# STORM SWEEPS TWO STATES

### Northern Texas and Oklahoma Scene of Devastation.

Seven Thousand People Estimated to be Heavy-Much Livestock Lost-People Are Dumbfounded at Extent of Damage.

Dallas, Tex., May 26. Seven thousand persons are practically without shelter now as a result of the violent Today alone fully 2,000 people were driven from their homes by the rising of the Trinity river. Houses, barns and everything in the path of the terrible flood is swept down and carried away. Trinity river is a raging, surging forrest and nothing apparently stands before it. \*Big fa tories far removed from the river prescribed by the railroads. It is proper are flooded, bridges have been also stated by the shippers that it will swept away like kindling wood. Live-stock by the thousands have perished ing the identity of the customers of and fear is now entertained that a any business house. meat famine will follow in the wake of the storm's fury.

So far no arrangements of a charactor calculated to relieve the intense suffering of the inhabitants have been attempted. It is really too soon to give any real estimate of the dead. With the abatement of the rising waters steps will be taken at once to help those in dire distress. As usual in such cases, the poor of the various cities and towns in the path of the elements are suffering the worst.

The present storm is by far the most violent of the present year, and for that matter perhaps the worst storm that has visited Northern Texas in several years. It was exceptionally severe at Fort Worth, Dallas, Wichita Falls, Denton and Abilene.

The property loss will run extreme by high, but so far not even a conrvative estimate can be placed on the whole. At Fort Worth alone it is figured out that the storm will cause close onto \$100,000 damage. When suburban points are finally beard from the loss will run much higher in that vicinity

Reports from Mineral Wells state that Wade Owens and Ernest Stateler were drowned there. Persons are also reported drowned near Wichita Falls and Childress. At Denton an un-known man lost his life in attempting to save some household effects

All over the storm-swept district railroads and crops have suffered heavily. Railroad traffic is practically at a standstill, as at most points bridges have been torn from their foundations by the surging flood waroad people will repair the damage In any event, it will be many days before anything like schedule d on any of the

## ANARCHY IN PERSIA

### State Apparently Helpless to Cope With Situation.

here are to the effect that anarchy prevails throughout Persia. As an exmple of the Shah's helplessness to cope with the situation a libel action is cited which has been brought against the Persian newspaper Mus ead, as an article stating that parts concluding with the following:

The governors are tyrannical, the administration is corrupt and inefficient, the taxes are in arrears, the exchequer is empty, the soldiers' worke unpaid and the army is helpless What is the Shah going to do in these melancholy circumstances? He devotes himself to orgies night after night until daybreak."

To add to the disaster, the main supplying natural gas to the Indian Territory part of the state was car-

The Shah brought a libel action, Following this, the walls of Teheran were covered with placards calling monarch.

## Funeral Services for Governor.

Reno, Nev., May 26.-In response to a call issued by Acting Governor D. S. Dickerson and Mayor Kerman, all business was suspended here yesterday on account of the funeral of! Governor John Sparks. The funeral services were held at the Elks' home, where the funeral procession formed. Mount Hamilton road at midnight All the bells in the city tolled. The Saturday night. The vehicle broke up body was escorted by the governor's when it started in its descent and staff and a body of police. Besides most of the young people slid in safe the governor's friends, members of ty down the mountain side in the secret orders to which he belonged and state and city officials. many marched on foot.

## Deadly Gas for Burglars.

Stattgart, May 26 .- A chemical firm, in the small town of Aalen has per feeted and patented an invention that · threatens burglars with instant death phernalia. The moment an outsider water and dozens of bridges impassa-opens the door, or bores through it, ble. No attempt is being made to

## Meat Inspectors Confer.

Chicago, May 26 .- More than 100 meat inspectors were present vester-

### MARK PACKAGES IN FULL

Railroads Put Additional Burdens on Small Shippers.

