

SEVEN KILLED BY IOWA CYCLONE

RUIN AND DEATH LEFT IN WAKE OF WIND STORM

Tornado Sweeps Northwestern Iowa—Quarter Million Property Loss and Seven Killed—Child Torn From Father's Arms and Dashed to Death Against Farm House.

SIoux CITY, Ia., June 6.—The tornado which swept across northwestern Iowa last night killed seven and injured twelve, according to reports received today in Sioux City.

The known dead were: P. W. Verman, Sanborn; Patrick Dougherty, Sanborn; Mc-Nutt, and child, Archer; Island and child, Archer; William Hills, Sanborn; Howard Hills, Sanborn; William McDaniels, Maroon.

The seriously injured: M. G. Finch, Sanborn, seriously; J. B. Long, Sanborn, seriously; Mrs. G. W. Bonner, Sanborn, seriously; Edward Dykstra, three years, near Hospers, probably fatally; D. Dykstra, near Hospers; Mrs. Harry Houghton, near Hospers.

The tornado hit Sanborn about 5:30 last evening, leaving rain and death in its wake.

Near Archer the storm tore the child of John Island from its father's arms and dashed it to death against the side of the farmhouse.

Near Hospers the storm struck the farm home of James Allen and five members of the family were injured and the buildings wrecked.

At Sanborn the damage totals \$250,000. Two elevators, the city water tower, the electric light plant and a lumber yard were swept away by the storm, which struck here about 6 o'clock. The fact that there were fatalities did not develop until today, when the bodies of Mrs. Finch and Verman, a lad of 16 years of age, were found at their ruined homes.

FIGHT IN AUTO ENDS IN MURDER AND A SUICIDE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 6.—A fight in an automobile resulted today in the shooting of George E. Platt, president of the Los Angeles Creamery company, and the suicide of Clifford Deyoe, a real estate agent. Deyoe, whom Platt had invited to ride downtown with him, attacked Platt as the car sped along a boulevard. Platt either was thrown or jumped from the machine, and as he fell, Deyoe fired a bullet into his back.

Lloyd Horton, on a motorcycle, riding abreast of the automobile, says Platt fell. After seeing Platt prostrate, Deyoe re-entered the machine and fired into his own head.

The fight is said to have started as the result of a dispute over the merits of a certain contractor as a householder.

Platt was paralyzed by the bullet and when taken to a hospital was unconscious. Surgeons say he has but slight chance for recovery. Deyoe was said to have been slightly unbalanced mentally.

SUFFRAGETTE ARSON SQUADS KEEP AT IT

LONDON, June 6.—The action of the arson suffragist squads today was continued when the women set fire to and destroyed a fine mansion near Highwycombe, in Buckinghamshire, about thirty miles from London. The mansion was filled with valuable furniture and objects of art. The usual suffrage literature was found about the grounds. The house adjoined the historic parish church which is believed to have the real objective of the women who were, however, unable to obtain admittance.

SENATE TO ACT ONLY UPON ONE OF TRUST BILLS

Trade Commission Measure Only Bill to Be Reported by Senate—Action Construed by Many as Indication of Limitation of Administration's Program at Present Session.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—The senate interstate commerce committee voted today to report out only the trade commission measure of the trust bills. The action was construed by many as an indication of limitation of the administration's program at the present session of congress.

There was no record vote. In a general discussion some senators opposed the motion and others declared themselves opposed even to the bill at the present time. Chairman Newlands said the committee later might take up supplemental legislation and issued this statement:

Fears Are Groundless

"The committee determined today to segregate the trade commission from the supplemental legislation and authorized me to present an amendment in the nature of a substitute for my original bill for a trade commission. The committee concluded to name the trade commission, the federal trade commission, instead of the interstate trade commission, in order to clearly distinguish it from the interstate commerce commission.

"The fear expressed that this bill will inaugurate a wholesale inquisition of the 250,000 corporations of the country is groundless. This power is substantially the same as is now possessed by the bureau of corporation, and certainly the powers of that bureau have not been exercised in such a way as to annoy the honest business of the country.

Continue Trust Inquiry

"The committee will continue its consideration of supplemental legislation regarding interlocking directories, holding companies, railway securities, etc., and its action may be in the line of amendments to the trade commission bill or some other legislation."

