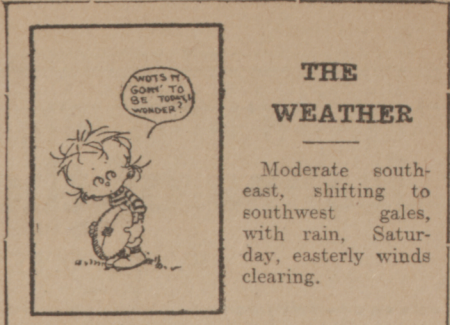


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DEATH IN PATH OF TORNADO

Towns and Villages in Western Tennessee Demolished

FIRE HORROR ADDED

One Town Likely Reduced to Ashes—Father and Babe Crushed To Death by Timbers of Ruined Home

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 15.—Three persons known to have been killed, others injured and missing and several towns and villages demolished, is the toll taken by a storm of tornado proportions which swept through western Tennessee early last night, according to the meagre details possible to secure over crippled wires. Many points in the pathway of the tornado are yet to be heard from and that the total of dead and injured will be increased as telegraphic communication is restored is believed certain.

Coming from the southeast the wind wrecked many structures in its path and numerous buildings were unroofed. From some points come reports of a heavy rain-fall accompanying the wind, while in other districts rain fell with violence.

Fire Adds to Horror

Denmark, in Madison county, is practically demolished, the added horror of fire following quickly in the wake of the storm, and at midnight it seemed certain that by today the wrecked town would be in ashes. At this place eighteen of the more modern buildings were torn from their foundations, while the smaller buildings were demolished. Denmark had a population of about 350 persons. Of the fatalities, two occurred here. Albert Barnes and his child, an infant, were caught among the falling timbers of his home and crushed to death. Mrs. Barnes was injured.

Near Mulberry, in Lincoln county, Thos. Helm was killed and Homer Ashby and wife were injured. Near Wartrace, a negro settlement was blown away.

Dyersburg, Covington, Stanton and Buford Station are other towns reporting minor damage.

Fifteen Reported Killed

A despatch from Acton, Tenn., early today, says fifteen people were killed at Hamburg, Tenn., when the storm passed over that section last night. The damage was heavy.

Related despatches reaching Memphis early today confirm previous reports as to loss of life, personal injury and property damage in north Alabama and middle and west Tennessee. As to the monetary loss, an accurate estimate is as yet impossible.

Later advices confirm the report that Denmark, Tenn., had been practically wiped from the map, fire following the passage of the storm, continuing the work of destruction. Today the town is largely smoldering embers, but few buildings escaping the flames, and those were damaged by the wind to such an extent as to necessitate a complete rebuilding.

W. C. T. U. MEMBERSHIP SHOWS INCREASE

Annual Meeting of Massachusetts Unit—An 81 Year Old White Ribboner

Pittsfield, Mass., Oct. 15.—At the Massachusetts W. C. T. U. annual meeting here State Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Jeanette Hill Knox, of Boston, said the paid membership was 9,562, a net gain of 851. The increase in the honorary membership was 807, making a net gain of 207. She said 174 active and honorary members have died during the year.

A memorial service for deceased members was conducted by Acting President Miss Elizabeth P. Gordon.

Mrs. Mary Jane Clerly, of Leminster, representing Worcester county north, who is 81 years old, and has been a member of the White Ribboners ever since their organization 36 years ago, is the oldest delegate present. She has attended every convention during that time. She is now honorary president of the union to which she belongs and was president for eight years. She is the press representative of the union and for fifteen years was its secretary.

COINAGE OF CANADIAN GOLD

Toronto, Oct. 15.—(Special)—Mayor Oliver has received a letter from Rudolph Boudreau, clerk of the privy council, acknowledging, on behalf of the prime minister, receipt of a petition from the city of Toronto for legislation providing for coinage of Canadian \$5, \$10 and \$20 gold pieces. "The same will receive due consideration," the letter states.

CIGAR STRIKERS IN BLOOD PACT; BETRAYAL MEANT DEATH

Manila, Oct. 15.—Thirty-six leaders of the striking cigar makers were arrested here today charged with criminal conspiracy.

This action is the result of the unionist cigar makers striking for higher wages after the Payne tariff bill went into effect. Several serious riots have taken place.

BIG FIGHT VERY NEARLY SLIPPED UP

Trouble Over Johnson-Ketchell Forfeit Money Now Smooth-Out—Both Men Nervous on the Eve of Battle

San Francisco, Oct. 15.—As a result of the disagreement between the principals over the status of the forfeit money of \$10,000, it looked for a time last night as though the Ketchell-Johnson fight would not take place. Willus Britt, Ketchell's manager, said later that an agreement had been reached, however, and that the battle would be fought.

