN KILLED; MANY INJURED

Communication Interrupted and Later Resorts May Cause Number of Casualties.

Shreveport, La., May 14.—Seven persons are known to be dead and many others are injured as the result of a tornado which swept across Northwest Louisiana yesterday. The little town of Gilliam, 25 miles north of Shreveport, was destroyed and the town of Bolinger, on the east side of the river, in Bossier parish, was badly wrecked.

Communication with the greater portion of the storm-wrecked section is interrupted, and it is believed certain that the later reports will increase the number of dead and injured. It is said the work of destruction at Gilliam was complete, only two houses remain intact. The town had a population of about 200. The dead at Gilliam are said to be Mrs. T. P. Gardiner and three negroes. Arthur Vaughan is said to be badly injured. At Bolinger are dead Mrs. Mitchell Davis and two negroes. Mrs. Davies' mother is reported to be dying from injuries. Charles Isom and family of six are reported among the injured.

It was reported that Oil City, in this parish, was wiped out by the tornado, but this rumor is probably untrue, although great damage is thought to have occurred, involving the wreckage of a great many oil well derricks.

FIFTY PERSONS INJURED AND A PROPERTY LOSS OF \$600,000. Omaha, Neb., May 14.—Reports which came in slowly today from the tornado-stricken district south of this city add three victims to the list of dead, making a total of 15, and place the monetary damage at half a million dollars. The casualty list continues to grow as communication is partially restored from the storm, and the list of the injured, some of whom are fatally hurt, will reach at least 50. Two railroad laborers employed in a sand pit near Louisville were found dead, and Ed. Miller, who was injured near Papillion, died of his injuries. At least three other persons are believed to have received fatal injuries. Five Italian railroad laborers were injured on the line of the Burlington railroad between Council Bluffs and Pacific Junction.

Nearly every one of the five towns in the path of the storm—Bellevue, Pappillon, Richfield, Meadows and Louisville—were badly wrecked, and the village of Fort Cook, and the post at that point suffered heavy damage. There are battalions of the Sixteenth Regiment stationed at the fort, and the men were put to work clearing up the debris and putting the barracks in shape. Many of the large buildings were partially unroofed, and a dozen or more large chimneys were blown down and scattered over the fort grounds. Nearly all the trees were blown down.

10,000 CHINESE KILLED. Wall of Water 20 Feet High Sweeps Down River at Hankow.

Victoria, May 14.—News of one of the greatest disasters in China has known a sudden tidal wave in the Yangtze river, which caused the loss of nearly 10,000 lives at Hankow, was brought by the steamer Titan, which arrived Tuesday night. A wave 20 feet in height, without warning, bore down the river, overwhelming some large river steamers. Some 3,000 Chinese sleeping in sampans, and small craft and mat sheds and huts by the river side at Hankow were enveloped by the great tidal wave, which swept the broken junk, splintered sampans and a mass of debris with swarms of drowned Chinese, mixed with the wreckage. The scenes for many days after the disaster were horrible, with the river side strewn with dead, and the debris of wrecked craft for many miles.

Condensed Hog is Latest. St. Paul, Minn., May 14.—Minnesota has developed a hog that is all hams and shoulders. He is a stubby little animal, sadly lacking in spare ribs. One of the new variety has been sent to Chicago for exhibition purposes, and to convince the world that this state can raise pigs that are all quality. A curious feature about the animal is that he has to kneel down when eating in order to get his snout to the ground. He has no neck. When he moves from one place to another he turns around and around as though walking.

Oakland Children Visit Battleships. San Francisco, May 14.—Hundreds of Oakland school children clambered up the sides of the battleships yesterday and for six hours they gave the sailors a lively time. Each boatload of youngsters were permitted to remain on board one hour, when another boatload took their place. In the hour's visit that each enjoyed nothing was overlooked, and Jack had his hands full from the time the first crowd stepped on board until the last crowd left. The children saw everything worth seeing, and what they did not understand their escort had to explain to them.

Take Children From Leprous Parents. Honolulu, May 14.—Thirty-one boys and four girls, non-leprous children of leprous parents, have been brought here from the leper island, Molokai, to be permanently housed away from the leper settlements. The children range in age from 2 to 15 years, and several of them were old enough to appreciate their situation. Despite their dreadful home surroundings, the unfortunate youngsters were grief-stricken by the separation from their parents.

Chinese Students Uphold Japs. Tokio, May 14.—Chinese students in Tokio are protesting against the anti-Japanese boycott being maintained in China. Twelve hundred of them have joined the movement, and are daily holding meetings to voice their feelings. Three hundred students who uphold the Chinese government in this matter are trying to break up the meeting by making noisy demonstrations.

TACOMA PLANS BIG TIME.