

EASTERN BLIZZARD KILLS SCORES

21 LOSE LIFE 500 INJURED IN TWENTY STATES

Blizzard Grips Region West of Rocky Mountains—Towns Wiped Out in South—Missouri Valley Center of Storm's Path—Wind Reaches Gale.

Three Southern States Worst Sufferers—Wires Down and Few Details From Storm Swept Area.

MOBILE, Ala., March 21.—Reports that fifteen persons were killed in a tornado which practically destroyed Lower Peachtree, Louisiana, last night, were confirmed this afternoon. Nurses and doctors were rushed to the scene on special trains. The dead include L. D. Bryant and family; James Clark, two members of the Cooper family and G. E. Williamson and son.

CHICAGO, March 21.—Twenty-one persons met death and five hundred were injured in a storm and blizzard which is raging today in nearly every state east of Montana. Most of the fatalities occurred in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Missouri, where several towns are reported wiped out and in three states, the storm approximated a blizzard.

Wire communication with the storm swept districts is prostrated, and it is almost certain that the death list will be increased when it is restored.

Poplar Bluff Destroyed.
Poplar Bluff, Mo., a town of 7,000 inhabitants is reported destroyed with seven persons dead and more than one hundred injured. The storm left hardly a building standing at Hoxie, Ark., where four persons are reported dead and fifty injured.

At Saline, Louisiana, a town of two hundred inhabitants, five persons were killed and thirty injured. Sixty buildings were demolished. Walnut Ridge, Ark., another Arkansas town reports one dead and ten injured. Several other persons were killed in Indiana towns by falling signs and in other accidents.

Twenty states are held in the grasp of the storm, and the damage to crops is conservatively estimated this afternoon at \$2,500,000.

The Missouri valley is in the center of the storm's path and the gale is playing havoc with buildings and other property. The weather bureau here holds out little hope for immediate relief.

DOCTOR ON TRIAL FOR RACE SUICIDE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 21.—The trial of Dr. L. L. Lampert of Sacramento, who, with many other practitioners in all the large cities of the country, was indicted by a federal grand jury for illegal use of the mails during the nation-wide campaign by the government against race suicide last year, began here today before United States Judge Van Fleet in the district court.

United States Attorney John L. McNab conducted the prosecution. Lampert was indicted on six counts after he had replied to decoy letters sent him by postoffice inspectors in Washington, D. C., and in this city.

Lampert declared on the stand that he had always kept within the law and that he had been "trapped." He admitted, however, that he had accepted fees from the lowest grade of humanity in order to make a living. His wife was in court and during the closing arguments was remanded for breaking into tears.

GALE SWEEPS EAST LEAVING PATH OF DEATH

Twelve Persons Reported Killed From Memphis—Eighty Mile Gale in Michigan—Buildings Collapse and Many Structures Demolished.

Ohio Shivers in Sixty-Mile Gale—Many Buildings Unroofed—Indiana Suffers Heavy Damage.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 21.—Twelve persons are reported killed and nearly two hundred injured, some probably fatally, in a tornado which last night swept the states of Arkansas and Missouri, razing several towns.

Four persons are reported dead and 50 injured, at Hoxie, Ark., which town was practically destroyed by the storm.

Seven were killed and a hundred injured at Poplar Bluff, Mo., and one killed and ten hurt at Walnut Ridge, Ark. Poplar Bluff was practically wiped out.

Reports received here late today say that four persons were killed and twenty hurt in a cyclone which swept north Mississippi early today.

The storm in eastern Arkansas was especially severe, scores of houses being demolished. Three men attempting to cross the St. Francis river were in the water three hours before they were rescued. The storm caused their gasoline launch to capsize.

80 Mile Gale in Michigan.

DETROIT, Mich., March 21.—One fatality is already reported today in the eighty mile gale which is sweeping this state. Wire service is demoralized, and great havoc is being done to buildings here and elsewhere.

When the gale struck Detroit it took off part of the roof of the unfinished Hotel Charlevoix, caused the collapse of several other buildings and littered the streets with debris. Many persons were hurt by flying glass and falling signs. A ferryboat was stranded in the middle of the Detroit river and was berthed with great difficulty.

Heavy damage is reported from Niles, Ypsilanti, Battle Creek, Adrian, Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo and other Michigan towns. At Mount Clemens a fire followed the gale and several buildings were burned.

Ohio Feels Blizzard.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 21.—Rocked by a sixty-mile gale, Cleveland shivered this afternoon in one of the worst blizzards of the winter. Several residences and buildings have been unroofed and street car traffic is practically at a standstill.

Reports from Tiffin, Ohio, say that a smokestack blew over there, killing

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RED LIGHT LAW IN CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO, March 21.—By a vote of 62 to 17 the lower house of the California legislature stands today on record as favoring the wiping out of a tenderloin market for women.

