

Current Events Related in Paragraphs

Washington

John Skelton Williams, banker of Richmond, Va., was sworn in as assistant secretary of the treasury. Mr. Williams succeeded Robert O. Bailey.

Prof. Charles W. Debevoise, president of the University of Cincinnati, and one of the foremost educators in the country, is said to be scheduled to succeed Willis L. Moore, chief of the United States weather bureau, who has resigned that office.

The whipping post for white slave traffickers and seducers of women, a tax upon bachelors, more careful training of children, and abolition of joy rides and ragtime dancing were advocated as remedies for the social evil at a hearing in Washington conducted by the Illinois senatorial vice commission, which came to Washington primarily to interest President Wilson in a nation-wide crusade.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue Cabell has given notice that the Webb act, prohibiting the shipment of liquor into prohibition territory for general sale, will not be enforced by internal revenue officers.

William M. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic national committee, issued a statement announcing that he had declined to become ambassador to France.

Domestic

The statement is made that Mrs. H. L. McClaughery of San Francisco, who was Anita Baldwin and who inherited \$6,000,000 from the estate of "Lucky" Baldwin, her father, is about to sue for divorce on the ground of incompatibility of temperament. A financial settlement is said to have been made by which McClaughery is to receive \$350,000 from his wife.

Six persons were killed as a result of the terrible gas which swept Chicago and suburbs. Scores were dangerously injured, several probably fatally; at least fifty buildings were wrecked, the roofs of many more were torn off, thousands of windows were smashed, telephone and telegraph service throughout the city and suburbs was crippled.

A death toll probably reaching 200 with \$16,000,000 property loss was taken by twin equinoctial tornadoes which swept through the middle west. Omaha, Neb., is the heaviest sufferer, with at least 150 dead and devastation totaling \$10,000,000. This takes no reckoning of the hundreds more who have been injured, scores perhaps fatally.

Damage estimated at \$300,000 was done by a severe wind and rain storm that swept Milwaukee, many signs and plate glass windows being wrecked.

Julius Hawthorne and Dr. William J. Morton, who have been in the Tomb in New York since their conviction with Albert Prezman on indictment charged with the sale of mail in promoting the sale of Calk mining stocks, have been taken to the federal penitentiary in Atlanta, Ga.

The body of Frances Leslie, American actress, who died of epilepsy on board the Oceanic on March 18, was sent to New York. It was first believed she had been poisoned.

Five persons, members of one family, died from asphyxiation as a result of a broken rubber tire connection between a gas jet and a hot plate in the home of Eugene Cornelison, a machinist, in Chicago.

The laws of Pennsylvania now provide a fine of \$1,000 and six months' imprisonment for deceiving the public with false statements of false "dry" sales and the like.

No temporary medical license will be granted by the Pennsylvania state board of medical professions to Dr. Frederick Francis Friedman of Berlin, who asserts that he has discovered a cure for tuberculosis.

Millions more known to have been killed, 500 more than previously reported, by the tornado destroyed and other property damage estimated at over a million dollars, was the toll of the tornado that devastated Terre Haute, Ind., and vicinity.

Several persons were killed and serious injuries were inflicted by the tornado which struck that village. The damage was almost completely destroyed. The property loss was estimated at over a million dollars.

Robert H. Ulmer of New York, one-time policeman and husband of the notorious Annie Gray, both indicted since their flight to Europe, about twelve days ago, are alleged to have received \$15,000 from two police inspectors as the price of his flight, according to information obtained by the attorney's office. The Ulmers had agreed to testify before a grand jury concerning payments by the woman to policemen during her long career as keeper of disreputable houses.

W. R. Nelson, owner of the Kansas City Star, was sued for \$200,000 damages, actual and \$100,000 punitive, by Fred D. Warren of Girard, Kan., editor of the Appeal to Reason, a Socialist paper, who alleges that articles in the Star were headed: "Appeal to Reason to Quit." The petition alleges the Star quoted Warren as saying he was tired of fighting and after accumulating a fortune was going to let the paper die. Warren says the story has been reproduced in other papers so that the subscription list of the Appeal that his loss amounts to \$100,000.

Scores of lives were lost, hundreds of persons injured and immense damage done to property in a storm which swept the middle west and the central south-west, leaving 25,142,272 cubic yards of earth and silt prevented the full extent of the damage done from being known.

Woman suffrage is dead in New Hampshire, at least for a year. The house of representatives turned down the suffrage bill by a vote of 225 to 85.

