

City News

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Rain this afternoon and tonight; Friday cloudy; moderate temperature; strong south, shifting to west winds tonight. Temperature today: minimum, 46 degrees. Maximum Wednesday, 57. Precipitation today, .02 of an inch. Stage of river, 3.2 feet. Direction of wind, south.

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STORM TOLL MOUNTS

New Death Record Set

28 TOWNS OF FIVE STATES LIST LOSSES

High Mark of 800 Deaths in 1884 Bids Fair to be Broken Today

Nineteenth Disaster of Its Kind Leaves Devastation in Wake

CHICAGO, March 19.—(AP)—If the present reports of casualties stand up, yesterday's disaster will show the largest death toll of any tornado in this country.

Previous high records were: 1884, 800 dead, southern states; 1890, 600 dead, St. Louis; 1908, 500 dead, southern states.

LISTS SENT IN

CHICAGO, March 19.—(AP)—Reports of casualties from the tornado which on Wednesday struck five mid-western states, compiled at 1 p. m. today were as follows:

Illinois	Dead	Injured
Murphysboro	250-300	300-500
West Frankfort	113-150	300-400
DeSoto	35-50	150-200
Parrish	25-50	100-150
Griffin	50-100	150
McLeansboro	17	85-100
Logan	14	40-50
Benton	13	50-75
Enfield	12	35-60
Hurst	6	40
Thomsonville	8	60
Bash	5	50
Carroll	2	25
Crossville	1	10
Kentucky		
Glasgow	8	—
Scottsville	4	—
Springfield	2	25
Lexington	1	—
Missouri		
Cape Girardeau	7	25
Ridell	10	50
Atmopola	—	100
Antwerp	1	10
Tennessee		
Wilbour	30	50
Indiana		
Griffin	49-100	250
Princeton	25	60-100
Crossville	15	50-100
Elizabeth	3	10-20
Poseyville	5	30
Totals, minimum est.	705	2,672

NINETEENTH DISASTER

NEW YORK, March 19.—(AP)—Yesterday's tornado in southern Illinois.

Surveyor to Send Lane Route Plans

Specifications for all market road projects of Lane county for the coming year are being prepared under the direction of P. M. Morse, county engineer, to submit to the state highway commission. These projects include the Noti west road, the Crow-Vaughn route and the North Fork, the latter being the only job on which a contract has been let so far. Other market road work includes grading and rocking of the Gimple hill route, Hawkins hill, McCollum gap, and the Mahawk route, according to the engineer.

Robert Strahorn Reaches Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., March 19.—Robert E. Strahorn, president of the Oregon, California and Eastern Railway company, arrived in Portland this morning from San Francisco in the morning from San Francisco in the private car Sunset with the body of his wife, who died Sunday. This evening the car will be attached to the S. P. and S. train arriving at Spokane tomorrow morning. The funeral will be held there Saturday at the First Presbyterian church. Rev. William B. Boone, president of the College of Idaho, a friend of the family, will officiate. Interment will be at Spokane.

Wheel Taken Along Rough Forest Ways

A bicycle wheel, to which a cyclometer is attached, is the method used by the Cascade national forest to measure its trails, says Nelson F. Maeduff, supervisor. Most of the time the wheel is pushed by a man on foot, although sometimes it can be maneuvered on horseback.

This method has been used in this forest for some time, but recently Mr. Maeduff noticed in the National Geographic magazine that an Arabian used the bicycle wheel and cyclometer for the same purpose, but pushing it alongside a camel.

Cascade trails will be well marked this year, it is stated, with approximately 400 signs on the 200 miles of trails. C. R. Lockard, junior forester, has gone to Oakridge to aid J. F. McFarland, district ranger in some special survey work and running trail work. Measuring trails will be done regularly from now on, and special trail reports will be made from time to time.

PALM BEACH'S HOTELS BURN; DAMAGE HIGH

More Than \$4,000,000 Loss Is Estimated in Fire Late Wednesday

Belongings of Rich Burned As Owners Are in Ocean Surf.

PALM BEACH, Fla., March 19.—(AP)—Estimates of the loss here last night when the Breakers hotel and the Palm Beach hotel were destroyed by fire with damage to other property, was placed at \$7,000,000 today by Fire Chief Schaetz of the Palm Beach department.

Previously the loss had been estimated at \$4,000,000.