Some legislators declared the committee's action did not foreshadow a curtailment of the trust program at this session. Those inclined to the view that it may, pointed out that the committee's action came after conferences with some of the members with the president and emphasized the pressure for an adjournment before the fall campaign.

ARIZONA SUSPECT KENNET MURDERER

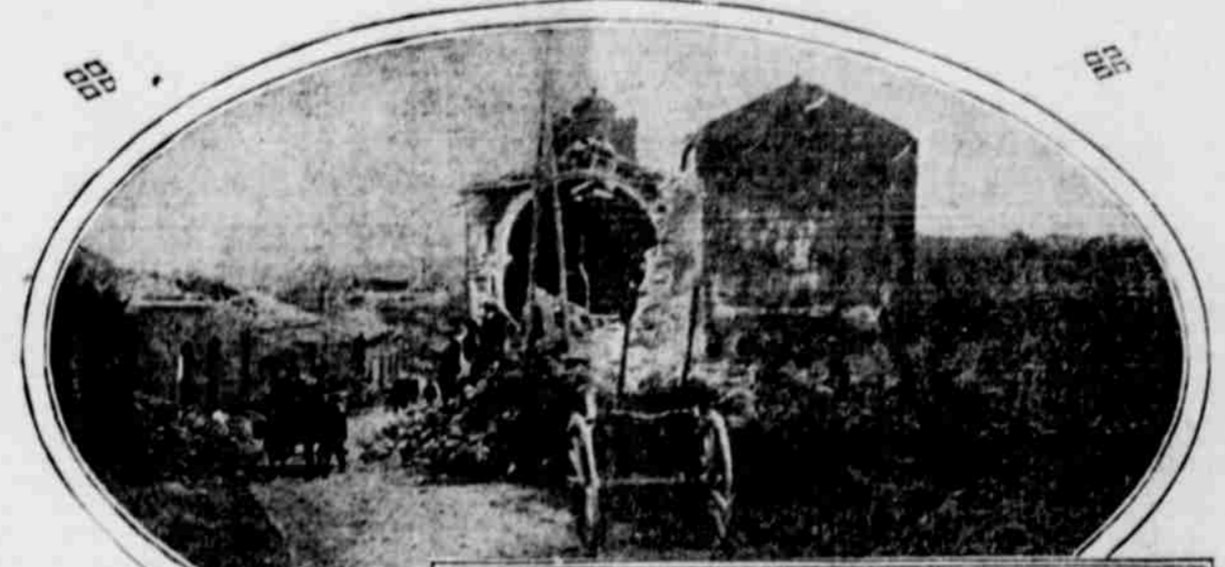
REDDING, Cal., June 6.—Walter W. Keerman, in jail at Tombstone, Ariz., charged with the murder of J. E. Harrell, a Los Angeles bank clerk, has confessed to the murder of Frances White, a woman of the underworld at Kennet, Cal., April 15, according to a telegram received today by District Attorney Chenoweth from Sheriff Harry C. Wheeler of Tombstone. The woman's body was found in a house with the door padlocked, her head crushed by blows from a hammer, two days after the murder.

AMERICAN WINNER OF AERIAL DERBY

LONDON, June 6.—W. L. Brook, the only American entrant among the eleven competitors in the "aerial derby," was awarded today the gold cup and a purse of \$1000 as the winner of the first prize.

Louis Noel of France, although he was the first to complete the ninety-five mile circuit of London, was disqualified because he missed a turning point and one observation post.

FIRST PHOTOGRAPHS OF DISASTROUS EARTHQUAKE AT SICILY.



RUINS OF A SICILIAN CHURCH AFTER RECENT DESTRUCTIVE EARTHQUAKE.

ROCKEFELLER TOO SICK TO TESTIFY STATES ATTORNEY

WASHINGTON, June 6.—When the Inter-State Commerce Commission resumed its investigation of financial affairs of the New Haven railroad on Garver, attorney for Wm. Rockefeller, made a statement, that according to Mr. Rockefeller's physician, it would be dangerous for Mr. Rockefeller to come to Washington and testify.

He told of a serious condition of Mr. Rockefeller's throat, and said what the physician feared was that any concentrated effort, such as would be caused by giving testimony, would bring about a nervous condition that would so aggravate Mr. Rockefeller's affection it might prove fatal. Mr. Garver said it was impossible for Mr. Rockefeller to write, as he was afflicted with palsy.