The five hours devoted to discussion of the Grant-Bohnert red light abatement and injunction measure, as it is called, were not consumed in argument on the merits or faults of the bill so much as in explanation by practically every assemblyman of his prospective vote.

The efficacy of the recall and of direct legislation by the people of the state was sounded in practically every speech before the final vote.

After the vote, the representatives of the women from all over the state who had made this their great fight held a jubilation meeting. The senate will act on the bill within a few days.

MEMBERS OF MADERO FAMILY TO HOLD MEETING IN THE UNITED STATES IN AN EFFORT TO RE-ESTABLISH THEIR LOST FORTUNES



AUSTRIA READY TO DECLARE WAR AGAINST ALLIES

VIENNA, March 21.—Driven to definite action by the storm of public protest against Montenegrin activities at Scutari, it is unofficially stated here today that Austria is preparing an ultimatum for Montenegro.

It is believed that Italy has been sounded out and is prepared to uphold Austrian action to enforce the demands made against Montenegro for action at Scutari, and on Serbia for immediate cessation of the fortifying of Durazzo.

Both Italy and Austria, it is believed, will maintain by force of arms, if necessary, the decision of the powers that Scutari shall be part of an autonomous Albania.

ONE KILLED, MANY HURT WHEN CAR RUNS AWAY

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—Killing one and injuring half a dozen others during its flight, a new Geary Street car, in tow of an Ellis Street car, broke away at the top of a steep grade here early today, and plunging madly down the hill, wrecked two other cars before it came to a stop.

Crashing headlong into an oncoming Ellis Street car, whose motorman could not see the flying, unlighted juggernaut in the darkness, the runaway injured six men who were in the Ellis Street car. Then it sent the Ellis Street car speeding ahead. Both cars were brought up when the wild procession rammed another Ellis Street car, from which all passengers escaped.

CONSTANTINE TAKES OATH AS MONARCH

ATHENS, March 21.—The oath was administered today to King Constantine here in the chamber of deputies. The ceremony was brief and simple. Later the king left for Salonica, announcing that he would return here next Thursday with the body of his father, the late King George, who was assassinated by Aleko Schinas.

GREEN BAY, Wis., March 21.—Eight inches of snow fell here last night, accompanied by a high north-west wind, which piled up huge drifts. Wires in all directions are prostrated, and trains are from two to five hours late.

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LEFT TO RIGHT: MRS. E. ZIBON, MRS. T. MADERO, MRS. ANGELA MADERO, AND JULIO MADERO.



LEFT TO RIGHT: ANTONIO MADERO, THE MADERO ZIBON CHILDREN OF THE STORM.

Ten members of the Madero family have recently arrived in New York and unite in denunciation of the new administration in Mexico.

TURKISH CRUISER SINKS GUNBOATS OWNED BY GREECE

LONDON, March 21.—Information that the Turkish cruiser Hamidieh has sunk two Greek gunboats in a hot battle in the Aegean sea was received here today in cablegrams from Alexandria, Egypt, to which port the news was brought by the Khedive's yacht, which learned of the facts by intercepting a wireless message.

The Greeks are said to have fired on the Turkish boat. The Turks are reported to have shown no quarter and to have continued the fire on the Greeks in the water.

ANOTHER ARREST IN EATON POISON CASE

PLYMOUTH, Mass., March 21.—Another arrest is expected here today as a result of the mysterious poisoning of Rear Admiral Joseph G. Eaton at his home in Norwell, Mass. The name of the local suspect is being kept secret. A special grand jury will convene here next week to consider the latest developments in the case.

Following reports that the arsenic which caused Eaton's death was purchased here, the police are busy today endeavoring to identify the purchaser.

STANFORD IS SECOND AMONG RICH COLLEGES

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., March 21.—Stanford is the second wealthiest institution of its kind in America, according to statistics compiled here today. The eight universities in the list are:

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PIONEER TALKS OF AMENDING CITY CHARTER

J. S. Howard, Founder of Medford, Declares that Proposed Amendment Protects Them From Insolence of Would-be Masters.

Attitude of Mayor an Encroachment Upon the Rights of the People—Mitchell's Attitude Censured.

To the editor: The charter amendment to be voted upon tomorrow is one of the most desirable amendments ever presented to the people of Medford inasmuch as it protects the people from the insolence of their would-be masters (yes, master is an ugly word when considered by free-born Americans). It was the ill advised encroachments on the people's rights that gave birth to the spirit of "76" and that spirit of freedom and maintaining our rights against any aggressive encroachments is as manifest and cherished by every free man of our country as it was in the time of our forefathers.

Any disposition to say "the people be damned" will be resented in no uncertain terms; for instance our present mayor represents less than one-fourth of the people of Medford. He is chairman of the council, has not even a vote in the council. The charter gives him the power to name the heads of the different departments subject to the approval of the council. If the council rejects the mayor's nomination, he is supposed to present other names until one is found acceptable to the council.