Authorities continued to investigate rumors that the Breakers hotel, the first building to be attacked by the flames was set afire as a part of a plot to loot the hotel rooms of jewelry and money. Police have arrested a score of persons charged with looting.

FORMER SENATOR C. A. CULBERSON OF TEXAS PASSES

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Former Senator Culbertson of Texas died here early today. He was 70 years old.

Senator Charles Allen Culbertson of Texas, one of the strongest political leaders the Lone Star state has produced, was for many years a prominent figure on the democratic side of the senate chamber, which he entered in 1889 after having served his state in a public capacity for nearly 20 years, including a term as attorney general and two terms as governor.

Although he never lost his firm grip on senate affairs, he was incapacitated for active participation through a stroke suffered in 1908, when he was the minority leader. The condition, due to a nervous disorder, was partially relieved in 1913 and as a member of the finance committee, Senator Culbertson took a prominent part in the anti-trust legislation of that period, but his health again broke down and his nervous trouble developed into paresis, following which he gradually transferred his activities from the capitol to his private suite in the Senate office building. He was somewhat sensitive regarding his physical condition, his associates said, and hesitated to appear frequently in public.

Senator Culbertson was born in Dadeville, Tallapoosa county, Alabama, Oct. 19, 1855, the son of David R. and Eugenia (Kinab) Culbertson.

He was elected to the United States senate in 1890; re-elected in 1905, again in 1911, and for the fourth time in 1916. He was unopposed for his seat in the latter campaign.

Little Is Saved.

The 400 guests registered reported in the highest strata of society, and their pooled wealth would run into the billions. On account of the absence of a majority of the guests at afternoon social activities, few had opportunity to save jewelry or clothing that there had been a loss of life.

No confirmation had come early today of the rumor that an elderly man and woman had lost their lives in the Breakers hotel.

Fighters Conscripted.

Every available man in this region was conscripted to battle the conflagration and the fire departments of West Palm Beach and Miami and other communities were engaged against it, but high winds swept the city and seriously hampered the struggle for control.

As the flames shot up into the blackness along the waterfront and reflected their glare on the sea, nearly half of Palm Beach was in darkness because of trouble in the power plant.

Associated Press Meeting is Called

NEW YORK, March 19.—To provide more time for the discussion of matters of general interest to the members, the board of directors of The Associated Press has called a special meeting of all the members of The Associated Press to be held at 2:30 p. m. in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York, on April 20, one day in advance of the regular annual meeting of Associated Press members. In recent years a one-day session has been found not to provide adequate time for the consideration of essential matters.

The address of Vice-President Dawes to the members of The Associated Press will be delivered at luncheon on the second or regular annual meeting day of the association.

Local Elks Lodge Will Receive Gift

As a gift to the Eugene lodge of Elks on his retirement as exalted ruler, George H. McMorran will present a photographic copy of the declaration of independence of the United States. The copy which is an exact reproduction of the original document in the government archives is 22 by 26 inches. Mr. McMorran closes his term of office as exalted ruler at the meeting of April 8 at which time the new officers headed by Harry Hobbs, exalted ruler, will assume their places.

Defends Leases he Holds on Teapot Dome



HARRY F. SINCLAIR

Harry F. Sinclair is defending the leases he holds on Teapot Dome against the charges of the government that the leases were obtained by fraud, in the court hearing at Cheyenne, Wyoming.

SHEPHERD IS PUT IN FORMER CELL OF LEOPOLD, JR.

CHICAGO, March 19.—William D. Shepherd, father of William McClinton, orphan millionaire, today occupied the same county jail cell in which Nathan Leopold, Jr., awaited trial nine months ago, for killing Robert Franks, while prosecutors investigated a theory that the typhoid germ he is accused of giving McClinton to kill him may have come from the city health department.

They established a connection between two health department employees and the National University of Sciences, whose head, Charles C. Faiman, named with Shepherd in the indictment charging McClinton's murder, said he gave the germs to Shepherd for administering to McClinton.

Included in the list of the faculty of the Faiman school were the names of Winfield S. Hoerger, a health inspector, and Dr. Harry Hand, formerly in the bureau of diptheria control. Until a month ago, prosecutors said, Hoerger's duties had been to receive typhoid and other germ cultures at the city laboratory.

He denied being a faculty member of the school and said he was only a student there. Dr. Hand was listed as the medical director of Faiman's school.