Chicago, May 26.—Besides determining to increase freight rates 10 per ent, the railroads in the "official classification" territory have agreed to add considerably to the burdens of the currency law is assured. creases were decided upon, the representatives of more than 400 railroads bill, which was drafted by the republicbe Homeless -Loss of Life Will agreed that after July 1 they will not an confrerees, had received the sancreceive for shipment any packages in tion of the house, and had been presentmarked plainly with the name of the consignee, the station, city and state of destination,

It is estimated that this action will save the railroads in the territory east! storiu which broke over Northern of the Mississippi River and north of Texas and Oklahoma Sunday night, the Ohio River to the scaboard at the Ohio River to the scaboard, at least \$2,000,000 annually in loss and damage claims. On the other hand, it will cost the shippers of package freight probably as much, or even more, to perform the actual work required in marking the shipments as also stated by the shippers that it will

> On the contrary, any business house may, after the new rules go into ef fect, station men at railroad ware-houses and learn in detail all about shipments of competitors, to hom shipped and in what amounts that this will have a tremendous efect upon this class of business is con-

> dently asserted. It has been the custom of the shipers to mark their packages with an initial or some hieroglyphic, the key to which is to be found on the bill of ading. It was the theory that this yould save the time and labor of the shipper and throw a certain amount if secrecy around the conduct of his

### WHOLE STATE STORM SWEPT

### Texas Suffers Untold Damage From Wind and Rain.

Austin, Texas, May 26 .- A terrific wind and rain storm swept Texas from the Panhandle to the Gulf early Sunday. The destruction to crops and vegetables, trees and shrubbery was the greatest reported in years.

In nurserous places houses were unroofed and small villages and hamlets in many instances were inundated by the terrific rainfall which, in the space of four hours, reached seven inches in path of the worst of the storm, and As quickly as possible the rail- for either man or beast, electric light and telephone connections were dis-

> many houses were unroofed. The agricultural sections of Central Southern Texas have been imneasurably damaged, according to ceneral reports received here, badly plosives. demoralized wire service occasioning low and unsatisfactory reports from many sections that are known to have suffered from the storm

## Berlin, May 26. Advices received OKLAHOMA TIED COMPLETELY

### Muskogee is in Sorry Plight Without Heat or Light.

Muskogee, Okla., May 26.-Not : railroad in Oklahoma is in operation of Persian territory are in the control as a result of the heavy rains and of brigands and revolutionists, and cloudbursts that have occurred in various parts of the state during the past three days. The last road to suspend operations was the Missouri-Kansas & Texas, which was forced to quit at soon Sunday, when the bridge on the

The newspaper proceeds to give ried away with the Clarksville bridge proof of its allegations and concludes late Sunday, and the supply of gas by demanding the dethronement of for Muskogee and several other cities ried away with the Clarksville bridge the Shah and the establishment of a in the southeast part of the state has been entirely cut off. Officials of the gas company say it will be a week but withdrew it when the editor of before repairs can be made so that fered to prove the charges in detail the gas supply can again be carried As natural gas is used for light and heat, business will be suspended upon the people to assassinate the Elevators have been forced to stop running, and hotels and restaurants have practically been put out of busi-

## Vehicle Falls Down Mountain.

San Jose, Cal., May 26.-Twenty one students, balf the graduating class of the Santa Clara High School, were carried 200 feet down a mountain side when a carry-all toppled from the cover of the vehicle. News of the accident reached this city early Sunday and a physician and nurses were dis patched to the scene in an automo

## West Guthrie Under Water.

Guthrie, Okla., May 26 .- All West with the aid of compressed air, nitro- in and out of Guthrie is at a standstill glycerine and other burglars' para- because of miles of rails being under poisonous gases are released, destroy-ing the invader and leaving him dead on the floor. Operate trains east and west from Guthrie, while the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe south of Guthrie is impassable at Seward, between here and Oklahoma City.

## Sentence Four to Death.

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTIETH SESSION OF NATIONAL LAWMAKERS

### Wednesday, May. 27.

Washington, May 27.--An emergency shippers of package freight. At the question held its place today as pracsame meeting at which the rate in- tically the only subject of consideration at both ends of the capitol, and when both houses adjourned the compromise less than carload lots which are not ed to the senate, where it was announced it would be taken up for consideration tomorrow and where it will consignee, the station and state of also be passed when the vote is reached.

