

## CYCLONE AND BLIZZARD CAUSE DEATH EAST, SOUTH AND CENTRAL WEST

### MIDDLE WEST HIT BY WORST STORM OF YEAR

Terrific Blizzard and Zero Weather Throughout the Country—Heavy Snows Tie Up Railroad Traffic East of the Rocky Mountains.

Tales of Calamity Pour in From All Sections—Tornadoes, Cyclones and Torrential Rains in South.

CHICAGO, March 14.—With terrific blizzards and zero temperatures in the north and cyclones and torrential rains in the south, the whole middle west today is in the grip of the worst storm of the winter.

In all directions from Chicago wires are down or working so badly that only the barest bulletins are being received of the devastation wrought. From Nebraska have come reports of two fatal train wrecks on the Union Pacific railroad; Montana and Wyoming are swept by a howling blizzard and all the country along the northern border is suffering from the Great Lakes to the Rockies.

Conditions in South. In the south the conditions except for the cold, are as bad. Meager reports of a cyclone in Columbus, Georgia, indicate that perhaps a score of lives have been lost in a cyclone and a torrential rainstorm there, while Atlanta and other sections of Georgia are expected to add a dozen to the list of dead.

In Chicago street car and elevated traffic is greatly hampered by the storm, and the poorer sections of the city the suffering is intense.

Later advices received from Wyoming state that the storm there is the worst in years. In addition to the wrecks at Cozad and Heardon, Neb., Union Pacific train No. 7 is stalled at Kimball, Neb., and No. 17 is storm bound at Lodgepole.

Conditions on the railroads are fearful and all traffic east of Cheyenne is at a standstill, while laborers are unable to get through the storm to assist the stalled trains.

Centers in Des Moines.

DENVER, Colo., March 14.—With a 50-mile wind blowing, a blizzard is general in northern Colorado, Nebraska and the Dakotas today. Wires are crippled. At noon the storm seemed to center in Des Moines, Iowa, where cyclonic conditions prevailed. It is snowing in northern Iowa and the temperature is dropping everywhere throughout the middle west.

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### WASHINGTON SOLONS END LABORS AFTER STORMY SESSION

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 14.—

The 13th legislature ended its session during the wee hours of this morning passed in addition to a mass of local legislation nine important measures, including: Minimum wage law for women. Mother's pension act. Logged off land bill. Law abolishing hanging. Congressional re-apportionment act. Red light injunction act. Foundation for a state highway plan.

Initiative, referendum and recall laws to make the constitutional amendments on these points effective. Important bills which were blocked include: Presidential primary, non-partisan election, direct election of senators, initiation of constitutional amendments, recall of judges, statewide prohibition, anti-treating law.

### TWO WRECKS DUE TO STORM IN NEBRASKA

Four Killed and Eight Injured at Cozad and Four Others Expected to Die at Heardon From Rear-End Collisions During Terrific Blizzard.

Blinding Snow Storm Prevents Engineers From Seeing Signal Lights and Trains Telescope Each Other.

OMAHA, Neb., March 14.—Four persons were killed and eight injured when Union Pacific passenger train No. 12 plunged into the rear of train No. 4 at Cozad, Neb., at midnight during the worst blizzard of the winter. A sleeper and one day coach were derailed. Rescuers are en route to the scene of the wreck, but few details of which have been received as wires are crippled by the storm.

The wrecked train crashed into the rear of a Pullman car, partially telescoping the latter. The trainmen narrowly prevented the wreck from burning. Those killed were crushed to death in their berths.

News of four other probable deaths in a wreck with the blizzard as its cause arrived here today from Heardon, Neb. There two Union Pacific freight trains piled up in a rear-end collision, and the engineer, brakeman and two stockmen are missing, and are believed to be dead.

August Meyers and Mrs. August Meyers, of Long Beach, Cal., were among those killed in the wreck. Three of the injured are expected to die. State Railroad Commissioners Howell and Clarke left Lincoln at noon for the scene to investigate the cause of the wreck.

It is reported here that a blinding snow storm prevented the engineer of the wrecked train from seeing the signal lights of an automatic block signal in time to slow up.