The three small children of Joseph Clark were burned in a fire which destroyed the Clark home at Belmont, Ia. The mother collapsed.

The total excavations to the Panama canal cutting to March 1, 1913, are estimated at 129,996,071 cubic yards, leaving 25,142,272 cubic yards still to be excavated.

Personal
The annual meeting of the American Oriental society opened in Philadelphia at the University of Pennsylvania. An interesting program of papers has been prepared for the sessions.

The forty-seventh annual meeting of the American Chemical society was held at the Hotel Statler in Philadelphia. A general session over which President Arthur D. Little presided.

Official announcement was made at the White House that former President Eliot of Harvard has declined President Wilson's offer to be ambassador to Great Britain. Mr. Eliot wired his thanks, but said he thought he could be of more service to the country at home, working in a familiar field, than abroad.

Members of the American Oriental society held their yearly meeting at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

It is the present intention of the Democratic New York city leaders to bring about the nomination of Justice Victor J. Dowling for mayor.

Frank S. Black, former governor of New York, died at his home in Troy, N. Y., of heart disease, after several days' illness.

A gift of \$650,000 by Mrs. Elizabeth Milbank Anderson for social welfare laboratories to be conducted by the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor was announced by the association.

Secretary Daniels sent Hans Henshagen, chief quartermaster of the gunboat Castine, a letter commending him for "prompt and gallant action" in jumping aboard in Guantanamo bay and rescuing a shipmate.

Foreign

Surfing incendiaries invaded Beckenham, a southeastern suburb of London before dawn, setting fire to a house under construction. The championship golf links at Sandwich, Kent, were the scene of another early morning raid by militants, who wrecked the grounds.

The congress of the Labor party of Brussels raised the order for a general strike, to be called on April 16, issued by the national committee on universal suffrage.

Three more adherents of the late President Madero of Mexico were executed recently at Jilisco, say mail cables received at El Paso, Tex. Jose Rosales, ex-convict senator; Jose Mena, former minister-collector at Parana, and Juan Rana, capitalist, were the victims. Mena was arrested on political charges at his home in Parana and removed to Jilisco, where the executions were carried out by military authorities.

Austria has presented an ultimatum to Montenegro, demanding a suspension of the military operations and a retreat until the entire civil population has left town. In event of refusal Austria will resort to arms against Montenegro.

Byrle Fasham, the British aviator, was rescued by her larger sister, who was rescued from Holloway prison, the aviator having been shot down in the hands of the enemy.

OMAHA STORM TOLL 152; TOTAL MAY REACH 160

Thousands Are Homeless as Result of Tornado Which Swept City Sunday.

INJURED LIST HEAVY

Whole Blocks Are Wiped Out and Troops Guard Ruins of the City—\$75,000 Rescue Fund Raised.

MANY OTHER PLACES ARE HIT

Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Nebraska, Wisconsin and Iowa Cities and Towns Are Damaged and People Stranded—Plenty of Murders—Twenty-Four Dead at Terre Haute and 12 at Council Bluffs.

Omaha, Neb., March 25.—One hundred fifty known dead and more than three hundred injured is the toll of the tornado that swept Omaha's residence district at 5:45 o'clock Sunday night.

These figures were furnished by the committee of fifty that is in charge of rescue work. But the death list is steadily mounting as bodies are recovered. Conservative estimates believe that the tragedy toll will not go under 160; that the injured list will mount to 400, and of these latter there will be a large percentage of fatalities.

The work of rescue is going forward rapidly and under excellent organization. The workers are federal and state troops, policemen, druggists and a picked corps of volunteers.

The general public is being kept rigidly from the devastated zone, although there have been no attempts at looting since the storm. Mayor Dahlman when he sent his appeal Sunday night to Governor Moody that first apprised the country of the horror into which the city had been plunged.

Death Toll Growing.
The death toll will not be complete until at least another twenty-four hours has passed. Several days probably will be required to gather the tragic details from the small towns of the tornado in Iowa and Nebraska.

Today 8,000 men, women and children are homeless. They are being housed in hotels and in private homes. The women have even been placed in the city hall. Mayor Dahlman issued his appeal to the citizenry to care for the stricken.

Approximately 1,900 homes have been raised and 1,350 buildings, including those totally destroyed, are damaged. Expert insurance men place the loss at between \$5,000,000 and \$8,000,000. Residence sections almost suffered. The greatest loss was in a section of moderate priced homes. The business heart of the city escaped entirely.