Washington, May 27.-Aside from currency bill the house today passed

the following measures: Requiring greater space and better commodations, on steamships for cerage passengers; authorizing the le of certain lands at the head of Core Alaska Terminal & Navigation time of debate on the subsidy quesmpany; authorizing a resurvey of ertain townships in Wyoming; granting to the interstate commerce co ion additional authority in the matter of requiring reports of all accidents on

The conference report on the omnibus ands bill and the senate amendments to the bill granting obsolete ordnance various institutions and organizations also were agreed to.

### Tuesday, May 26...

Washington, May 26.- The two floor aders of the house again today occuied the center of the stage and perormed their usual feat of charging each ther with responsibility for the evil onditions at present existing in that body. It came about through an order presented by Mr. Payne, of New York, granting five days leave after adjournnent in which to print in the Congresional Record the remarks that might ave been, but were not made upon the floor. He took soccasion to arraign the lemocrats for their filituster and said hat republicans had no apology to make for their course.

The democratic leader, Williams, accused the majority of doing nothing in the present session and opposed the or-der because it gave members no opporunity to reply to statements which he felt in advance would call for an an-

The order was adopted. Following this debate business proceded at a rapid gait.

The conference on the military acad-cmy appropriation bill was agreed to Its consideration was marked by a vigrous speech by Mr. Slayden, of Texas, against the senate permitting the education of four Filipinos at West Point. The bills were passed as follows:

Refunding stamp taxes on foreign bills of exchange and certain duties on many sections. Austin was in the anthracite coal illegally collected; providing for the opening and settlement for hours the streets were impassable of portions of the Cheyenne and Standine Rock Indian reservations; promot-ing the safety of the employes on railabled beyond immediate repair and roads by requiring the equipment of locomotives with ash cans that can be

> ate today, but not without resistance. Senator Newlands tried to amend by inserting his bill creating the Inland Waterways Commission. He was met with prompt opposition by Mr. Nelson.

## Monday, May 25.

ion of the senate today under the bills cadership of Aldrich. The attempt as so successful that the net result lay's session was the adoption of the

Washington, May 25.-Working un

Amending the navigation laws; renoving the discriminations against native officers of the Porto Rican

After an active debate of an hour by a large majority.

## Saturday, May 23.

Washington, May 23.—Following a election of Senators by popular vote.

## Insists on Subsidy Clause.

Burrows and Clay as conferees.

ington, both (avored the passage of the resolution, as did Borah, of Idaho, but Heyburn was opposed to it.

Washington, May 23.—The House "What, in your opinion," he was again today wrestled with the subject asked, "is the most vital question afof mail subsidies to steamhsip com- fecting the navy today?" panies and once more recorded itself the night.

feated yesterday the conferees on the on and that relating to the system weighing the mails. The portion The portion the report on which there was no agreement was adopted unanimous under an agreement to extend the

### Friday, May 22.

Washington, May 22.-The omnibus claims bill was considered by the Sen-ate today until displaced by the resoluto extend the period during which senalty will be enforced for violation the commodities clause of the Fieprn bill. Aldrich inquired of Fulton f Oregon how much of the total appropriation carried by the claims bill was for Southern war claims, and was told that two-thirds were of that character and one-half of those for damages to e property.

Aldrich suggested that the time ought to come to stop allowance of this d of claims arising 42 years after the 24 on the Atlantic." ire witnesses who knew anything at them, except those who are reupon by the claimants to prove

Fulton said he would offer an amend nent that would do just what was de

Washington, May 22.-The senate endment to the postoffice appropriaion bill extending the ocean mail subes to steamers plying on the Pacific an to the Orient and Australia and the Pacific and Atlantic to South merican ports was the subject of warm debate in the house and finally caused the rejection of the conference report a vote of 145 to 156. There is little prospect that the house conferees will yield to the senate.