### REBELS CAPTURE NOGALES AFTER BLOODY BATTLE

NOGALES, Ariz., March 14.—

Nogales, Sonora, is in the hands of the state rebels today after one of the bloodiest engagements in the history of Arizona border warfare. It is estimated that 100 are dead and 200 wounded as the result of two attacks by the rebels upon the federal post, which fell at sundown, the Mexican regulars crossing into American territory and surrendering their arms to American army officers.

After a first attack that continued throughout the morning, during which 17 federals were killed and a dozen wounded, the rebels ceased firing about noon. Desultory firing marked the afternoon prior to a second general attack at about 5 o'clock. It was during this exchange that casualties were heaviest on both sides.

The climax of the battle came when Allen A. Umfleet, a private of troop C, Fifth United States Cavalry, who was on border patrol duty, was shot through the face, by a federal bullet. Lieutenant Tait, commanding the Americans, immediately despatched a message to Colonel Kostoritzky, commanding the main body of federals, which said:

"You have shot one of my men. Cease firing at once or I shall be after you."

Firing from the federal barricade ceased almost at once, the Mexican "cease firing" bugle call having been sounded from the American side of the border.

During this lull, the defenders marched across the line and laid down their arms.

### 65 LOSE LIFE BY CYCLONE IN SUNNY SOUTH

Meager Reports Received of Devastation Assert Property Loss May Reach Ten Million Dollars—Some Reports Place Death List at 150.

Columbia, Georgia, Among Stricken Cities—Several Blocks Destroyed and Many Persons Killed.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 14.—At least 65 persons were killed in the tornado which swept several districts of the south today, according to meager reports received here this afternoon. Wires are down to most points and it is believed this list will be increased when communication is restored.

One report estimated the property damage at \$10,000,000; other report says this figure is excessive, and that the loss will not exceed \$3,000,000.

At a late hour this afternoon communication with a score of small towns was interrupted. Wild reports of from 100 to 150 dead were received from several sources, but these were not generally credited. Details of the storm are not expected for several days.

COLUMBUS, Ga., March 14.—Several persons are reported to have been killed in a cyclone here today which destroyed several city blocks. Many persons were injured. A terrific rain storm followed the cyclone.

The Racine hotel here, at which the St. Louis National League baseball team is stopping, was damaged. The building was rocked until the ceilings fell and windows crashed in. Several of the ball players were struck by plastering but all escaped serious injury.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 14.—Most of the territory in Georgia affected by today's storm is isolated. Meager details received here report five persons missing from points near this city, and these are believed to be dead.

### MYSTERY TURTLE SERUM EXPLAINED

NEW YORK, March 14.—

Some of the mystery woven about Dr. Frederick Franz Friedmann's tuberculosis culture was removed here today by the scientist's brother, Dr. A. C. H. Friedmann, of Colorado Springs. "The basis of the cure," said Dr. Friedmann, "is a serum secured from a turtle having tuberculosis. In its original form it is virulent and a toxic. My brother, after many experiments, discovered how to remove its virulence. He injects the original culture into a healthy turtle, thereafter transferring it from turtle to turtle until a non-virulent bacilli is obtained."

The exact number of transfers necessary before the bacilli reaches the desired state is a secret. Dr. Friedmann explained the method to Dr. Noble, a physician of Seattle, Wash. He said the dose given is less than one centigram, the bacilli multiplying rapidly in the system.

### CUBA TO MODIFY THE AMNESTY LAW



The application of the general amnesty law for Cubes signed by President José Miguel Gómez, has been suspended pending the preparation for submission of a statement by the Secretary of the Interior fully defining the scope of the law which will be effective for all classes of prisoners.

### TRAIN IS BLOWN OFF TRESTLE INTO TENNESSEE RIVER

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 14.—

A Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway passenger train is believed to have been lost on the Duck River branch below Lexington, Tenn. Railroad officials here this afternoon feel sure the train was blown from the track by a cyclone and swept into the Middle Tennessee river.

All communication with the district is severed and the fate of the passengers is not known. The company is besieged with inquiries from anxious relatives of the passengers on the lost train.

Latest reports received here place the number of dead in this state at 10, with five others probably fatally injured in the storm.

