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THE CYCLONE'S WRATH.

A City Paralyzed by a Snow Fall.

DESTRUCTION OF LIFE IN TEXAS.

Many Families Homeless in the Lone Star State.

Tremendous Fall of Snow.

BUDA PESTI, Dec. 8.—This city is almost lifeless as a result of a snow storm. Nobody goes out unless compelled to do so. Not a single train left yesterday from Eastern and Western termini. Telegraph and telephone service is greatly crippled.

An Arkansas Traveler.

PARAGOUA, Ark., Dec. 8.—A tornado 300 yards wide passed through this city yesterday, leveling everything in its path. Twenty-six buildings were wrecked and several persons seriously hurt.

Many Families Homeless.

BRENNHAM, Tex., Dec. 8.—Additional news of Tuesday's cyclone is just being received. It is now known that fourteen persons were seriously injured and some fatally. Many families are homeless and utterly destitute. The cyclone was accompanied by a pelting rain, and in places followed by a furious hail storm.

Another Howler.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 8.—The cyclone Tuesday caused great destruction of property in this section. Several persons are seriously injured. In Chickasaw nation houses were demolished, cattle killed by lightning, as was a cattleman named Wiemer. The cyclone passed over a portion of the Choctaw nation, but the extent of damage is not known.

THE TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE.

The Operators on the Rock Island Railroad Striking—All Out.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Chief Ramsey, of the railway telegraphers, says the strike on the Rock Island road is now on, and that all telegraphers went out at 10 a. m. General Manager St. John of the Rock Island road, on the other hand, said that everything was moving as usual that the telegraph and business of the road is being conducted without delay.

An Official's Statement.

DAVENPORT, Iowa, Dec. 8.—Vice-President Kimball, of the Rock Island, says the strike will not be general west of the Mississippi river, and that none of the dispatchers will join the strikers.

Strikers in Oklahoma.

EL RENO, O. T., Dec. 8.—The telegraphers on this end of the road left their keys at 10 o'clock. The company induced the train dispatchers to remain at their posts. The operators have the sympathy of the citizens, and it is believed the company will have trouble in putting non-union men in the strikers' places.

All Out in Kansas.

WICHITA, Kas., Dec. 8.—The Rock Island telegraphers, of this division, except train dispatchers, and three operators, struck this morning.

A Destructive Fire.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 8.—A fire broke out this morning in the city armory on Long street, and fanned by a heavy wind, quickly spread to the police station, which is now burning. The prisoners have been removed to the county jail. There was an explosion in the armory, part of whose walls fell before it occurred. By hard work firemen succeeded in saving the police station, but the armory is entirely destroyed. Loss \$60,000.

Absorbs Another Railroad.

BALT LAKE, Utah, Dec. 8.—Current rumors in regard to absorption of Rio Grande and Western Ry. by the Southern Pacific are beginning to assume a definite state.

The Telegrapher's Strike.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 8.—The telegraphers of the Rock Island road struck this morning and new men have been obtained for important points.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 8.—All telegraphers employed by the Rock Island railroad in Nebraska except four have struck this morning. A large number of new operators were sent out to take strikers' places.

DESVER, Col., Dec. 8.—Very few telegraphers on Rock Island lines in this state struck this morning.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 8.—No strike in this city among telegraphers of Rock Island road.

Southern War Claims.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—In the annual report of attorney General Miller calls special attention to enormous amount of South claims piling up, for supplies, taken by the army during the war, amounting at present to about four hundred millions. He suggests that congress put some barrier between treasury and these claims, a large portion of which are without right.

Confirmations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The senate in executive session confirmed the nominations of John H. Gear, of Iowa, to be assistant secretary of treasury; D. P. Thompson, of Oregon, minister to Turkey; Wm. Potter, of Pennsylvania, minister to Italy; Wm. Stone, of Iowa, Commissioner of General Land Office.

Panama Canal Scandal.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—It is reported the minister of justice has ordered the arrest of members of the council of the Panama Canal Company, charged with a breach of trust. These include Ferdinand De Lesseps, Charles De Lesseps Fontanes and Baron Cottu.

A Denial.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 8.—General Manager Dodge, of Rio-Grande and western road denies that Southern Pacific has secured control of his road.

NOT HOSTILE.

