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A SOUTHERN CYCLONE.

Lake Michigan Lashed Into a Fury.

PROBABLY TWENTY LIVES ARE LOST

At Milwaukee, Wis., in a Tunnel Under the Lake.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 20.—A cyclone struck this town late last night and destroyed a dozen residences, four stores and two warehouses. The cyclone lasted but a few minutes, and no one was killed, although a number were seriously injured.

INJURED BY A CYCLONE.
FAYETTEVILLE, Ark., April 20.—At noon yesterday a terrific cyclone passed through the valley just south of this place, leaving a barren waste behind it. Many homes were utterly demolished and many families in the storm tonight are without shelter. Out of one family whose name is Wright, consisting of eight persons, not one escaped serious injury.

THE LAKE STORM.
MILWAUKEE, April 20.—Lake Michigan is being swept by one of the worst easterly gales experienced in years. The sea is running very high, and vessels are unable to venture out of the harbor. A small vessel is ashore at Head Juneau. The worst feature of the gale is the probable loss of twenty live by the washing away of a house over the crib at the terminus of the new water works tunnel. No men are in sight, and it is believed they were swept away but they may be in the air lock below.

It is now known that 22 men went out to the water works crib last night. Unless rescued soon, all that may be alive at this hour must perish, as the crib is submerged by every wave.

ALL SUFFOCATED.
The tug Welcomes returned from the crib. The life savers found one man whom they rescued. He will probably die from exposure and exhaustion. As there are no signs of any of the rest it is believed the 21 men are either swept away or dead in the cribbed chamber. The rescued man recovered sufficiently just before being taken to the hospital to be able to tell those about him that his companions were all in the air chamber below the crib. It is believed they are all suffocated.

DELUGE AT THE FAIR.
CHICAGO, April 20.—Half-dressed guards rushed from the service building at the world's fair grounds at 11 o'clock toward the manufacturers' building. For hours the rain pelted down on the roofs of the big buildings or was driven in sheets by mighty winds and shook the heavy iron trusses as it struck their coverings. The wind had been high all day, but at an hour before midnight it was blowing almost a hurricane.

BRIDGE CARRIED AWAY.
RED LAKE FALLS, April 10.—The ice went out of Clearwater river, taking out the Great Northern railway bridge. The ice is jammed at the junction of the Red Lake and Clearwater rivers, and the river is overflowing. Houses near the river are flooded.

ST. PAUL, April 20.—Heavy wet snow was falling yesterday in northwestern Minnesota and eastern North Dakota, and tonight extends all over the state. Fergus Falls, Minn., reports a fall of 10 inches during the day at Montevideo.

THE UNION PACIFIC STRIKE.
A Kansas Judge Grants the Railroad Company an Injunction.

KANSAS CITY, April 20.—The officials of the Union Pacific road say the strike on their system is causing little trouble. The road is not crippled in the least. The strikers on the other hand say that in spite of statements made by the company to the contrary, the road is suffering from a scarcity of locomotives in good repair.

MURDERER CONVICTED.
NEW YORK, April 20.—The jury in the case of Matthew Johnson, the West Indian negro, who was on trial the last three days for the murder of Engineer Emil Kuebelhorn on December 10 last, brought in a degree of murder in the first degree last night, after five hours deliberation.

Fire at Redondo.
REDONDO, Cal., April 20.—Fire destroyed the Oceanview hotel, loss \$20,000, insurance \$10,000; Terlisters & Hanneman's saloon building, loss \$10,000, insurance \$2500; and a number of smaller places. A number of other buildings were with difficulty prevented from being burned. Total loss estimated at \$50,000.

Arrested for Libel.
TOPEKA, April 20.—County attorney Curtis today filed a complaint sworn to by Cyrus Leland, Jr., of Troy, charging R. B. Osborn, secretary of the state of Kansas, with criminal libel.

WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

Reciprocity and the Nicaragua Canal.

FINANCIAL SITUATION MADE EASIER.

Forty-One Assistant Microscopists Discharged.

