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TORNADO LEAVES DESOLATE TRAIL CENTRAL WEST

Many Killed and Injured in Minnesota and Dakota—Property Damage Exceeds Million Dollars—Four Slain in Minneapolis—Watertown in Ruins.

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 24.—Four killed in Minneapolis, two fatally, and a score seriously injured at Watertown, S. D., property damage estimated at more than one million dollars, with an almost complete prostration of telegraph and telephone communication for a number of hours, was the reported havoc today of last night's wind and rain storm which swept over North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin.

Reports of the storm, however, were very incomplete at noon and it is quite possible that the loss of life and property damage totals may be largely increased when communication is restored in the four states.

Cyclone at Watertown

Apparently the storm struck with greatest severity at Watertown where it cut through a section of the city for 16 blocks with cyclonic force. Between 250 and 300 buildings in the residence district were wiped out. Mrs. Carl Backlund and baby and Miss Mary E. Clove were caught in the wreckage of their homes and possibly fatally injured.

In Minneapolis Esther Munson, 15 years old was killed when her home collapsed. Louis Grams and Margaret Kelly were drowned when their canoe was blown over in Lake Harriet. Miss Loretta Grams of Jordan, Minn., also was caught in a canoe which was swamped in Lake Harriet and drowned.

\$100,000 Loss at Appleton

In the vicinity of Appleton, Wis., in Outagamie county, it was estimated a loss of \$100,000 was caused by the storm, which broke early today. A number of houses were wrecked and many cattle killed.

Considerable damage was wrought in Milwaukee by the tornado, but no fatalities were reported. Chimneys were razed and several houses damaged. A number of houses at Watertown, Wis., are reported to have been blown down by the storm. One woman is said to have been taken to the hospital suffering from injuries sustained during the tornado.

Watertown in Ruins

WATERTOWN, S. D., June 24.—Two hundred buildings in the path of last night's tornado present a scene of ruin today. Some are entirely demolished, while scores are unroofed, twisted off foundations and moved many feet. Practically every barn in a strip two blocks and ten blocks was wrecked and scattered along the trail.

All the most seriously injured are said to have a chance to recover.

A special meeting of the city council and Commercial club was held to start work of raising a relief fund for victims. Hundreds were left homeless.

Two Killed at Emmett

WAUSAU, Wis., June 24.—Two were killed, three fatally injured and 17 hurt, several of them seriously, when the house and barn of Michael Kurtzwell, in the town of Emmett, (Continued on page two.)

ASSERT WILSON WOULD PROTECT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mexican Liberal Party Leader Says United States Demands That Carranza Restore Confiscated Church Property to Church and Pay for Destroyed Buildings.

NEW ORLEANS, La., June 24.—What purported to be the details of the demands made by the United States on General Venustiano Carranza, through which Carranza's representatives would be admitted to the mediation conference at Niagara Falls were given out here today by Fernando Iglesias Calderon, chief of the liberal party in Mexico. He is en route to Washington in connection with the Mexican problem.

Aside from the armistice feature, which Carranza refused to consider, Mr. Calderon said it was the demands concerning disposal of religious questions and the time when elections should take place, which greatly interested the constitutionalists.

Protect Church Property

According to the statement of the liberal party leader today, the United States demanded all property of the Catholic church confiscated by the constitutionalists should be returned to the church, that buildings destroyed should be paid for, that priests should be protected and that priests driven from the country should be allowed to return. To this Carranza replied, according to Calderon's statement, that the constitutionalist laws of reform provide that all church property should go to the state when needed and also that the priests must go.

Mr. Calderon also stated that Carranza refused to accede to the demand for elections as soon as the revolution is ended. His reply to that, according to the statement, was that elections could not take place until banditry had ceased, therefore he would not agree to holding an election until several leaders now classed as bandits had been crushed.

Protection for Huerta

Another demand, according to the statement, was that Huerta should be protected, to which Carranza is reported to have replied that according to the Astec law, Huerta must die, and the constitutionalist chief refused to acquiesce in the demand.

That Carranza also refused to obligate the constitutionalists to pay debts incurred by the Huerta government was another assertion included in the statement.

WHOLESALE JAIL DELIVERY AT PASS

A wholesale delivery of prisoners in the Josephine county jail at Grants Pass was affected last night, by means of unlocking all the cell doors by some one who forced an entrance by means of a pass key. Seven prisoners were liberated, including Henry Baker and Louis Baro arrested by the police of this city last week for burglary. They are the most wanted. The local police have been notified to keep an eye peeled for the fugitives. The report reaching this city does not say what the night jailer was doing when the break occurred.

PETER OF SERBIA RESIGNS THRONE TO SECOND SON

King Peter I of Serbia reported today to have abdicated the throne in favor of his second son, Prince Alexander.

The king left Belgrade in the afternoon for the baths at Vrnja, in the southern part of Serbia, and a note issued by the official agency in announcing the king's departure did not say he had abdicated, but confined itself to the statement that his majesty had signed a ukase entrusting the government of Serbia during his absence from the capital to Crown Prince Alexander.

