

DEATH LIST FROM TORNADO WHICH SWEEPED THE MIDDLE WEST IS STEADILY CLIMBING UPWARD

Telegraph and Telephone Service With Many Isolated Districts Has Not Yet Been Restored—Illinois the Hardest Hit of the Central States—Property Loss in Chicago Area is Estimated at Six Million Dollars.

Chicago, March 29—The death list of the Palm Sunday tornadoes which swept sections of eight states, tonight stood at one hundred and sixty.

Telegraph and telephone service with many isolated communities in the middle west had only been partly restored tonight and indications were that the toll of death and destruction would be augmented.

The known dead in six central west ern states numbered 105 while fifty-five were killed in Georgia and Alabama. The property loss in the Chicago area alone was estimated at \$6,000,000. While in the other states affected the material loss was large. Elgin (Ills.), suffered the heaviest property loss, the damage there being \$4,000,000.

Illinois was the hardest hit of the central states with thirty dead, more than one thousand injured and two thousand made homeless.

Indiana reported thirty-six fatalities and Ohio, twenty-six. Eleven were killed in Michigan, and one each in Wisconsin and Missouri.

The death list in Georgia was placed at thirty-eight and in Alabama at seventeen.

The districts most severely affected in the Chicago area were Irving Park, within the city limits, with six dead; Melrose Park, nine dead; Elgin, eight dead; Maywood, four and Plain field, three dead.

Heavy property damage resulted in these towns and also in Wilmette and Evanston North Shore suburbs. No fatalities occurred in the latter places.

At Joliet (Ills.), three persons were probably fatally injured, fourteen were seriously hurt and the property damage was estimated at half a million dollars.

Although the tornado travelled forward at a rate of about fifty miles an hour, the wind at the core of the tornado was estimated to have had a velocity of from 200 to 300 miles an hour.

N. S. GIRL WILL MARRY NEGRO

Boston Mass., March 29—Thomas I. Fletcher, a full-blooded negro, 28 years of age, residing at 203 West Springfield street, will be married to Miss Jessie Mae McLean, 22 years of age, a native and resident of Glace Bay N. S., a white girl of unusual beauty Saturday night or Monday morning Fletcher who enlisted in the Canadian army at the beginning of the war and who was later transferred to the American army, is now a real estate agent with offices at 397 Tremont st. He was born in Cambridge, Maryland and attended schools in Baltimore and Washington.

Miss McLean served throughout the world war as a nurse in the Canadian Red Cross. "I met my fiancée near Dedham four months ago," stated Fletcher this morning. "Miss McLean was a nurse with a private family there and I was a waiter. My real estate work is not a new venture for I once had offices in Baltimore before the war. Neither she or I consider color or race for we love each other dearly. I have been keeping company with her steadily since I met her. We filed our marriage intentions yesterday and she has gone to Everett to

DEBATE ON THE HOME RULE BILL OPENED IN IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT

(Special to the Mail.)

LONDON, March 30.—With the moving of the second reading of the Irish Home Rule bill today, debate on the measure was formally opened. The formal motion in behalf of the government was made by Hon. J. I. Macpherson, the Chief Secretary for Ireland. The government, fearing that Sinn Fein sympathizers might make a demonstration, had caused special guards to be stationed at Westminster, but their services were not needed. The motions for the rejection of the bill have been prepared, one by the labor party and the other by former Premier Asquith.

PROHIBITION AN INCENTIVE TO VICE AND IMMORALITY SAYS ST. JOHN TORY ORGAN

St. John Standard Takes a Wallop at Prohibitive Measure Enacted by Its Political Friends—Declares It is a Waste of Time to Talk to Prohibitionists, for They Cannot be Reasoned With, and There are Greater Evils.

(St. John Times.)

Readers of the Standard rubbed their eyes this morning when they read a leading article in that newspaper under the heading: "Prohibition an incentive to vice and immorality."

Reading down the article they were further informed that "from facts that are beginning to come in evidence, it is not unlikely that prohibition may in time become almost as great an evil itself as the evil it was designed to check."

Still further along they are told that "it is a waste of time to talk to the prohibitionists, for they cannot be reasoned with," and that "it is rapidly becoming apparent that there are greater evils than moderate drinking, and that the prohibition of such drinking is one of the principal contributing causes to some of these evils than moderate drinking, and that the prohibition of such drinking is one of the principal contributing causes to some of these evils."