RECIPROACITY.
WASHINGTON, April 20.—Investigation into the working of the several reciprocal trade arrangements entered into by the United States with the Central and South American countries and with Spain, for Cuba and Porto Rico, under the provisions of the McKinley act, which Secretary Gresham instituted immediately upon assuming the duties of his office, it is reported, led to the determination by President Cleveland to terminate the arrangements with Brazil and with Spain for Cuba and Porto Rico. Inquiry at the state department develops the fact that the arrangements have not yet been terminated, and it cannot be ascertained that the reported action on the part of the administration is to abandon reciprocity. On the contrary, the result of the inquiries tends to prove if any such action has been, or will be taken with regard to Brazil and Spain, it will be due to special and local causes. Complaints are said to have been received from persons doing business with Cuba and Porto Rico that the local officials of those islands do not observe the requirements of the reciprocal prohibitive duty upon articles entitled to admission free of duty under the terms of convention. Some complaint is also made of Brazil in this direction.

NICARAGUA CANAL.
The stockholders of the Nicaragua Canal company met today at noon. It is stated that Warner Miller will resign as president and that Smith H. M. Weed, of Pittsburg, N. Y., will succeed him. The morning papers say there is opposition to Miller from the English investors. It has been said that the English investors are particularly interested in discovering Cleveland's opinion on the subject of the completion of the canal. It is imperative that there should be a change in the control and a substitution for Miller of a representative who can treat with the present administration. It is stated that the English investors are desirous of completing the canal through the aid of a joint subsidy from the British and the American governments. They estimate that it will require \$65,000,000 and say England will guarantee its share. The plan is to insure a dividend of 3 per cent for seven years and guarantee the repayment of the subsidy in ten years.

CIVIL SERVICE.
The ninth annual report of the civil service commission has been issued. The commissioners urge the classified service should be extended as rapidly as practicable to cover every position in the public service to which it can appropriately be applied. They earnestly desire that some such bill as that introduced in the last congress to take the fourth class postmasters out of politics may become a law.

The report shows a very surprising growth in the number of employees compared with the growth of population. The percentage of growth of public service in ten years is nearly double that of the population. In 1883 about 11 per cent of the public service was removed from party politics, and in 1893 about 21 per cent. The whole number of places subject to competitive examination under the rules is now 42,928.

FINANCES.
Only a grave emergency will change the present financial policy of the government and each day the officials of the treasury department gain more confidence in the situation. Yesterday the secretary received gold from Philadelphia, which is the first offer made to aid the administration and a small amount was also obtained from Chicago. This enlargement of free gold and the usual daily increase makes the condition more easy than yesterday. At the treasury it was denied any order was yet issued to stop the redemption in gold of treasury notes of 1890 and the statement was made nothing would be done until the emergency arrived.

REFORM.
Secretary Morton today ordered the dismissal of forty-one assistant microscopists, one clerk and a bookkeeper attached to the bureau of animal industry, assigned to duty at Chicago. The reason for the dismissal is the reduced condition of work.

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EARTHQUAKES AT ZANTE.

A Dowager Duchess Must Go to Jail.

HOME RULE BILL WILL BE VOTED ON.

Important Items of Foreign News of the Day.

Earthquakes at Zante.
NEW YORK, April 20.—A Herald special from Zante says shocks of varying length continue. The British man-of-war Inflexible and the French warship Iphigene, as well as Greek ironclads, are in the harbor. Two companies of army engineers are engaged in clearing away the ruins. The relief committee estimates that there are 8000 roofless houses. It has been decided to build 3000 huts, to contain 10 persons each. It will be years before the place is rebuilt, as the government proposes to prohibit the construction of any but anti-seismic houses.

Zante was shaken by a severe earthquake at midnight, the 19th. Slight disturbances were felt almost hourly until noon, when another violent shock caused a repetition of the recent panic. The historic houses of the poets, Poesolo and Salomos, were tumbled to ruins. The harbor was broken into a violent emotion and enormous waves broke over the water front. The British warship Inflexible, of the Mediterranean squadron, arrived with food and tents.

A Duchess in Troubles.
LONDON, April 20.—The story given out that the Dowager Duchess of Sutherland, who was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment in the Holloway jail for contempt of court, was driven to prison and locked up, is universally printed and believed to have transpired. Today, however, the report is shown to be erroneous. After the imposition of the sentence, the dowager obtained from Justice Juene an order permitting her to go to a village near Windsor, with the understanding that she would surrender herself to the authorities today. It is now announced that the dowager duchess was taken suddenly ill at 4 o'clock in the morning. Later the doctors sent a certificate to the authorities to the effect that the duchess was too ill to surrender to undergo the sentence of imprisonment imposed by Justice Juene. A section of the press is trying to establish the argument that in sentencing the dowager duchess, Justice Juene exceeded his authority, and these papers point out in support of their contention that a peeress is exempt from arrest in a civil case.