A royal proclamation issued shortly afterward was as follows: "Owing to ill health, I am unable to perform my duties, and in accordance with paragraph 69 of the Serbian constitution, I confide the government of Serbia to my heir, the Crown Prince Alexander, during my illness."

ASSESSORS TOLD TO ASSESS GRANT LANDS TO ESPEE

SALEM, Ore., June 24.—Proceeding on the theory that the title to 2-126,790 acres of land embraced in the Oregon-California land grants continues to be vested in Oregon-California railroad company until the United States supreme court finally decides a suit instituted by the government to have the lands forfeited, the state tax commission today notified all Oregon assessors to assess the land in the name of the company.

A year ago the federal district court at Portland rendered a decision declaring the lands forfeited to the government, and the company appealed to the United States supreme court. Because of this litigation, the company has refused to pay taxes on the land for 1913. The tax commission takes the position that until the supreme court decides the case, title to the land remains with the company.

GOLFER CUSSES WOODROW WILSON

WASHINGTON, June 24.—The story of how President Wilson, golfing on a local green, sent a ball whizzing near another golfer's head, and how the other fellow roundly "cussed" the president of the United States, and then in confusion and chagrin, made profuse apologies, had a sequel today when President Wilson and the other golfer exchanged letters, one an abject apology and the other an acknowledgement, coupled with a firm declaration from the president that he was within his rights under the rules of the game.

20 AEROPLANES FUNERAL ESCORT

VIENNA, June 24.—An escort of twenty aeroplanes flying mourning flags and manned by aviators from several nations, formed a flying guard of honor at the funeral today of the nine Austrian officers and men killed in the tragic air catastrophe of last Saturday.

While the funeral services were in progress the small air craft circled round and round the cemetery then flew off in company.

The aerial tragedy which costs the lives of the nine aviators buried today occurred during Austrian army maneuvers. A military dirigible was participating in the movements and was followed by an aeroplane. The smaller craft soared above the balloon during the sham battle with the object of taking up a position to drop on its adversary a mimic bomb.

The pilot of the aeroplane approached so closely that one of the wings of his plane ripped the great balloon, causing an immediate explosion.

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IOWA LAW FOR STERILIZATION OF CRIMINALS VOID

Measure Similar to That Voted Upon in Oregon Pronounced Unconstitutional in Federal Court — Vasectomy Measures in Other States Also Illegal, According to Decision.

KEOKUK, Iowa, June 24.—The Iowa vasectomy, or sterilization law passed by the last general assembly, was declared unconstitutional, null and void in a decision filed by Judge Smith McPherson of Red Oak, Iowa, here today.

The decision, which was written by Judge McPherson, and affects similar laws in other states, grants the writ of temporary injunction applied for by Rudolph Davis, an inmate of the state penitentiary, enjoining the members of the board of parole, the warden and the penitentiary physician from causing the operation of vasectomy to be performed upon the complainant.

Diversity of Citizenship

"The case," says the decision, "is one of diversity of citizenship, with federal questions presented by a bill in equity with an application for a temporary injunction to restrain defendants as state officers from enforcing chapter 187 of the code of the thirty-fifth general assembly (1913), authorizing a surgical operation called vasectomy on idiots, feeble-minded, drunkards, drug-fiends, epileptics, syphilitics, moral and sexual perverts, and mandatory as to criminals who have been twice convicted of a felony."

In the case at bar, the hearing was a private hearing, and the prisoner first knew of it when advised of the order. Due process of law means that every person must have his day in court, and this is as old as magna charta; that some time in the proceedings he must be confronted by his accuser and given a public hearing.

Statute Commands Act

This statute not only allows but commands the operation of vasectomy to be performed upon all twice convicted of a felony. A felony in Iowa is not only murder, arson, rape, counterfeiting, and other serious crimes known as felonies at the common law, but they have been much extended under the Iowa statute, and some things are now felonies which until recently were misdemeanors with trials before a justice of the peace, or else no crime at all; wife abandonment, cutting electric light wires, breaking an electric globe, obstructing highway, unfastening a strap in a harness, and other things.

Bill of Attainder

"But assuming that the prior convictions all appear of record, and assuming there is no conflict in the testimony and no difficulty in reaching the conclusion, but little or no advance is made in determining the question if it be said that the statute automatically decides the question and nothing remains for the prison physician to do but to execute (Continued on page two.)

BUTTE MINERS' HALL DESTROYED BY DYNAMITE

Night of Terror, Witnesses Attack of Mob Upon Old Union Office—Property Damage Totals \$100,000—All But Two Mines Working Today—Moyer Missing.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—President Wilson late today received a telegram from Governor Stewart of Montana, in forming him of the fighting last night at Butte, but making no request for federal troops. The governor said he would keep the president fully informed of the situation. When the trouble started he asked the president to have troops kept in readiness. At the white house it was said no troops would be sent unless a direct request was received from the governor after it had been decided the state had used all the means at its disposal to maintain peace.

Moyer Still Missing

No trace has been found of President Charles H. Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners who last night called the meeting of the old union to order and presented his plan for conciliation of the warring factions. Hardly had Moyer read his paper, promising to correct the grievances of the miners that had succeeded and concluding with a plea for calmer judgment and a cool consideration of the differences when the first shots of the early evening rioting in which one spectator was killed and three injured, were heard.