Chief Counsel Joseph W. Folk asked Mr. Garver if it was not true Mr. Rockefeller recently had attended meetings of the New Haven board. Mr. Garver replied Mr. Rockefeller's attendance at such meetings was largely formal; that it was something he was in the habit of doing and involved no nervous strain.

ADLAI STEVENSON DYING AT CHICAGO

CHICAGO, June 6.—Adlai E. Stevenson, vice-president of the United States, under President Cleveland, seriously ill at the Presbyterian hospital was no better today. Weakness incident to his eighty years and the nervous breakdown he suffered after the death of his wife six months ago, told against the veteran statesman.

A critical turn in his condition was expected within 24 hours. His son, Louis and other members of the family were at his bedside today.

SQUEEZING OUTSIDER FOR LAST CENT UNJUST POLICY

To the Editor: I notice that the city council has seen fit to practically double the rates on water to outside users. Being one of those effected I would like to say a few words on the side of the consumer.

The question is simply one of fair dealing and I do not think that the council realizes how serious a thing it is to many people.

If Medford was short of water there might be some reason in this action but it is a well known fact that even in the driest months a large stream runs constantly to waste.

RAPP'S LOVING NOTES TO NONNIE READ IN COURT

CHICAGO, June 6.—Letters teeming with words of affection and testimony concerning close association between William Rapp, Jr., and Mrs. Catherine E. Dean in her New York home, were presented today in the hearing of the divorce suit of Mrs. Schumann-Heink against her husband, William Rapp, Jr.

Miss Frances J. Ashton, an auburn haired nurse, who for five months lived in Mrs. Dean's apartments, was questioned and her close acquaintance with the doings of Mrs. Dean and Mr. Rapp kept the attention of the crowded courtroom and apparently were of intense interest to the diva, who listened intently. A letter identified by Miss Ashton as having been sent by Mr. Rapp to Mrs. Dean was introduced in evidence.

Some of its sentences were: "Dear Nonnie: This morning brought me a windfall—the three letters from you and a postal from my sister. "You are just simply 'Nonnie.' God watch over you and keep you. I do not pray, but that wish is as near a prayer as I can come. "I am falling in love with you all over again and long to have you at the head of my modest little home, where your little heart and hands would control everything."

SPECULATIONS OF GRENFELL CLOSES BANK IN LONDON

LONDON, June 6.—Chaplin, Milne, Grenfell & Co., Ltd., a well-known firm of merchants and bankers in Princess street, suspended today. The company was registered in 1899 to take over the business of Morton, Chaplin & Co. (formerly Morton, Rose & Co.) Its authorized capital is \$1,750,000. The firm is an old established one with high reputation and excellent family connections. It conducted general and private banking and a company for promoting business. The directors include Ernest Chaplin, G. Grinnell Milne and R. W. Skipworth.

The failure is the result of large operations in Grand Trunk by Arthur Morton Grenfell, formerly a member of the firm, and whose dealings recently have been the subject of much gossip. It is said several Canadian and other companies wherein he was interested are involved. Earl Grey, whose daughter was Grenfell's first wife, is reported among the heavy losers.

The bank's losses through loans to Grenfell and withdrawals of business consequent on his operations caused the bank to suspend. It is believed, however, to be entirely solvent, but time will be required to liquidate the assets in order that depositors may be paid.

NORRIS OUTWITS DEMOCRATS IN REPEAL FIGHT

Aided Ruling of Vice-President, Nebraskan Has Forced to Point of Vantage Resolution Reaffirming Sovereignty and Rights of United States Over Canal Zone.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—Democratic senate leaders found themselves confronted today with a parliamentary situation which may force them to accept an amendment to the Panama tolls exemption repeal re-affirming the sovereignty and rights of the United States over the canal zone.

It was discovered that Senator Norris, republican, by parliamentary maneuvering, and aided by a ruling of Vice President Marshall, which some senators say was a tactical error, has forced to a point of vantage his resolution providing that nothing in the repeal shall be construed as a surrender by the United States of its right to exempt coastwise vessels from tolls.