The forfeit money was posted several months ago. It was understood it was to be placed as a side bet. Johnson demanded that the money be gathered in one man's hands. Britt and Ketchell demurred to this, as the odds were 3 to 1 against them, and they disliked to place their money at even odds. Johnson insisted and Coffroth hurried forward to patch up the misunderstanding, but there yet remained a feeling of uncertainty in sporting circles.

Jack Johnson and Stanley Ketchell, the principals in tomorrow's match for the heavyweight championship, passed a strenuous day yesterday in their training camps. Neither needed any additional work, but they worked hard for a moving picture operator. Ketchell has surprised the pugilistic world by announcing that he will not carry the fight to his opponent, as has been his custom. He declares Johnson, as the champion, must do the leading, unless Johnson shows unexpected weakness from the start. Johnson's manager asserts that his man will go after Ketchell to secure an early knock-out.

Betting Still 10 to 4

Betting on the match showed an increase yesterday, but the odds remain at 10 to 4 with Johnson on the long end. Although no change in the odds occurred, it is believed at the pool rooms that the flow of short end money which began yesterday, will soon change to a shortening of the price. Considerable money is being wagered on the even proposition that Ketchell will stay fifteen rounds against Johnson. Both fighters are nervous on the eve of the battle and of the two, Johnson seems to show the greater strain. Johnson weighed 166 pounds yesterday, two pounds less than he expects to be when he climbs through the ropes tomorrow. Ketchell remains at his announced weight of 175 pounds. He claims to be his natural weight, and the point at which he feels the strongest.

More Details

San Francisco, Oct. 15.—Rumors of a hitch in the Johnson-Ketchell championship fight which is scheduled to take place in Coffroth's arena tomorrow afternoon, appeared last night, according to information that came from both camps this morning. Johnson and Coffroth had a conference last night, and it was then surmised there was trouble over the side bet of \$10,000. This report spread rapidly. Coffroth said: "There may be no fight."

George Little, Johnson's manager, asked this morning if there was any hitch said: "Certainly not. Johnson and Coffroth had a talk last night, but nothing came up. It was simply that Johnson wanted to have an understanding in regard to certain matters so as not to consume time when the men entered the ring. It was decided that the managers of the fighters should have a conference with Referee Welch today and settle everything that is likely to cause friction at the last moment. There is nothing wrong with the side bet, and there is no chance of anything cropping up to interfere with the fight."

Willus Britt, Ketchell's manager, said he had not heard of any trouble, and that he hardly thought Johnson would raise any question as to the side bet. "Our \$5,000 is up, a final stake holder has been selected, and we are willing to take a chance," said Britt.

Johnson did some sparring with "Gunboat" Smith and Johnny O'Keefe yesterday. When Johnson stepped on the scales after his work he weighed 168 pounds. "If I felt better I would be suspicious," he said. "The only thing I'm sorry about is that it is not Jeffries I am going against."

"Never mind Jeffries," said Bob Armstrong, a sparring partner. "He can wait. You had better get past this other fellow first. If Ketchell lands on you, he will make you forget there is such a man as Jeffries on earth, and I know what I am talking about."

"It's too close to the fight now to indulge in arguments," replied Johnson. "I am betting that there will be no Ketchell after fifteen rounds."

Those who saw Ketchell during the day said he was trained to the minute. His weight was 177. The chances are that he will be close to the 178 pound mark when he goes into the ring.

OTHER PROOFS, ARRESTS IN TWO MURDER CASES MADE

Claims More Evidence to Discredit Cook Will Be Available When Wanted

Portland, Me., Oct. 15.—"If the statement given out by the Peary Arctic Club is not sufficient to prove that Dr. Cook did not reach the north pole, more evidence to prove my assertion will be forthcoming," said Commander Robert E. Peary at his Eagle Island summer home.

The commander continued: "When and in what manner this additional proof will be given to the public rests entirely with Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard, president of the Peary Arctic Club. All my evidence in the case has been turned over to him, and will be made public by him as he deems wise and necessary to prove my claims. I have all confidence in his judgment and have left it entirely with him. The confident manner in which Commander Peary made this statement and the half-suppressed smile of assurance which played about his mouth as he spoke, indicated that he still had in his possession what he considered important evidence bearing on the controversy, and his statement that Dr. Cook had not reached the pole. Further than this Peary had nothing to say for publication regarding his claims against Cook."

When asked as to his plans for the future, Commander Peary said they were indefinite, but that he is prepared to leave Eagle's Island at a moment's notice provided he should be summoned to New York, Washington or elsewhere. He is enjoying complete rest and would remain several weeks if not called away.