The depot at Pleasant Grove, Tenn., was splintered by the tornado, but six passengers, who were waiting inside were uninjured.

### WOMAN DENIES SHARING LOOT

MILWAUKEE, March 14.—

After Mrs. Clarkson was arrested she denied that she ever was in want or that she had written a letter of woe to burglar Conn.

"I was a fool to elope with Conn," she said. "I realized my mistake in a few days. I had trouble with my husband five years before I left him. He refused to take me back or allow me to see the children."

"I met my husband while I was in Chicago with Conn last Christmas, and at that time he threatened to shoot us both. When I left Conn I went to Omaha and sought work as a stenographer. I could not find employment so I returned to Chicago. Later I came here."

"The report that I shared Conn's \$100,000 loot is not true. I want to return home and start anew. If my husband will take me back everything will be different."

No specific charge has been lodged against Mrs. Clarkson. She is merely being held upon request of the San Francisco authorities.

### UNSCRAMBLING PLAN IS UPSET BY CALIFORNIA

State Railroad Commission Refuses Sanction for Unmerging of Harriman Lines as Proposed by Wicks—Up to Federal Court.

Not Necessary for Central Pacific to Be Sold or Leased to Union Pacific—Makes for Discrimination.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 14.—Flat opposition to the new "unscrambling" plan for the Harriman merger was announced today here by the California State Railroad Commission unless the plan presented by the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific officials, is so modified that all railroads will be allowed equal traffic and trackage privileges with the roads concerned in the merger.

This decision was reached after considering Western Pacific opposition to the plans of Judge Robert S. Lovett and was announced from the offices of the commission here this afternoon.

The decision puts the whole matter up to the United States Circuit court in St. Louis, which has the dissolution plan under consideration, and when that court finally presents its plan under an order, then the commission will take further action. The decision says that the commission does not believe it is necessary for the Central Pacific to be sold or leased to the Union Pacific to carry out the plan, but that the commission has no jurisdiction over the sale.

The commission stands on its view that if any traffic agreement is made between the Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific giving the latter rights over the Benicia cutoff, it will be necessary to give the same rights to any other road.

### MATHIESON CHARGED MURDER OF WIFE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 14.—

Despite the fact that she exonerated him in an auto-motive statement, Captain Fred Mathieson of Ross, Cal., is charged here today with the murder of his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Mathieson. Mrs. Mathieson, before her death in a hospital here, declared her wound was caused by the accidental discharge of a pistol which her husband was cleaning.

Evidence was brought before the coroner's jury, however, to show that Mathieson appeared to be intoxicated when the shooting occurred, and that the couple had quarreled frequently.

### HEARST PAPER SUES FOR CRIMINAL LIBEL

CHICAGO, March 14.—

Following his charge in an editorial in the Manufacturers' News that the Hearst papers are backing the white slave probe here for the purpose of forcing more advertising, two warrants for criminal libel were sworn out here today against John Glenn, publisher of the News.

Andrew Lawrence, publisher of the Hearst papers, secured the warrants.

### ALLIES DEMAND \$300,000,000 PRICE OF PEACE

Balkan States Insist That Turks Surrender Adrianople, Scutari and Cede Aegean Isles Besides Paying Immense War Indemnity to Allies.

Servians Reported to Have Massacred Albanians—Bulgars Repulsed in Attack Upon Adrianople.

SOFIA, March 14.—Formal reply to the powers' offer to mediate in the Balkan-Turkish war was made by the allies here today. The Balkan states insist that the Turks surrender Adrianople and Scutari, cede the Aegean Islands and pay a war indemnity of \$200,000,000. The allies agree to assume a portion of the public debt of Turkey, assessed against that portion of the Ottoman territory which is demanded by the Balkan states.

BERLIN, March 14.—The slaughter of 300 Albanians, inhabitants of Lillium, in Turkish Korsova, without a trial by Servian officials, is reported in dispatches received today from Constantinople.

Other dispatches from the Ottoman capital declared that Bulgarians had again attempted to overwhelm the Turkish fortress at Adrianople, but were repulsed with heavy losses.