Home Rule.
LONDON, April 20.—The debate on the second reading of the home-rule bill will be concluded Friday. The morning of that day Gladstone will deliver a speech, followed by Balfour, the conservative leader. Balfour will be the last speaker before taking a vote.

Fled to America.
BERLIN, April 20.—A decided sensation is caused here by the flight to America of Deputy Captain Baron Oppen. His creditors have seized his house and goods. Frauine Lehmann, who lives in Potsdam, claims the property. Oppen's wife has entered a Westphalia institute as a Sister of Mercy. The Baroness Wittlich, her mother-in-law, will adopt the five children of the couple.

A Cousin of Bismarck.
BERLIN, April 20.—Count Bismarck Schierstein, head of the noble and ancient house of Bismarck-Schoenhause, to which Prince Bismarck belongs, died at Schlestein, in Hesse-Nassau, the seat of the family. Deceased was born in 1809, and was a cousin of Prince Bismarck.

Gandour, the Oarsman, Ill.
TORONTO, Ontario, April 20.—Gandour, the sculler, is seriously ill, and all

his matches at the world's fair and with the Australian champion may have to be declared off. He was laid up with a cold about a month ago, which seems to have developed into something more serious. It is believed that he cannot recover in time to get into condition for his race with Hanlan for the championship of America.

Disraeli's Death.
LONDON, April 20.—Today is the 12th anniversary of the death of Disraeli. The Primrose League observed the day in a customary manner. The members in London and the provinces wore bunches of primroses. The Beaconsfield statue in this city was wreathed in the late earl's favorite flower.

Famous Billiardist.
PARIS, April 20.—A. P. Rudolphe, the famous billiardist, is dead, aged 58. He has traveled all over the world giving exhibitions as a fancy player. He was once champion of America, having won the diamond cue from John Deery. His real name was Peyraud.

Chessmaster.
BERLIN, April 20.—Jean Dufrene, the celebrated chessmaster and author, is dead, aged 64.

Crushed to Death.
ASTORIA, Or., April 20.—A special to the Astorian from Fort Canby, Wash., says Andrew Farland was crushed to death this evening while helping to unload a heavy ordnance from a barge at the government dock. A carriage for a fifteen-inch gun was being rolled up the slip when the hook in the block parted, allowing the heavy mass to topple over onto Farland. He leaves a wife and children.

No Park Bonds.
PORTLAND, Or., April 20.—The mayor has vetoed the ordinance passed by the city council providing the issue of \$250,000 bonds for the purchase of a city park. The ordinance compelling the saloons to close at 1 a. m., was repealed and the saloons may now remain open all night.

The Oregon Pacific has begun a salvage suit for \$10,000 against the steam schooner Alice Blanchard.

Family Cremated.
CAMBRIDGE, Minn., April 20.—The house of Dan Erickson, of Bradford, was burned with all the household effects, and the man, his wife and two children were cremated alive. Two of his neighbors had spent the day with Erickson and the three drank liberally of liquor. It is supposed that in attempting to light his pipe, while in a drunken condition, he dropped some slip and was unable to quench it or save himself. The remainder of the family were sleeping upstairs.

Challenge Accepted.
KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 20.—Col. Thomas H. Monterey, the veteran fencing master of Chicago, has accepted the sweeping challenge of Captain Phelan, of this city, to meet any broadsword-man in the world in a fight to a finish, with no protection except a helmet, for \$500 a side. All that remains to complete the arrangements for the contest is for some athletic club to offer a purse.

Spring Wool Clip.
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 20.—The spring wool clip is beginning to arrive in this market. The work of shearing 11,000 head of sheep on the ranch of J. K. Burr began yesterday. The wool will be better than for years, being long, clean and bright. Mr. Burr thinks better prices will be received for this spring's clip by about 3 cents per pound than the clip a year ago. He also thinks that the price for good mutton will go higher, as the greater number of Western-fed mutton have been marketed.

Horse Thieves.
DAVENPORT, Wash., April 20.—William Gibbons and George Trumbull, two of a gang of horse thieves who have been operating in the Crab Creek country, were captured at Ollinger's ranch by Marshal O'Farrell. They were arrested in bed.