ONCASTER OUTLOOK IS NOT VERY GOOD

Clash in Dates for British Aeroplane Meetings--Weather, Too, Discouraging

Doncaster, Eng., Oct. 15.—Great Britain's first aviation meeting, advertised to open this morning, gives little indication thus far of fulfilling the promise of its promoters. The conditions today are most depressing. A half dozen aeroplanes in various stages of completion occupy unfinished sheds at one side of the race course, where the field has been converted into an aerodrome. A few other machines are expected, with a view to lessening competition, objected to by organized labor in different parts of the province.

He also intimated that the use of striped suits and cropping of hair, which led to a crash out the few good points left in a prisoner, would be abandoned.

REV. MR. McMASTER RETICENT ABOUT CHURCH MATTER

May Be Foundation for Rumor of His Resignation as German Siret Pastor Coming

With reference to an intimation that Rev. W. W. McMaster, pastor of the German street Baptist church, had in view handing in his resignation to accept a western pastorate, and that he would make an announcement Sunday, Rev. McMaster was reticent when seen this morning by a Times reporter.

He said that there was no authorization, so far as he was concerned, for such an announcement. It was true that he had said that he would have something important to say to the congregation, but whether or not it would be next Sunday he would not say. There was, however, possibly some foundation for the rumor that he might relinquish his charge.

W. C. Cross, T. H. Belyea and Donaldson Hunt, members of the church, expressed surprise on hearing of the matter. Asked if there had been any friction between pastor and people, they replied that they had not heard of any, and said further that, so far as they knew, his resignation had not been asked for.

JAPS AND ITALIANS HELP SAN FRANCISCO TO FIGHT BIG FIRE

Land From War Vessels to Lend Aid—Loss \$100,000 in Furniture Warehouses

San Francisco, Oct. 15.—Bearing a quiet lantern at the end of a long pole, a squad of Japanese marines from the cruiser Idzuma landed here late last night and marched through the streets in double quick time to the scene of a serious fire in the factory district. They had seen the flames and had come to help the firemen. The marines were in command of Lieut. Yamanouchi.

Soon afterwards, a landing party came from the Italian cruiser Calabria. Lieut. Beller, who was in command, explained that from the ship it looked as though the city might be in the grasp of another great conflagration. The firemen found little use for the marines, as the fire soon was under control. It spread through several furniture warehouses and did more than \$100,000 damage.

THE WEST PETERBORO ELECTION MATTER

Peterboro, Ont., Oct. 15.—Police Magistrate Dumble yesterday dismissed the charge of perjury arising out of the West Peterboro election trial preferred against Robert H. Sheppard. No judge or jury in Canada, he said, could be expected to convict a man upon the evidence proffered. It had been clearly shown that Sheppard had been paid by leading members of the local Conservative party to do detective work.

IS SUCCESSOR TO HARRIMAN

Marvin Hughitt, Takes His Place as New York Central—Gould Policy

New York, Oct. 15.—Marvin Hughitt, a close associate of W. K. Vanderbilt and president of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, is elected a director of the New York Central, in place of E. H. Harriman, indicating that the stories that the Harriman interests were dominant in New York Central had no foundation.

The election of Mr. Hughitt confirms the theory that Mr. Harriman merely represented the Union Pacific holdings in New York Central and that he was elected to the executive committee because of Mr. Vanderbilt's personal admiration for his ability as an organizer.

Kingdon Gould was elected a director of the Western Union Telegraph Company to succeed James Hazen Hyde. The incident that emphasizes the policy of George Gould in forming the directorate of his companies of members of his own family and of close personal associates, thereby making his control all the more absolute, under the hand of the National Council. Hamilton was informed also that a charter would be sent to the new organization immediately.

LOOK FOR CONTEST AT LABOR MEETING IN TORONTO NEXT MONTH

Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 15.—As a result of the split in the Ohio Federation of Labor over the seating of delegates under the banner of the American Federation of Labor, the charter of the original federation was revoked and the bolting faction was recognized by a telephone message yesterday to National Organizer Grant Hamilton from Frank Morrison, general secretary of the National Council. Hamilton was informed also that a charter would be sent to the new organization immediately.

The old organization adopted a resolution to appeal to the convention of the American Federation of Labor at Toronto next month where, it is believed, will ensue the contest of which the procedure in the Ohio Federation is a preliminary skirmish.

SAD ADMISSION FOR MOTHER TO MAKE

Her Son the Bank Robber Who Killed Himself When Cornered

Los Angeles, Oct. 15.—Mrs. Will Harris admitted last night that the man who killed himself on Wednesday afternoon after robbing a bank in Highland Park, Ill., was in all probability her son, Lamar Harris, former attorney of this city.