### Troops Will Stay in Cuba.

Washington, May 28 -- In several con ferences between President Roosevelt Secretary Taft and General Bell, it has can decided not to withdrawn troops om Cuba at the present time. This ision was reached, it is said, upon he advice of Governor Magoon, who feemed it inadvisable to reduce our force in Cuba prior to the re-establishment of the Cuban republic next fall when the entire force will return

## Continues Land Fraud Cases.

Washington, May 28. - Arguments dumped without requiring an employe supporting the motion of the defense in moting the safe transportation of ex- 9, 1sh the indictments against the defendants were resumed Tuesday. As-Washington, May 26.—The omnibus sistant Attorney-General Pugh, opposhouse bill, embracing seven separate ing the motion, charged that the opera-measures affecting the navigation laws, tions of Hyde and Benson were fraudwas considered and passed by the sen- ulent, and that Joost Schneider, one of the defendants, knew they were illegal.

## Spends Over a Billion.

Washington, May 26.—Although the figures on the total appropriations for the present session of Congress are incomplete, from careful estimates Washington, May 25.—An effort to militate time by dilatory tactics on in excess of any previous session. without making progress on any legis-lation except that involved in conier years are found in the postoffice, pension, naval and army appropriation

## Bills Signed by President.

Washington, May 26 -- President Roosevelt has signed the bills providconference report on the sundry civil ing for the participation of this coun-appropriation bill. try in the exposition to be held in try in the exposition to be held in Tokio in 1912; the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill; a der heavy pressure with a single eye bill making Monterey and Port Har to adjournment at the earliest possible ford, Cal., sub-ports of entry, and a

## Saves Rat. Is Arrested.

Pittsburg, May 26 .- For trying to egiment of infantry; authorizing the save a half-drowned rat from being ale of unallotted land of the Spokane tortured to death. Thomas Morris Indian reservation; encouraging the development of coal deposits in Alaska; and prescribing penalties of the Spokane was arrested yesterday after he had been badly beaten by Joseph H. Smith. Morris saw a crowd of men against the sale of clothing and government property by soldiers. The omnibus bill relating to disposition of and a fight followed, in which Morris the public land was sent back to con- received several cuts on his head. Po liceman Renwick Ewart arrested both men. Magistrate Brady commended and a half the project for a reduced Morris and sentenced Smith to pay a hall of representatives was defeated fine of \$15, or serve 20 days in the workhouse.

## Railroads Cut Wages.

. . Senators to open the way to a consti- roads extending west from Chicago tutional amendment providing for the Several thousand men are affected. This The question came up on a resolution, is the first wage reduction made by the offered by Owen, of Oklahoma, and western roads and is considered in some after an unusually spirited debate, the quarters the first step in a general cut threatens burglars with instant death after they succeed in opening a safe to ten feet of water rushing through tee, where it will be smothered to less the revenue can be increased by an Fulton, of Oregon, was paired in advance in freight rates. The reductivor of the resolution; Bourne was tion in the case of most section men is absent. Ankeny and Piles, of Wash- from \$1.35 a day for 10 hours to \$1.25.

## Annul Grant Lands.

Washington, May 27 .- A partial Washington, May 28 .- B. D. Townagreement of the conferees on the send, special attorney in the departpostoffice appropriation bill has been ment of justice, started Monday for laid before the senate by Mr. Penrose Portland, Or., to start legal proceedand was agreed to. The sections ap- ings on behalf of the government to tary of Agriculture Wilson is direct- few days ago, has resulted in the sen- to by the conferees. The senate or- \$30,000,000 and \$50,000,000. Townsend ing the deliberations of the confer- tencing of four of the accused to dered that this amendment be insisted will try to secure a decree which will ence, which is expected to continue death and six to periods of penal upon and continued Senators Penrose, to the public domain.

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### FAVORS BIG FLEET.