The Catholic Church Takes Advanced Grounds.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.—The following is a synopsis of the address of Monsignor Satolli, delivered at a recent meeting of archbishops in New York on the subject of settling the school question and religious education. In the Catholic church was vested the divine right of instruction of the young in so far as theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Hence, absolutely and universally speaking, there is no repugnance in the young learning first the elements and higher branches in the public schools controlled by the state. For the rest the provisions of the council of Baltimore are yet in force, and in a general way will remain so. United with the duty of procuring a truly Christian and Catholic education for the offspring, are the right of parents which no civil law or authority can violate or weaken. The Catholic church in general, and especially the holy see, desires that by the joint act of the civil and ecclesiastical authorities there should be public schools in every state, but the Catholic church shrieks from those features of public schools which are opposed to the truth of Christianity.

River Steamer Blown Ashore.

PORTLAND, Dec. 8.—The Union steamboat Bonita which runs between this city and Cascades was blown out of the channel near Bridal Veil Wednesday. She struck a rock knocking a hole in the bottom and sank in a few minutes. The water is shallow, and only the lower deck is submerged. The loss will be about \$2,500. The passengers were brought to this city by another boat this evening.

Corbett Arrested.

BOSTON, Dec. 8.—James Corbett, the champion pugilist, was arrested in this city at the instance of Joseph Lannon, the Boston pugilist, to recover \$5000 for an alleged breach

of contract to spar at Lannon's exhibition in this city. Corbett was not taken into custody, and appeared at the theater as usual.

PLAIN PEOPLE OF KANSAS.

Strike a Blow at American Aristocracy.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 8.—It had been proposed by the people here to have an inaugural ball when Governor-elect Lewelling was placed in office, but the governor opposed it, and a mass meeting of populists called to decide upon the inaugural ceremony adopted these resolutions last night:

"Resolved, That the recent political victory was won by the plain people of Kansas, and was a victory against mammon worship in all its forms—was, in truth, but one battle in the irrepressible conflict between the people and that greed which finds its most lurid exponent in society, with its ostentatious display of power to spend money for trifles, while those who have earned it starve. Inaugural ceremonies carried on by fashionable society, and under its ostentatiousness of dress and expense, would be exceedingly inappropriate and highly distasteful to all friends of genuine social and political reforms; and further,

"Resolved, That the plain people of Kansas, who elected the new state officers, cannot look but with anxiety upon any indication that the officers have submitted to the allurements of that fashionable society which represents all the enemies of the common people, and based upon wealth gained by monopoly, constitutes a dangerous lobby about the officials it may secure in its meshes; therefore,

"Resolved, That we are opposed to any ball as a part of the ceremonies of inauguration."

Frank H. Herald, a populist legislator, said he had just come from an interview with Mrs. Lease, and that she favored a country dance, but was "dead set" against any low-neck and swallow-tail affair. This announcement was applauded.

Belongs to the Mafia.

DENVER, Dec. 8.—William E. Sawers, a French creole who is under arrest here for burglary, confessed today that he had a hand in the murder of Chief of Police Hennessy in New Orleans, which was followed by the lynching of a number of Italians and diplomatic difficulties with Italy. Sawers said that he roomed with four members of the secret society in New Orleans. He was at meetings when threats of revenge were made against the chief of police. He heard their oaths and knew their secrets. He went with the members on the night of the murder and was with them under cover when they fired the fatal shots. He fled to Cincinnati, but says he seemed to hear the officers in pursuit, and so he went to Chicago. He could get no work there, he says, and three weeks ago he came to Denver.

Fire in a Coal Mine.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 8.—Orders have been issued to turn Carbon Run creek into the Reading's Sterling mines, in which one of the greatest underground conflagrations ever known here is raging. The eastside gangway is a vast sheet of fire, which roars and tears its way along the gloomy passages with the fury of a furnace. At the entrance large clouds of smoke issue, and the sound of falling rock and hissing flames can be heard a mile away. A disastrous explosion is feared. The Sterling is the slope where five men recently lost their lives amid sulphur and black damp.

Smallpox in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Edmond Ingalls, a young medical student living in the suburban town of Oak Park, is down with smallpox. He contracted the disease by going to the posthouse to study the case of Miss Johnson, who was taken ill some time ago. It is believed that the disease at his home in Oak Park, and the matter created excitement.