Democratic leaders, after canvassing the situation, are said to have found that the Norris resolution, now in a strategic position, where it commands a vote before the repeal bill itself, or other resolutions pertaining to it, has enough votes in its support to make it a dangerous quantity to their program.

Confronted with such a situation, republican supporters of the Norris resolution say the democrats are preparing to offer a resolution of their own, substantially the same, and that Mr. Norris has practically agreed to accept it.

GENERAL PEACE PLANS DISCUSSED BY MEDIATORS

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., June 6.—For the first time in four days the American delegates conferred today with the board of mediators. The general peace plan was under discussion, as it had been decided as much progress as possible should be made while word was being awaited from General Carranza on the subject of constitutional representation. After the conference Justice Lamar said:

"The discussion today was on the same points which we had before us last Tuesday and before the Carranza incident arose."

The justice added that there was substantial agreement on the points discussed today. He said he had no word from Washington about the attitude of the constitutionalists.

It was generally understood some phase of the land question and method of treatment in the protocol were considered today.

LARGE FRUIT MERCHANTS APPOINT LOCAL AGENT

The largest fruit merchants in the world, Garcia Jacobs & Co., of London, with their allied companies, Simons, Jacobs & Co., of Glasgow, Simons, Shuttleworth & Co., of Liverpool and Manchester, have appointed Guy W. Conner whose office is in the Mail Tribune building as their representative in this district. Garcia Jacobs & Co. have direct connections in Hamburg, Paris, Copenhagen and other large distributing points. Their New York house is Simons, Shuttleworth & Co. The establishing of a local agent here emphasizes the fact that the Rogue river valley is being recognized throughout the world as an important producer of fine quality fruit.

HOWARD ASKS SQUARE DEAL FOR OUTSIDERS

Father of Medford Appeals to Council in Behalf of Fair Water Rates for Suburbanites—Says Medford Can Afford to Be Just and Generous.

To the Editor: The action of the city council on the water supply to citizens of that beautiful suburb east of our city has been the subject of pointed criticisms and I think both sides have failed to observe the old maxim, "Let us reason together."

I think the present council is about the best all-round that we have ever had. They are spending most of their time in a thorough investigation of all matters pertaining to the city; stopping leaks and making a record for an economical administration, and have been trying to regulate the water system to do equal justice to all. For instance, when the north and east parts of the city were all irrigating at once, the people in the south and west parts of the city had a lack of pressure, and therefore unable to get their share of the water, not because there was any lack of water supply, but because one water main from the reservoir would not supply fast enough, so when the reservoir was full and overflowing the parties farthest away could not get their supply. So the council made a very sensible regulation, that part of the people should use the water one day and the other on the alternate day, which gave a plentiful supply to all.

Council Acted Hastily In the meantime the citizens east of the corporate limits had been allowed to tap the main pipe and use water without much system. Some were charged a nominal sum for a large amount, and others charged the full limit. So the city council has promulgated regulations and established prices regulating the same. We think they have acted hastily without due consideration of the subject. The price of 25 cents per 1000 gallons is certainly prohibitive. Why, when we had to pump the water we only paid 8 cents per 1000 gallons. Now the price of 25 cents per 1000 gallons, in addition to the cost of the meters, will simply put those people out of business.

If the council would confine each individual holding to a three-quarter inch tap and make a flat rate corresponding to the rate in the city, I think it would be most just, for recollect we have 300 feet more pressure than those on the eight's, and therefore a three-quarter inch pipe here would deliver about twice the amount that those on the Heights would get, so in that way they would be paying twice as much for water than we, inconsiderate of the large amount of water wasting over the

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ROOSEVELT GUEST AT PARIS BANQUET

PARIS, June 6.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was the guest of honor today at a luncheon given by Gabriel Bonatux, former minister of foreign affairs, who brought together to meet the former president of the United States a number of distinguished persons. Among them were: Alexandre Felix Ribot, who has been three French premier; General Henri J. Brugere, who visited the United States on a mission for the French government during Mr. Roosevelt's presidency; General Charles Mangin, who has recently done brilliant military service in Morocco; Henri Baudan, the historian; Emile Boutroux, the philosopher and academician; Louis Jarry, secretary of the Franco-American committee; Dr. Gustave Lebon, Count d'Haussonville; Ambassador Myron T. Herrick.