Residence Section Suffers.
The tornado traveled in a northeasterly direction and first swept down on Ralston, a suburban suburb, three miles west of South Omaha. It struck the city limits of Omaha at the Field club, in the southwest section, and plowed a path six blocks wide straight through the city three and one-half miles in length.

The tornado area was from the southwest limit, across the west side of the city, which included the west residence section, the most fashionable residence district, which was almost completely destroyed, and thence to the north section, where the death toll was greatest. After twisting across the northeast line of the city across the Missouri river, wrecking the Illinois Central bridge and tearing through Council Bluffs, where at least persons were killed and great property loss caused.

The wonder in the mind of every person who has seen the blocks and blocks of ruins, the shapless heaps of wreckage that were once homes and business, has been the question: How is it possible that the tornado should have been so destructive? The answer is that the tornado was a monster, a monster that was not to be reckoned with.

One explanation brought forward is that the tornado came at an hour when a great percentage of the people were at the theatre, and that the monster was the worst monster that ever came to the land of the living. The monster was a monster that was not to be reckoned with.

All Omaha hospitals are filled with injured. Scores of these are undischarged. But other cities are also suffering. Many physicians from nearby cities have responded to the call for aid. There were some fortunate provisions for the victims.

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sloners in a grant of \$55,000 for emergency work, and business men within a few hours raised \$75,000. Omaha will have her own charity if she can aid it to not likely that outside relief will be sought.

While it still raged the streets in the storm section were a bedlam of panic-stricken people fleeing from the torrent of flying bricks and timber, while building after building crashed into the streets.

Institute a Death House.
The Child Baring Institute at 619 South Forty-second street was a veritable death house within half an hour after the storm struck. Every available room there was pressed into service as one after another of the dead were brought into the place.

Scenes of greatest distress are being enacted at all of the morgues and hospitals. In the confusion many persons are reported as missing who doubtless have found refuge, but their relatives are vainly seeking them among the dead and injured. Three United States troops from the nearby fort are aiding in the rescue.

Five Killed at Chicago.
Chicago, March 25.—Five were killed, fully 100 were injured, several of them deathly wounded, and property loss which will exceed \$600,000 was caused by the terrific storm that swept Chicago Monday.

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Terre Haute, Ind., March 25.
Twenty-four victims of the tornado which swept the southern part of Terre Haute and Vigo county Sunday night have been identified and more than seventy-five injured were being cared for in improvised hospitals. Several more bodies are expected to be recovered when the ruins of 300 homes, leveled by the storm, have been cleared away. In the city and in all Vigo county, the death list may reach 400.

At the request of Mayor Gerhardt, Governor Ralston ordered out Company B of the Indiana National Guard, to patrol the devastated district and help in the rescue work. More than 150 persons were made homeless by the twister, and the city council appropriated \$500 to start a relief fund.

Telephone messages reaching here from Prairieville, nine miles south, state that nearly every house in the town has been destroyed, and that many homes have been here and that place had been leveled.

Terrific Rain Accompanied the Tornado.
The rain, and probably saved many persons, but it also caused a great deal of burning to death as electric wires and lightning fired several parts of the debris.

Factory Is Demolished.
The Root glass factory was demolished and the Garland foundry was severely damaged. The glass plant employed 300 men, and the loss is estimated at \$60,000.

The storm was accompanied by a severe electrical display and rain that almost equalled the violence. Crossed wires and lightning struck several times throughout the debris, but they were quenched by the heavy rain.

Indiana Mining Town Wiped Out.
Perry, a mining town ten miles west of here, was practically wiped out by the tornado. Many persons were injured, but no loss of life has been reported. The property loss is estimated at \$50,000.

Nebraska Is Swept.
Lincoln, Neb., March 25.—A tornado struck near Lincoln, swept over the eastern part of the state Sunday night, causing the death of at least twenty persons besides those who were killed in the city. Many men, women and children were crushed to death in bed. Some escaped to the cellars. Whole structures were blown away by the force of the wind. The material was rushed to hospitals as fast as they were exhausted.

Valley Ruin, South of Yutan.
Valley Ruin, south of Yutan, was hard hit. Property running into thousands of dollars was destroyed by the storm. The heaviest loss occurred near Greenwood and north of Ashland.

At Ralston much property was destroyed and the railroad lines were blocked with debris, necessitating the holding of several trains.