### HUMPHREYS BOYS MUST HANG FOR KILLING WOMAN

SALEM, Ore., March 14.—

George and Charles Humphreys, adjudged guilty by the lower court for Benton county and by the supreme court of Oregon of the murder of Mrs. Eliza Griffith, will expiate their crime by hanging. The death sentence will not be commuted. Governor West made this announcement today after a conference with Rev. G. Lee of the Episcopal church, one of those who has petitioned the governor to save the lives of the condemned men.

Governor West has, however, granted a reprieve of one day out of respect to rites of the Episcopal church in observing Good Friday, and the men will die on Saturday, March 22, instead of Friday, March 21. The Humphreys come of an Episcopal family. Rev. Lee has administered to them since they have been in prison and will attend them on the gallows. He has asked the governor to grant the short reprieve as a consideration of the family and of his own feelings as a clergyman in the Episcopal church.

### VARIANT VIEWS BOURBON ECONOMY

WASHINGTON, March 14.—

Taking diametrically different views in regard to Democratic economy, Congressman Fitzgerald, chairman of the appropriations committee, and former Congressman Cannon commented today on the report that the last congress provided for appropriations totalling \$1,098,647,960 in both the vetoed and unvetted bills.

Fitzgerald praised Bourbon economy; Cannon denounced the Democrats for "ill-considered extravagance." Fitzgerald urged the appointment of a budget committee to have charge of appropriations; Cannon called the budget scheme impracticable, and advised a resumption of the "czar system" in the house, by which the speaker appoints all committees.

### BANKERS PROVE EMBEZZLERS OF LARGE AMOUNT

Trusted Employees of San Francisco Bank Short in Accounts—Assistant Cashier Shy Over \$100,000—Money Spent in Speculation.

Chief Clerk of Trust Department of Another Bank Makes Away With \$14,000 in High Living.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 14.—Charged with being over \$100,000 short in his accounts as assistant cashier of the Crocker National bank here, Charles F. Baker, one of the most trusted employees of the institution, a self-made man and a pillar of an Oakland church, is reported near death today at his handsome home in Piedmont. Whether prosecution will be started rests with the surety company according to Vice President J. J. Fagan of the bank, who stated that the bank was fully covered by insurance.

At Least \$100,000 Shy. Fagan said that the exact amount of the alleged embezzlement had not yet been ascertained, but that the bank officials only worry over the situation is that a trusted and much loved man had misappropriated funds entrusted to him.

That Baker speculated in stocks and had been carrying on his use of the bank funds for a long time is the opinion of officers of the bank. Personally he was a man of simple tastes and his family did not live extravagantly, it is said.

Second Banker Goes Wrong.

Charged with the specific embezzlement of the bank's funds, Rupert T. Hooper, head of the trust department of the Mercantile National bank here, is being sought by the police today. According to John D. McKee, vice president and cashier of the bank, Hooper's actual defalcations exceed \$14,000.

Hooper, who maintained a fashionable establishment here, has a wife and six children. He has been with the bank eight years.

Officials of the bank would not discuss the means by which Hooper is alleged to have mulcted the institution.

### SONORA PLANS TO SECEDE FROM OLD MEXICO

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 14.—

Following up their capture of Nogales, the rebels today launched a campaign against General Ojeda, federal commander, who evacuated Agua Prieta Wednesday with 450 troops to march to the relief of Nogales. Colonel Calles, with 400 rebel infantry, and Colonel Braconote, with 350 cavalry and infantry, started westward from Agua Prieta shortly before noon today on Ojeda's trail.

Ojeda is believed to have joined forces with the weak federal garrison at Naco, twenty-five miles west of Agua Prieta, on the Arizona border. If this is true, the final stand of the federals in Northern Sonora probably will be made at Naco tomorrow.

General Obregon, who occupied Nogales late yesterday, probably will send a strong detachment to reinforce Calles and Braconote before Naco, which is the only post in the northern zone of Sonora still held by the federals.

Reports were current today that a declaration of independence of Sonora from Mexico will be promulgated following the almost inevitable capture of Naco.

### THE NEW PRESIDENT DELIVERING HIS INAUGURAL SPEECH.



President Woodrow Wilson is pictured in the above photograph while delivering his inaugural speech at Washington.