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THE TORNADO VICTIMS SAID TO NUMBER 400

This Is Estimated From the Returns From the Stricken States Injured List Stands at 1200 With a Number Expected to Die--The Principal Trouble Now is in Feeding the Homeless.

Atlanta, Ga., April 28.—Practically complete returns from all portions of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia show that the death list in the tornadoes of last Friday, Saturday and Sunday, will not be more than four hundred. The number of injured stands at about 1,200 with reports indicating that a number of the persons hurt will probably die.

Relief has been extended by the United States government to Hattiesburg, Purvis and other towns in the four states, and the states themselves took prompt measures for the assistance of those made homeless by the storm and for hospital accommodations for those injured. At some points state troops have been called out to guard devastated districts and to aid local authorities in relief work. Tents and supplies have been sent to many of the towns wrecked.

The flood which threatened parts of Georgia caused no loss of life but did considerable property damage.

New Orleans, La., April 29.—With about 325 newly made graves the entire width of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, the dead in Friday's tornadoes had been mostly cared for and it was possible to say positively that the death list in these states would not exceed 350.

The few who may be yet added to the fatalities are possibly a score of the few hundred most seriously wounded in hospitals throughout these states. The remaining injured, numbering about 1,000, were reported to be on the way to recovery.

The gravity of the situation centers in the problems of the living, namely, hunger and shelter. At least one stricken town is reported to have eaten literally its last meal at noon yesterday and is relying on charity for its supper. Fortunately, the great territory over which the stricken districts were scattered left an opportunity for the unburned neighbors everywhere throughout these states to furnish relief more quickly and effectively than would have been possible had the disaster been confined to one place.

Cities little and big are relying on the tornado belt made rapid preparations to ship supplies and money into the tornado district. New Orleans started a money subscription and also shipped food to Amite, the worst damaged town in this state.

Amite was the town which reported its food supply practically exhausted, otherwise the little town was making rapid progress toward rehabilitation.

Purvis, Miss., was one of the few communities still reporting fresh lists of injured and dying, who were found in the outlying country, some of them in a desperate state from lack of care.

Amite, Purvis and several other stricken towns were badly frightened Sunday night by heavy winds but the only fatalities reported in this second storm was near Selma, Ala., where four negroes perished.

Belated reports from Hattiesburg, Miss., indicate that the loss of life in that section is much larger than at first reported. On the north side of camp between Epps and Purvis, twelve dead were found and fourteen injured.

Eight white persons were injured at Lowler's Hill.

SMUGGLING FURS INTO THE STATES New York Man Arrested For Smuggling Persian Lambskins From Montreal.

Plattsburg, N. Y., April 28.—John Breitman, aged about thirty-four years, of No. 24 Bleecker street, New York, was arrested yesterday by Deputy United States Marshal Haron of this city, on complaint of special agent Harry Noble for alleged fraudulent entry of 200 pieces of Persian lambskins, valued at over \$500. The skins were found by a deputy collector of customs concealed in a package of fur pieces which had been shipped by express by Breitman in Montreal, consigned to himself at the New York address.

The Young People's Society of C. E. of St. John Presbyterian Church entertained the members of the Christian Endeavor Society of Tabernacle Church last evening. Edna Campbell of Tabernacle Society conducted a devotional service after which refreshments were served and a very social evening enjoyed by all.

The people of Portage la Prairie will vote on local option in December.

TEMPERANCE FEDERATION Monthly Meeting of St. John Branch Held Last Evening.

The regular monthly meeting of the St. John county branch of the N. B. Temperance Federation was held last evening in the W. C. T. U. rooms, Germain street. The first vice-president, E. N. Stockford, was in the chair, and reports of the various committees were heard and several matters of importance discussed, including the report of the committee appointed to represent the federation before the liquor license commission.

Rev. James Crisp and Rev. Ned McLaughlin spoke in commendatory terms of the decision of the supreme court just in curtailing the number of licenses to be issued in St. John.

The meeting was very interesting, and the members of the federation feel well satisfied with the efforts made along legislative lines, and they look for a strong growth in the temperance sentiment.

MORE BODIES TAKEN FROM WRECKED SHIP British Admiralty Not Likely to Sue for Damages in Gladiator Case.

London, April 28.—Two more bodies have been recovered from the wrecked Gladiator, and the admiralty announces that the names of twenty-three already given complete the list of the missing.

The St. Paul's cargo is being transferred to the White Star liner Teutonic, preparatory to placing her in dry dock.

The chief steward of the St. Paul has sent a message to the admiralty on behalf of the stewards to Portsmouth, as a token of sympathy for the lost bluejackets.

A rumor was circulated last night that the St. Paul had been arrested at the instance of the Admiralty Court, but this proved untrue. The Admiralty is competent to order the arrest of a vessel in a suit for damages sustained in a collision, but it is doubtful if this will be done.

CHATHAM WANTS DOMINION GRANT North Shore Will Make Strong Bid for Dominion Fair for 1909.

Chatham, N. B., April 28.—(Special.)—The North Shore will make a strong bid for the Dominion industrial fair for 1909. At a meeting of the Miramichi Agricultural Association held here last night, a committee consisting of W. B. Snowball, R. A. Lawlor, J. V. Burchill, Robert Murray and R. A. Murdoch was empowered to proceed to Ottawa and lay Chatham's claims before the federal government.

Chatham's natural equipment for such a fair includes its splendid water and harbor facilities, fastest race track in the Maritime Provinces, plenty of exhibition ground and several nearby towns for the accommodation of visitors.