REGISTER VOTERS AT ALL TIMES BY NEW LAW

SALEM, March 21.—Attention is today directed to the new registration law enacted by the recent legislature by an interpretation of it made by Attorney General Crawford.

Under the new law which takes effect June 1, the attorney general points out that the county clerks must be prepared at all times to register voters, beginning with the day the law goes into effect. The county clerk must appoint precinct registrars who will be authorized to take registrations. Then when a voter is once registered it will not be necessary for him to register again, unless he changes his address.

The law provides that the registration shall cease thirty days before the primary or general elections, and fifteen days prior to a special election, and that a person who is not registered cannot vote.

One registration is sufficient for both general and city elections.

SWITCHMEN SUBMIT GRIEVANCES TO BOARD

CHICAGO, March 21.—Representatives of 5,000 switchmen asserted an immediate strike here today by deciding to submit their grievances against 19 railroads centering here to a conciliation board consisting of Judge Martin Knapp of the commerce court, Labor Commissioner Neill and Interstate Commerce Commissioner Clark.

HEART FAILURE MAY ATTACK POPE ANY TIME

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COUNCILMAN IS ARRESTED UPON TWO CHARGES

G. H. Millar, Socialist From Third Ward, Arrested Upon Old Charge of Selling Liquor to Minor and Upon Charge of Immorality.

Friends Claim Arrests Made to Influence Election Tomorrow and Result of Mayor's Threat to Get Him.

Failing to make the first case against Councilman G. H. Millar stick, he was re-arrested this afternoon upon an immoral charge, refused time to prepare a defense and rushed to trial at once. After evidence by the prosecution was submitted the defendant was given until Tuesday to prepare his defense. The course followed permitted the charges against Millar to have wide spread circulation on the eve of election, without giving him a chance to defend himself until after election.

Evidence submitted by the prosecution consisted of testimony of Mrs. Julia Levenberry, who for the past three years has conducted the Royal rooming house, and Meno Davis, who admitted on the stand that the reason he went to City Attorney Boggs was because of a personal grievance against Millar. Their testimony was not damaging.

A Political Move.

Politics showed its hand more clearly than ever in the charges against George H. Millar, socialist councilman from the third ward, this afternoon when he was arrested upon a second charge, that of immorality, shortly after 1 o'clock, and at 1:30 o'clock forced to go to trial. Upon a plea by his attorney, Gus Newberry, that he be given a chance to secure witnesses, City Attorney Boggs asked Mayor Eifert, sitting as judge, to allow him to offer the testimony for the city today, agreeing to allow Millar such time as he needed to round up witnesses for the defense.

High Handed Manner.

"What great political exigency is this?" thundered Newberry, "that calls for this high handed manner of conducting a trial?"

Boggs was insistent upon getting in the testimony today, Eifert granting his request.

The second charge was brought against Millar today. It charges that he was guilty on a blank day of January of immoral practices at the Royal rooming house in this city. The complaint was sworn to by Chief of Police Hittson.

Robert G. Smith of Grants Pass has been retained to assist City Attorney Boggs with the prosecution.

Mayor Eifert sustained the demurrer filed by the defendant's attorney to the first complaint alleging sale of liquor to a minor on the ground that no specific instance was charged.

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TENER PROMISES TO AID O'HARA

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 21.—Lieutenant Governor Barrett O'Hara of Illinois, with the "starvation wages" investigating committee of the Illinois senate, arrived here at one o'clock today. They were the guests of honor at a luncheon given by Governor John K. Tener of Pennsylvania at a local hotel. Upon his arrival here, O'Hara said:

"I want Pennsylvania to consider the movement for better conditions for working girls. Investigation shows that a large portion of vice cases are the result of large business establishments employing girls at low wages. I will readily admit that low wages are not the only or even the principal causes of vice but they are a contributing cause and can be remedied."

O'Hara and Governor Tener conferred this afternoon. Governor Tener declared later that the white slave investigation reflected unjustly on the working girls, but he promised to co-operate with O'Hara.

WOOLGROWERS WIN RATE CASE

SALEM, Ore., March 21.—After continuous fighting, begun five years ago, Oregon wool growers today won a victory by obtaining from the railroads in the state a reduction of over 45 per cent in the freight rates on wool that obtained at the time the fight was started.

At a formal hearing being held here today, the railroad commission issued an order to all the railroads in Oregon that had not already issued tariffs in conformity with the lower rates, compelling them to file new tariffs, effective May 1. The larger roads have anticipated this action, and within the last few days have been filing tariffs satisfying the complaints before the commission.

This reduction affects all wool shipped in carload lots from points in Oregon to Portland.