Dynamiters Begin Work

After several hundred shots from rifles and sawed off shotguns were discharged the dynamiter crew began its work. This continued until 2 o'clock this morning when the dynamite that had been taken by force from the Stewart mine had been exhausted. The rear and the side walls of the miners union hall erected in 1899 remain standing. Every pane of glass in buildings on both sides of the street for a block each side of the hall is shattered. The property damage will exceed \$100,000.

Last Card Played

Elijah N. Zoline, of counsel for (Continued on page 2.)

IRON WORKERS DENIED PARDON BY PRESIDENT

Executive Commutes Four Members, Only, Balance of Union Officials Must Begin Serving Prison Sentences for Conviction in Connection with Dynamite Conspiracy Cases.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—President Wilson commuted to expire at once the sentences imposed on Michael J. H. Hannon of Scranton, Pa.; Frank H. Painter of Omaha, Neb.; Fred J. Mooney, of Duluth, Minn.; and William Shupe of Chicago, all convicted in the "dynamite conspiracy" cases.

The other twenty defendants, including the leaders, must begin serving their sentences tomorrow in Leavenworth penitentiary. Clemency for John H. Barry and Paul J. Morris, both of St. Louis, was withheld, while they have opportunity to submit separate petitions.

Convicted Leaders

Those whose applications for clemency were finally denied and the terms they must serve are as follows: Frank M. Ryan, head of the ironworkers, Chicago, seven years; Eugene A. Clancy, San Francisco, six years; Michael J. Young, Boston, six years; Frank C. Webb, New York, six years; Philip Cooley, New Orleans, six years; John T. Butler, Buffalo, six years; Charles T. Beum, Minneapolis, three years; Henry W. Legleiter, Pittsburg, three years; Ernest G. W. Basye, Indianapolis, Ind., three years; J. E. Munsey, Salt Lake City, six years; Peter J. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, four years; Murray L. Pennell, Springfield, Illinois, three years; W. Bert Brown, Kansas City, three years; Edward Smythe, Peoria, Ill., three years; George Anderson, Cleveland, three years; Frank J. Higgins, Boston, two years; Michael Cunnane, Philadelphia, three years; Wm. Ridden, Milwaukee, three years.

No Comment By Wilson

No memorandum was given out accompanying the president's action, as sometimes is done in such cases, but it was understood the president followed closely the recommendations of Attorney General McReynolds. The four men whose sentences were commuted had a minor part in the conspiracy, the government charged.

The Twenty Four Men Who Applied for Pardon

were convicted of conspiracy and the transportation of dynamite in inter-state commerce for the wrecking of buildings and other structures in a labor war between the structural ironworkers organization and the employers. The noted cases grew directly out of the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building and the convictions of the McNamara brothers.

New Trials Have Been Granted and the Pending for the Following:

Olaf A. Tveitmo, San Francisco; William J. McCann, Kansas City; James E. Ray, Peoria, Ill.; Richard H. Houlihan, Chicago; Fred Sherman, Indianapolis; William Bernhardt, Cincinnati.

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EGAN WINNER IN GOLF TODAY

SEATTLE, Wash., June 24.—On puddled fairways and soggy putting greens the first round of matches in the Pacific Northwest Golf Association's amateur championship was played at the links of the Seattle Golf club today.

The feature of the play was the match between H. Chandler Egan of Medford and W. H. Ricardo of Victoria which went to the nineteenth hole for a decision, Egan winning. The northwest amateur champion, A. V. Macan of Victoria, defeated George Tilden, Seattle Golf club champion, by 3 to 2.

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ACAPULCO FACES SPEEDY CAPTURE

ON BOARD U. S. S. CALIFORNIA, MAZATLAN, June 24.—Conditions at Acapulco, which have long been deplorable are gradually becoming intolerable.

In order to subvert the federal garrison under General Salido is making forced daily loans, ranging from fifty cents gold to twenty five dollars, on all civilians who have that much discoverable wealth.

SNIPING AMERICANS BY FEDERALS

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Persistent reports of sniping by Mexican federalists on the American outposts at Vera Cruz and rumors of constitutionalist further advances toward Mexico City, served today to stir interest in the Mexican situation.

Although the war department will make public no reports from General Funston regarding sniping on the American forces, it is known there has been an investigation of continued reports to that effect. There have been many inferences that Huerta's forces were attempting to provoke a fight with the American troops and force intervention. Patient waiting on mediation con-

VESSELS FOG BOUND NEW YORK HARBOR

NEW YORK, June 24.—A fog which shut down over New York harbor last night did not lift until today and many vessels were held fogbound. In the bay the schooner Samuel P. Bowers crashed into the steamer Point Comfort, which runs from Kenosha, N. J., to the Battery. The steamer's wheelhouse was damaged, but none of the three hundred passengers on board were hurt.

The steamship Taurus of the Iron Steamship company collided in the Hudson with a crowded ferryboat of the Central Railroad of New Jersey. The side of the ferryboat was badly damaged and several plates on the Taurus were bent.