### Great Lesson Taught by Cruise, Says Admiral Evans.

Washington, May 25 .- Admiral Evins, in an interview with W. S. Meriweather, told of the results of the cruise of the Pacific and its benefits and the future policy and prospects of "Splendid! I never saw anything

panies and once more recorded itself "The shortage of officers and men, particularly officers," Admiral Evans replied. "We have not a battleship in

commission today with a sufficient ostofice appropriation bill today ame into the House with a new reort, agreeing with the Senate on verything except the subside. worked that they are giving way un-der the strain. Men can be trained have to die an old maid? Miss Y. antic fleet to the Pacific, but not so with officers.

eriously handicappd from this cause." The Admiral was then asked what was the chief lesson to be drawn from he cruise of the battleship fleet. "There are two," he replied. "First, too strict. We can't pass anything but the absolute necessity for two fleets,

one on the Atlantic and one on the Pacific; second, that we took the fleet to sea with one-third of the men untrained and arrived at the Pacific entrance to the Straits of Magellan and las? New Yorker—Oh, a large recep-Magdalena Bay absolutely in condi-tion or a club meeting.—Lippincott's tion to go into an engagement."
"What should be our future naval

strength, and how distributed? necessary cruisers, torpedo boats, sub-marines and auxiliaries. They should tries to start the thing.—Yonkers be distributed-24 on the Pacific and

### FIRE ON OLD VESSEL.

### Sensational Naval Experiment Will be Tried bp Navy.

Washington, May 25.-The most nsational naval experiment ever atplace today in Chesapeake Bay, when man getting away up to the last min-the monitor Florida will be submitted ute.—Brooklyn Life. to bombardment by big guns and tormodern projectiles upon the internal littings and the structure of the fightng craft of the American name of the fightng craft of the American navy.

The Florida is so constructed and rlages!-Yonkers Statesman. fitted internally in such a way as to have practically the same strength of resistance as the latest type of Amer-

an battleship. heep in the turret of the monitor, but thy use.-Chicago Dally News. his plan has been abandoned because it is believed the death of the animals would prove little as to the probabil-

ability of the modern ship of war to when it is going to stop.—Yonkers withstand the heavy firing of the latest big guns has attracted much atention in official circles and it is bassies here.

## PACIFIC MAIL IS PASSIVE.

# Subsidy Clause.

ress of the postoffice appropriation want my change right here, uncle.-- bill, now in its last stages before Con- Monterey Gossip. gress, is being watched with much in- She-I see where a fellow married neasure. The proposed increased Where does she live?-Puck. ompensation to steamship lines diessels from this port to China, Japan,

Australia and the Philippines. sult should the subsidy amendment be an' walk fur pleasure instil o' from retained in the bill. F. S. Samuels, necessity."—Washington Star. manager of the Oceanic Steamship

Australia and New Zealand have made other contracts for carrying the mails since we discontinued, and we do not know at present whether we could get that business again."

availing itself of any increased allowance, chiefly because of the difficulty sees the first rehearsal.—Illustrates of securing crews composed largely of Bits. Americans, as the law would require,

## Germans Angry at Frenchmen.

lubmen as card sharpers and blackegs, the German court and press are Philadelphia Press. eclaring today that it is easy enough; to see why Teuton members are unwelcome-they have something better to do with their time than to spend it at a gaming table. But for the com-Chicago, May 23.-A general cut in I Union that Germans are regardless plain anythin' at all ty yez if yez recedent the United States Senate wages of all section men and unskilled of French club custom, the black-could only be polite enough to stay illed off the attempt of the Western laborers has been ordered by the rail-Hortsman might have been permitted Star. to pass as a personal matter.

## Sparks Secretary Dead.

Carson, Nev., May 25 .- W. R. Davis, Saturday of stomach trouble. Davis young lady who had been in the counwas better known as "Riley" Davis, try before and knew a thing or two. He served as secretary to Governor "Goats give buttermilk." - Springfield Sparks since he first took office. He Journal. was a resident of Dayton, Nev., where he held a number of important posiions. Through the death of the late about, my dear? Mrs. Younghub-The Governor and his secretary, business e-cook got m-mad and I-left to-day with-in the state and federal buildings is at out g-giving me a m-monet's notice. a standstill.

## Franz Josef in Serious Condition.

Vienna, May 25 - Emperor Franz Y-yes, b-but the m-mean thing b-beat day at the opening of a conference which considered the enforcement of the new meat inspection law. Secretary St. Petersburg, May 26.—The court-plying to ocean mail subsidy and the weighing of the mails were not agreed weighing of the mails were not agreed to be worth between the court physicians say they do not The court physicians say they do not onsider his majesty's condition alarmcontinued ill health.