Hon. James A. Murray and the other members of the government which adopted prohibition, with the full and complete approval of the Standard, which also expressed great fear that the Foster government would not be in sympathy with this great reform, will feel that they have been wounded in the house of their friends. As to those Conservative readers of the Standard who are and have been firm supporters of prohibition, we can imagine their feelings when they are bluntly told by their own newspaper that "it is a waste of time to talk to the prohibitionists, for they cannot be reasoned with."

What does all this mean? What is the explanation of the sudden volte-face of the Standard? Has it become the organ of those who would like to see prohibition in New Brunswick defeated at the coming referendum, What will be the attitude of the members of its party?

Is it really a waste of time to talk to prohibitionists James A. Murray, J. B. M. Baxter, B. Frank Smith and all their friends and supporters, as well as with the members of the present government and its supporters? Or has somebody discovered that the Standard is open to conviction when approached with the sweet reasonableness which characterizes the opponents of prohibition?

CANADIAN PACIFIC COMPANY MAY ACQUIRE WESTERN ROADS

Receiver Likely to be Appointed for the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway, and the Edmonton and B. C. Road —Rush to Peace River Country Expected.

Ottawa, March 29—At the conference to be held with the minister of railways tomorrow western members will probably be told that the Dominion government has dropped the project, so far as this year is concerned of acquiring the Edmonton Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway and the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway. The next move may be that the Alberta government appoint a receiver for these two roads and it may yet be sold to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, which has disclaimed a desire to get them, but which would take them over if its former offer were accepted it is understood. The Canadian Pacific is believed to be anxious to get an entry into the Peace River country, which this year is expected to have the greatest rush in its history.

The fur industry has given a great impetus by present prices and old timers confidently expect that the exploration parties going in this year will find and commence to develop vast oil fields that will make Americans and Canadians alike forget about Texas and hie them for the Far North.

So far as the construction of the branch lines in the west is concerned the minister will probably give the western members an idea as to what construction can be expected.

Naturally the construction under way last year will be continued, but the members are losing hope of having further construction on the Hudson Bay railroad this year. The minister will give the same information to the House later in the day.

Your correspondent is informed that it is too late for any member to hope to keep the C. P. R. out of Drumheller, as authority to build there was given at a previous session, and construction has commenced. In fact the C. P. R. expects to be in Drumheller by the autumn.

Farewell Gathering

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baird entertained at their home in honor of Mrs. C. E. McLean and Mr. B. B. Flewelling who are soon to remove from the city. They are both valued members of the Presbyterian choir and their departure will be greatly regretted in musical circles. Mrs. McLean will remove to St. John where her husband is opening a photograph studio, and Mr. Flewelling, who is connected with the Farm Settlement Board will be stationed in the future in St. John. During the evening an impromptu musical program was carried out and the guests of honor were presented with fitting tokens of the esteem of their friends.

Has Resigned Position

Miss Mary Adams, one of Fredericton's most popular young ladies has resigned her position in the Department of Public Works and is leaving on Saturday for Woodstock, where she will spend a few weeks visiting friends. From there she will go to Boston to spend a short time with her sister. Miss Adams is soon to become a principal in an interesting event and will make her home either in Toronto or the Canadian West.

Donald Fraser of Plaster Rock is at the Queen Hotel.

R. D. McA. Law of St. John is in the city.

STIPULATIONS OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN FINALLY ACCEPTED BY THE COMMUNISTS

The Only Exception was in Regard to the Fourth Condition, Which Has to Do With the Surrender of Arms and Ammunition—Government Stipulated That Its Conditions Must be Accepted by Today.

JAMES DORCAS BEING TRIED IN COUNTY COURT

Seven Prisoners Serving Terms in Jail Summoned as Witnesses—Prisoner is Defending.

The case of The King vs James Dorcas who was sent up for trial by Police Magistrate Limerick, began this afternoon before the York County Court, His Honor Judge Wilson presiding. Dorcas is defending two charges, one that he stole liquor from a car in the C. N. R. yard at Napudogan the second that he received goods stolen while in the charge of the C. N. R. and which the accused knew to be stolen.

Prisoners as Witnesses

Seven of the C. N. R. employees who are now serving six months sentences in York County jail have been subpoenaed as witnesses in the case against Dorcas. They are Abraham Gallop, Ephraim Dickson, George Needles Thomas Needles, Carman Cookson, Rowley Merrill and William Grant.

Members of the C. N. R. investigating staff who are to be witnesses are Joseph B. Meade, Martin H. Hunter and Oswald B. Lawson.

A number of other officials are here for the case.

The Jurymen.