THE HERRY TRIALS.

Was Moses the Author of the Pentateuch?—Smith Case.

New York, Dec. 8.—Dr. Birch resumed the reading of his argument in the Herry case yesterday, the fifth charge being taken up. In this, Birch is accused of teaching that Moses was not the author of the Pentateuch, which teaching is contrary to the essential doctrine of the standard church. A formidable array of scripture texts was added in the printed charges to show the falsity of the Herry theory. Dr. Birch said the only authority on the authorship of the Pentateuch was the bible itself. If Moses did not write the Pentateuch, said he, no Jew can be blamed for rejecting Christ. If Moses did not write the Pentateuch, Christ himself is dishonest. When Birch finished Col. McCook took up the edge and announced his intention to prove the heresy of the theories Birch expounded in his inaugural address by showing their effect upon practical Christianity.

He had not concluded when a recess was taken.

Oregon Pioneer Killed.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 8.—News has just been received from the headwaters of Coos river that John Macklebrink, a prominent citizen and pioneer of this county, was shot and instantly killed Monday evening. Two brothers, Herman and Erick Peterson, were quarrelling, when Macklebrink interfered, and the only shot that took effect killed him. It is supposed that he was trying to separate the two brothers. Although six shots were fired, and it is not known which one of the brothers killed Macklebrink. The steamer has gone to the scene with Justice Jennings and a jury to hold an inquest.

Details of His Crime.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 8.—Captain Samuel Smith, murderer of George Neale, the 16-year-old boy, off the Coronado islands on Friday morning last, has made a full confession of the crime. He says he brained the boy with a hatchet, afterward casting him into the sea. The discharge of the rifle he ascribed to accident, but admits that Neale was not dead when thrown overboard, but cried out for help. In rehearsing his part in the tragedy the old man displayed no feeling, but at the close he exclaimed: "My God, why did I do it?" He says he intended to destroy Silbery also, but after he got away with Neale he thought he could get along with the other boy. The only reason he assigns for the crime is that the boys had set the small boat adrift, thus compelling him to return to port without a full cargo of guano. A new complaint was filed against Smith here in the United States court, and Commissioner Ward held him to answer to the charge in the district court at Los Angeles, to which place the prisoner was taken.

The Smith Case.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 8.—The Smith case is nearing completion, of the hearing. Smith closed his argument yesterday, summing up with the claim that the committee has failed to show anywhere in his writings or teaching anything to justify a verdict of guilty. Dr. McKibben then began the closing argument for the prosecuting committee. A vote may be reached tomorrow. There seems but little doubt but that it will be against Smith.

The Brussels Conference.

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FARMERS DEMAND SILVER.

Fall in Prices Charged to Appreciation in Gold.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—In the agricultural conference Hon. Henry Chaplain said he hoped the international conference would adopt the principle of bi-metallicism. William Saunders, radical member of parliament, attempted to denounce protection, but was hooted down. Counsel who attempted to state that a return to protection meant a return to barbarism was similarly treated. Mr. Nethercole, a farmer delegate, proposed a resolution affirming that the unfair competition of untaxed foreign imports with home products was an injustice that called for immediate removal, and therefore all competing imports ought to pay a duty of not less than the rates and taxes levied on home products.

After a long debate the resolution was adopted by a large majority.

Everett, liberal member of Suffolk, moved a resolution, declaring, that, in the opinion of the conference, a continuous fall in prices was largely due to the appreciation of gold and in exchange between gold and silver-using countries, and the best remedy would be secured by an agreement on a broad international basis to re-open the mints of the leading nations to the unrestricted coinage of silver and gold. The resolution urged that the British government be earnestly requested to co-operate with other governments now represented in the monetary conference in Brussels. Everett maintained that the fall in prices was not due to free trade, but added gold had by the policy of protection had raised the price of that metal 50 per cent. above the value it previously held with regard to silver. A lengthy debate ensued. The resolution was then carried.

The Times, commenting on the proceedings of the international monetary conference, says: "Sir William Houldsworth's plan is the driest yet proposed, and may serve to amuse certain delegates with the notion that they are making valuable contributions to economic science. McCreary's speech was chiefly remarkable for the frank admission that the United States will take the earliest opportunity to repeal the Sherman act, or, in other words, abandon an experiment which Europe had been invited to undertake."

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