"Were the amateur theatricals good?" worse."-Life.

Jones-Is your daughter a finished musician? Smith-No; but the neighbors are making threats.-The Club-Fellow.

"Is she a hill-climber?" "You bet! This machine will get 'em unless they take to trees."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

for duties on shipboard, as has just Not half so horrible as to have to live been shown in the cruise of the Atthat way.-Cleveland Leader.

"What do you think young Chumpley "In case of a sudden outbreak of weighs?" "About 200 pounds on the ostilities, we would find ourselves scales and about ten ounces in the community."-Cleveland Plain Dealer. "Can I have a pass over your line?"

"No," replied the railroad man, "law's

a dividend now."-Philadelphia Public Ledger. Out of Town Friend-Say, old man, where is the best place to get umbrel-

tion or a club meeting.-Lippincott's Bacon-Has he been successful with "Forty-eight battleships with the his new airship? Egbert-Partially so.

Statesman. "I didn't notice you at the mothers' congress." "No," replied the woman addressed, "I'm not a theoretical mother, you know. I have six."-Phil-

adelphia Ledger. Ella-I'm to be married to-morrow and I'm terribly pervous. Stella-I tempted by this country will take suppose there always is a chance of a

Eliza-Did you say Sam was makin' de opera? Cloe-Yes; he calls de car-

Mifkins-I understand you said that I had outlived my usefulness. Bifkins -You have been misinformed. I said At first it was proposed to put live that I didn't believe you ever were of

Redd-I understand that new automobile of yours goes like the wind. ity of loss of human life under similar Greene-That's right. Nobody can tell ircumstances. The plan to test the just when the wind is going to start or

"Did you and your wife take a long ooked upon as a matter of great im- trip on your honeymoon?" "It seemed to ortance by foreign officials at the em. long to me. Her father had promised to settle a snug sum of money on us as soon as we got back."-Chicago Record-Herald. 20151

Reddy (putting down a gold piece)-Would Not be Benefited by Proposed Ticket for Del Monte. Ticket Clerk-Subsidy Clause. Change at Castroville, if you take this San Francisco, May 25.—The prog. train. Reddy-I'll wait then, for I

terest in this city, especially with regard to the ocean mail subsidy amendment, agreed to by the conferees, but could have his millions when he was rejected by the House, which has gone. Could you love a girl like that? sked for another conference on the He-Sure, I could love a girl like that!

"What would you do if you was one rectly affects the companies running o' dese millionaires?" said Meandering Mike. "I 'spose," answered Plodding When asked what would be the re- Pete, "dat I'd get meself a golf ontfit

Mabel-Jack proposed to me last "Whether we will resume running night. Stella-Poor fellow! So he did vessels to Australia and carry the keep his word after all? Mabel-Why, mails cannot be determined for a time, what do you mean? Stella-When I refused him last week he said it would cause him to do something desperate .-Chicago Daily News.

The Actress-In this new play I'm study the author of this play after he

Mrs. Ascum-Have you any 5-cent stamps? Drug Clerk (absent-mindedly) -No, ma'am, but we have something just as good. Mrs. Ascum-Ha! ha! Berlin, May 25 .- Denouncing Paris force of havit That's where I caught lubs as mere gambling resorts and you. Drug Clerk-Not at all, ma'am. I can give you two twos and a one .--

"Katy, who's in the high school," remarked Mr. Dolan, "have been readin" Herbert Spencer to me." "Who's Herbert Spencer?" "He's wan iv the ment by members of the Cercle de smartest min on earth. He could ex-

"Which is the cow that gives the buttermilk?" innocently asked the young lady from the city, who was inspectrivate secretary to the late Governor ing the herd with a critical eye. "Don't parks, died at his home in this city make yourself ridiculous," said the

Younghub-What are you crying Younghub-Well, you ought to be glad of it. You said you were going to discharge her, anyway. Mrs. Younghub-

Don't take up a man's time in talking, but there is much unersiness con. ing to him about the smartness of your

me to it.