The Grand Jury summoned on this case is as follows:—W. B. Knox, Millville; W. C. Burt, Fredericton; John McKay, Kingsclear; H. P. Baird Fredericton; John A. Courser, Prince William; Alex. Skene, McAdam; Robert Clark, North Lake; Adam S. Jackson, Mouth of Keswick; George McKnight, Fredericton; Zara Fox, Pinder; Woodford, J. Merrithew, Mouth of Keswick.

The petit jury is as follows: William Waugh, Stanley; Robert Barr, Fredericton; Harry Bowlen, Devon; Henry B. Boone, North Lake; Clarence Hall, Hawksshaw; Ludlow T. Hoyt, Lower Prince William; Frank Thorburn, Stanley; Gordon G. Scott, Fredericton; Otty F. Grant, Hawksshaw; Barry Dunphy Mouth of Keswick; Richard S. Harvey, F. G. VanWart, Fredericton; Manesesh Dunphy, Kingsclear; R. G. Lee, Fredericton; W. B. Hagerman, Mouth of Keswick; Walter Graham Mouth of Keswick; Delbert Pugh, Burt's Corner; T. M. Sanson, Fredericton; H. Bliss Nason, Nasonworth; George I. Lister, McAdam; Edgar Coburn McAdam.

P. J. Hughes is appearing for the defendant and H. G. Fenety, clerk of the court, is prosecuting.

Other Cases

Other hearings for this sitting of the court are in the civil action of Dora P. Hanson vs. Elizabeth Coburn and in the naturalization application of John Tranquilla of Millville.

H. G. Deedes, who has been here with his family for some days, left last night for St. John.

Halifax Echo: Mrs. T. F. MacDonald of St. John, and Mrs. Ralph H. Hedges of Fredericton spent a few days in Halifax this week, the guests of Mrs. MacDonald's daughter, Mrs. T. F. Cummings, Robie street.

Esson, March 30—All stipulations of the Berlin government relative to a cessation of fighting and maintenance in the Ruhr district have been accepted with one exception by the central committee in charge of anti-government operations here, according to an official message to Berlin last night. Exception was taken in reference to the fourth condition regarding the surrender of arms and ammunition. The government was informed that this condition would be accepted if constructed in accordance with the Beld agreement with the understanding that the agreement will be fulfilled. The government in sending its ultimatum to communists in the Ruhr district stipulated that its condition must be accepted by Tuesday.

BIG TOURIST TRAVEL IS LOOKED FOR

Toronto, March 30—"Canada is on the eve of a great expansion in her tourist traffic," said Mr. H. R. Charlton, General Advertising Agent of the Grand Trunk System, when interviewed here today. Mr. Charlton is attending a conference of Grand Trunk passenger traffic representatives who are considering many subjects having for their object the main taining of the railway's service at the highest level of efficiency.

"The summer resort hotels of Canada," continued Mr. Charlton, "last year enjoyed a wonderful season so far as volume of business is concerned. We have been in touch with the proprietors of some hundreds of summer hotels throughout the Highlands of Ontario, and they report that advance reservations are larger even than in 1919—are indeed in excess of any previous year. Such regions as the Algonquin Park, Muskoka Lakes, Kawartha Lakes, Lake of Bays and the Georgian Bay have taken such a firm hold upon popular favor that early application for accommodation will have to be made by those planning summer vacations. This is especially true where visits are contemplated during the month of August. Vacations in June, July and September offer equal advantages and it is gratifying to note the steady increase in the number of people who are annually recognizing that, with the wider choice of accommodation then available that these are ideal months for holiday making."

"Indications are that there will be a marked increase in the amount of travel to the Canadian resort from the United States. The exchange situation will prove no doubt, to be an attraction to the people of the United States to plan their vacations in Canada should the premium on United States funds continue throughout the summer. The principal attractions are to be found, however, in the splendid climatic conditions and unexcelled scenery that the Canadian resorts offer."

M. G. Thurber of Millerton is in the city.

G. C. Jordan of St. John is in the city.

G. C. Clamfield of Woodstock is at the Barker House.

POLISH TROOPS RECOVER SOME TERRITORY LOST TO BOLSHEVIKI

(Special to the Mail.)

WARSAW, March 30.—Russian Bolsheviki forces which have been attacking the Polish front in Podolia, have suffered severe losses and have withdrawn to the eastward, says an official statement issued at army headquarters here today. Polish troops have pursued the enemy and have retaken territory which was lost in the severe fighting of last week, it is said. Fighting on all fronts is reported, but it is heaviest in Podolia and in the region of Retchitsa and Kalenkovitz, northwest of Mosisco.