Two Bodies are Found in Mine

FAIRMONT, W. Va., March 19.—(AP)—Two bodies have been found in No. 41 mine of the Betheshem Mines corporation which was wrecked by an explosion Tuesday night imprisoning 34 men. Announcement that the bodies had been found was made by Governor Howard M. Gore, of West Virginia, who is helping to direct the work of rescue.

Mrs. Jennie Higgins Honored by Election

Mrs. Jennie B. Higgins who was a representative from the Eugene camp of Royal Neighbors of America at the state conference in Albany this week was elected supreme delegate to go to the national meet at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in May. Mrs. Higgins returned from Albany today.

Death List is Placed At Minimum of 742; Thousands Are Hurt

Damage Is Inestimable; Whole Towns Are Laid Waste; Rescue Work Starts In Devastated Areas At Once

(By The Associated Press)

Dead estimated at 742 to 900. Injured estimated at 2192 to 3,000. Homeless estimated at 8,000 to 10,000.

A mid-afternoon tornado, the worst hour to strike, when children were packed in schools and workers in stores and shops, yesterday's storm in five mid-western states still held many victims buried and unreported this afternoon.

Where it did the worst damage, the tornado lasted less than five minutes.

It flattened heavily constructed schools and business buildings with worse results than the casualty in lighter dwellings.

Babies in homes were special sufferers. Fires still raging or smouldering and millions of dollars worth of wreckage delayed counts of death lists.

The hardest hit places were two small cities in southern Illinois—West Frankfort and Murphysboro. Nearly all the destruction was in the soft coal fields.

Next to Illinois, the worst sufferers were in Indiana and Missouri with fatal echoes of the twister coming from Tennessee and Kentucky.

Red Cross, state guardsmen, army aviation forces, railroad sources piled into many special trains, and private relief from two of the nation's largest cities, Chicago and St. Louis, with a host of contributions from small cities, concentrated on southern Illinois.

Schoolhouse Stands.

The towns in the wake of the tornado were reported to have been virtually erased from the map while a large section of another was laid to ruins. But one home and a school house were the remaining structures in the village of Parrish in Franklin county, Illinois. The four dwellings left standing at Griffin, Posey county, Indiana, a town of 750 people, were badly damaged. One hundred city blocks at Murphysboro were practically flattened. Seventy blocks in residential section were swept by flames.

Setting a record for swift legislation the members of the Illinois legislature and those in the Missouri assembly respectively passed forward measures appropriating \$500,000 and \$25,000 for relief in the devastated sections. Governor Small of Illinois and a staff left for the storm area.

Scene Described.

In the stricken district in southern Illinois, the storm took its toll in several places in less than five minutes. A brakeman on an Illinois Central train, who witnessed the tragedy at DeSoto, pictured it thus:

"A crash of thunder, preceded by two blinding flashes of lightning, after which there was nothing left of the town."

In a mine near West Frankfort, 300 men were underground. They felt a concussion and fearing disaster flung to the lifts. None of the cages could be operated. When they were able to reach the surface they found a tornado had passed over them. One of the interesting features was reported from this same locality where a rescue worker, notting a baby's shoe protruding from the debris of a mine's home, grasped it to find Henry Reed under the wreckage. She was unhurt.

SPECIAL SESSION OF SENATE ENDS

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Memorable for its breach with the White House over the Warren nomination the special session of the senate which convened March 4, had passed into history today after pushing its turbulent way to the very closing hour.

With the senate's adjournment since die yesterday, congress has closed its doors until the convening of the regular session on the first Monday in December unless called in special session. Of this President Coolidge has indicated no intention.

The senate finished off the record of its session yesterday by again standing on its' with respect to a presidential nomination, refusing to give its approval to the resubmitted nomination of Thomas F. Woodlock of New York to be a member of the interstate commerce commission. The president is expected to give Mr. Woodlock a recess appointment.

In addition to organization of the new senate by which the LaFollette insurgents were removed from committees, the actual record of achievement for the 12 legislative days of the session was confined to ratification of the Isle of Pines treaty and adoption of two investigation resolutions and a few lesser measures.

Agreement also was reached to take on the world court issue next December.

TABLEAU OF DEATH MURPHYSBORO, Ill., March 19

—(AP)—Southern Illinois early today presented a vast tableau of death and destruction and its horror-stricken inhabitants waited anxiously for definite reports of the toll of lives taken by yesterday's tornado which swept clear across the central southern part of the state.

With the stricken towns almost completely isolated, definite reports as to loss of life were lacking, several estimates placed the number well above the thousand mark, with

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