Mrs. Harris based her conclusion on the description and certain marks on the dead robber, telegraphed by the Chicago police.

Since the Chicago despatches carried the story that the robber was Lamar Harris, his mother and young wife have been prostrated. The wife is said to be dangerously ill.

EIGHTY NEW TOWNS ALONG THE G. T. P.

Toronto, Oct. 15.—Eighty new towns have been created on the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific between Winnipeg and Edmonton. Some of them are only ridings, some of them have a water tank and a loading track, many of them are prosperous towns, and a few of them, especially the divisional points, are young cities. Nelson, which is not a divisional point, but is at the junction of the C. P. R. and Grand Trunk Pacific in the last mountain valley, has the appearance of a town of twenty years, and yet it is only five years old.

Sixty-six miles of track has been completed west of Edmonton toward Edson, which is 123 miles west of the Alberta capital. As soon as the Pembina river bridge can be completed the rails will be rushed on to Edson, on the McLeod river.

TIMES SPECIALS IN SHORT METRE

Winnipeg, Oct. 15.—Honore Jaxson, secretary of Louis Reil during the northwest rebellion, was here yesterday on his way to Ottawa to ask in preserving pioneer land marks of the west.

Owen Sound, Oct. 15.—A merger of three cement mills is planned here.

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Montreal, Oct. 15.—It is unlikely that the Montreal team will go west after the Minto cup until next spring.

Quebec, Oct. 15.—Arthur Drouin is on trial here on charge of murdering his father.

CONDITIONS AT KEY WEST IMPROVE

Key West, Oct. 15.—With generous contributions coming in from the different sections of the country in response to Mayor Fogarty's appeal for aid for the storm sufferers, the stricken city, no longer under martial law, is busy with the work of clearing away the debris and preparing for the resumption of normal business conditions.

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Coroner's Inquiry Into Disaster at Nash's Commenced

DESPATCHER HEARD

Testifies as to Orders Issued to the Trains Which Afterwards Came Into Collision—Adjournment for Week Likely

Campbellton, N. B., Oct. 15.—The inquest into the accident on the I. C. R. at Nash's Creek opened at 11 o'clock today before Coroner A. G. Ferguson. The following jury was empaneled: A. G. Adams, Gustava Foster, Patrick O'Leary, G. E. McKenzie, D. Richards, Alex. Diopp and Robert L. Duncan.

W. A. Mott appears for the provincial government; A. E. G. McKenzie is for the I. C. R.; J. L. Rolstan, of Amherst, for the widow of John Henderson, the driver who was killed. Supt. F. P. Brady and Supt. Price, of the I. C. R., were also present.

Train Despatcher Called

Fred Henderson, train despatcher at Campbellton, was the only witness examined this morning. Questioned by Mr. Mott, he told of what he remembered of the night of the accident. He said he had given orders to Conductor J. H. Thompson and to Driver Whalen, of the freight special, and Conductor McLellan, in charge of No. 33, known as the Maritime Express. The order was delivered at Newcastle to No. 33 and read as follows:

"To No. 33, No. 33 will wait at Red Pine until 1:30 for No. 40; Be west until 1:50 for Dickie; at Jaquet River until 2:40 for J. H. Thompson. Run thirty minutes late, Jaquet River to Campbellton and cross No. 34 at New Mills."

The order to Thompson was delivered at Campbellton at 1:08.

There was no night operator at New Mills that night. Both Thompson and Whalen got the part of the order that referred to them. The object in putting a limitation on the special was because a train was coming out of Campbellton later. The two expresses, No. 33 and No. 34, were to cross at New Mills. It was customary to cross two trains when there was no night operator at the place of crossing.

The message Thompson received was: "J. H. Thompson will follow Dickie to Newcastle on the white signal repeated and run to Bathurst regardless of signal on Doyle." (He explained that this was the set signal.) "No. 33 will wait at Jaquet River until 2:40 for J. H. Thompson."

Thompson had no special orders to make a given point, said the witness, but Mr. Mott asked: "Was there any instruction to make Nash's Creek if possible?"

The witness replied: "Not through me." He said that he learned of the accident at 2:55 o'clock from the day operator at Nash's Creek and he immediately summoned all the doctors to be had in the vicinity and in nearby towns to go with relief to the spot. He called up Newcastle and told them to send out an auxiliary. He then notified Mr. Brady and the operator at Jaquet River and asked for assistance.

The witness was cross-examined by Mr. Rolstan regarding the despatch service of the I. C. R., and by Mr. McKenzie and later by the other counsel, and adjournment was made until 2:30.

It is probable that after the session tomorrow an adjournment will be made for about a week.

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