Hundreds Homeless in Indiana.
South Bend, Ind., March 25.—Another ghastly scene was wrought upon Indiana early Monday, when a storm which may prove as extensive as that which struck the storm of several days ago, struck near South Bend, Ind. The storm was completely wrecked. The tornado cut a path no more than several hundred feet in width across the city.

Lafayette, Ind., March 25.
Two lives were claimed here by the flood. Ray and George Rittenberger, eight years and three months old, of De. via Rittenberger, of Mulberry, were drowned in Walnut creek, six miles west of here, when their boat struck a dam.

Omaha, Neb., March 25.
The storm which struck the city Sunday night has been the worst that has ever been known in the western part of the country.

KILL 3 AMERICANS

U. S. CITIZENS SLAIN DURING BATTLE BETWEEN FEDERALS AND REBELS.

TO DEMAND RETURN OF DIAZ

Delegation of Mexican Citizens on Way to Europe to Urge Former President to Come Back to His Home in Mexico.

Havana, March 25.—En route for Europe to urge Gen. Porfirio Diaz to return to Mexico, a delegation of Mexicans arrived here Tuesday aboard the steamer Esperanza. The Esperanza sailed from Havana and is due in New York March 28. Members of the delegation say that the election of Felix Diaz to the presidency is certain.

Naco, Ariz., March 25.
The dead and wounded must be removed from the field after hours of desperate fighting with no advantage, state troops at Naco agreed to an armistice Tuesday.

The defenders lost 40 killed, while the state troops dead number 30 in the battle. The attacking forces are stronger in numbers. Colonel Morelos' federal soldiers held strong positions. The state miners failed to take sides in the struggle.

The Canaan club, home of an American social organization, has been converted into a hospital. L. Bushnell, formerly to be a Canadian, formerly from Edmonton, and a member of the northwest mounted police, was killed while manipulating a bowitzer for the state troops. Robert Charlton, an American mining man from New York city, was fatally wounded while watching the battle from the roof of a building. Jacob Boto, an American merchant from Arizona, was killed by a stray bullet. Another American named Foster was slightly wounded.

Brownsville, Tex., March 27.
An official dispatch from Monterey, Mex., says that between 300 and 400 of the followers of Venustiano Carranza, rebel governor of the state of Coahuila, were killed or injured in a battle with federal troops near Saltillo Tuesday.

CAPTURE ADRIANOPLE LINE
Montenegro Yields to Austria—Will Permit Civilian Population to Leave Scutari.

Sofia, Bulgaria, March 27.—The Turkish advanced position and all the fortified points east of the fortress of Adrianople were captured by the Bulgarian besiegers Tuesday.

London, England, March 27.
The Bulgarians captured the first line of defenses around the Turkish fortress of Adrianople after a bombardment lasting several hours, according to a dispatch from Sofia Tuesday.

Cettigne, Montenegro, March 27.
In reply to the Austro-Hungarian ultimatum Tuesday the Montenegrin government consented to permit the civilian population of Scutari to leave the city. This was the most radical of Austria's demands. At the same time Montenegro informed Austria that the Montenegrin government has addressed a note to the powers, protesting against Austria's action, which it calls a breach of neutrality.

PRESIDENT IS DISPLEASED
NO More Diplomatic Appointments Will Be Announced Until Acceptances Are Received.

Washington, March 27.—It was announced at the White House Tuesday that President Wilson was considering the names of Henry C. Morgenthau, Augustus Thomas, Thomas Nelson Page and Col. Joseph Willard for appointments to important posts in the diplomatic service.

The president is said to feel very keenly the fact that his first selection, William F. O'Connell, and Dr. Charles Williams, who were to go to London, and William F. McCombs for France, were declined. Due to this embarrassment, no further selections will be made until the acceptances are received at the White House.

It is considered certain that Augustus Thomas will be sent to either Switzerland or Italy.

Friedmann Patient Dies.
New York, March 27.—Prof. Friedrich Friedmann, a teacher of languages, who was kidnapped by Edgar Friedmann in Bellevue hospital March 21 for tuberculosis of the lungs, kidney and bladder, died here Tuesday.

Could Manager Be Shot.
Greenboro, S. C., March 27.—John Armstrong, manager of George Gould's hunting preserve near here, was shot and probably fatally wounded by Bert English during an argument concerning a lease Tuesday.

Lipton Ready to Bid Again.
London, March 27.—Sir Thomas Lipton was here yesterday to hear the New York Tender club had decided to reconsider his challenge for the America's cup. He declared, Tuesday, he may bid again.

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