Preparations are already being made to insist on the government not allowing St. John to take Chatham's exhibition dates.

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BROTHER AND SISTER WED AS STRANGERS

Cleveland, April 27.—"I married my brother. I didn't know he was my brother," sobbingly declared Mrs. Agnes Reske. She is the mother of two boys, aged one and three.

The widow was testifying in the Probate court, where a question of the guardianship had arisen. Finally both boys were turned over to the Humane Society.

THE BIBLE WORK WITH THE NEW SETTLERS

Rev. Dr. Heine Tells What Has Been Done at Sand Point During the Past Season.

Rev. Dr. Heine who has been in charge of the missionary work among the immigrants arriving on the west coast has completed his work there for this season and will now continue his labor among the workmen on the line of the G. T. P. and among the French people.

Dr. Heine represents the St. John branch of the Canadian Bible Society and he is especially fitted for the work he is called upon to do.

To a time made yesterday Dr. Heine gave the following statement showing the work done during the past season: Over 16,000 portions of the bible have been distributed among the immigrants coming to this country.

The largest amount was distributed in English. About 7,000 portions of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The next largest language used was Russian. Over 2,000 of these portions were distributed.

The exact largest was Ruthenian. Over 1,500 of these were given out.

Then came Polish with over 1,000 circulation.

The Bible was asked for in thirty-six different languages this season. There are on hand Bible portions in thirty different languages.

The Bible Missionaries were generally very kindly received. The non-English speaking people were very eager to possess a portion in their own language.

SPOTTER GOT \$2.50 PER DAY Interesting Evidence in Fredericton Liquor Case This Morning.

Fredericton, April 28.—(Special.)—This is Scott's Act day at the police court here, being no less than six cases set down for trial, three from the county and three from the city.

The case against the proprietor of the Waverley Hotel is now being proceeded with. The chief witness for the prosecution is a man named Frank Long, a retired farmer, who has been living here several years.

Under cross-examination he said he was employed by Scott Act Detective Hunter to act as a spotter at \$2.50 per day. The cases will likely occupy several days.

The river here is rising steadily, but is not yet anywhere near freshet height. Large quantities of broken ice have been passing down stream since yesterday.

HE PROPOSES AN UMPIRE FOR ELECTIONS

H. B. Ames, M. P., Has a New Proposition to Put Before Montreal Ministerial Association.

Montreal, April 28.—(Special.)—That elections should be watched over by an umpire as in the case of field sports was the suggestion made before the Montreal Ministerial Association by H. B. Ames, M. P. Mr. Ames gave a lucid account of the "machine" in Canada. It was, he said, intended to provide the country with a responsive and representative form of government and that it would serve its purpose well if only it were operated according to the spirit of the law.

Unfortunately, however, many evil influences were at work to interfere with the free choice of the people. The main object of the machine was to win no matter by what means, and this unpatriotic desire led to honest suffrage, bribery and general corruption.

Mr. Ames dwelt on the evil effects of political corruption such as practiced in Canada. Mr. Ames declared that reform could not come from within the machine, but must be imposed from the outside.

He stated that in the vicinity of Mr. MeGuire's house there are several barns where men are in the habit of sleeping at nights; loafers and tramps and like who apparently have no regular place of abode. It is felt that the police should give some attention to this neighborhood as people around there have been staying for their safety on several occasions.

DISTRICT LODGE WILL PRESS FOR LAW

District Division Sons of Temperance Will Use Every Effort to Get Prohibition in New Brunswick.

Moncton, April 28.—(Special.)—The District Division Sons of Temperance representing Albert and Westmorland counties in session here yesterday passed a resolution recommending provincial prohibition. The resolution urges that in view of the report submitted by the provincial government commission showing that the prohibitory law in Prince Edward Island is the best law of its kind, the New Brunswick government should take upon the provincial government the necessity of bringing into operation a prohibitory law in this province on May first.

Aldrich Thibodeau charged with burglary was again remanded today after two witnesses had given evidence.

The Montreal police force passes on Thursday night from the control of the City Council to the Police Commission. The latter body composed of Mayor Aldrich Kay, Mayor Purdy, and Judge Wells has not yet had a session but will hold its first meeting on May first. There will be several applications for positions as policeman and it is understood that a number of applicants are looking for the job of Chief of Police.

MR. KELLY EVANS AN ENTHUSIAST

Presents the Value of Fish and Game Protection in an Attractive Light.

If A. Kelly Evans can lead the people of New Brunswick to realize the value of their fish and game, as he realizes it, and declare it in clear, plain language, he will do this province a great service.

Mr. Evans is an enthusiast. He has knowledge and the ability to impart knowledge. No man who has discussed the subject here has presented the case for fish and game protection more forcibly than did Mr. Evans in a talk with the Times this morning. His address this evening should be of the nature of an inspiration to the citizens.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, April 28.—(Special.)—An advance in Dom. Steel to 18 3/4 and 65 pfd. was a feature in stocks today. Dom. Coal sold for a fraction less at 40 1/2. Other features were MacKay 62 1/2; Pfd. 66; No 112 5/8; Power 95 1/2; Ogilvie Pfd. 125; Rio 35; Mexican 46 1/8.

BURGLARS ENTER HOUSE NEAR CITY

Had It Not Been for John McGuire's Dog He Might Have Lost His Life and His Money.

A daring attempt at house breaking occurred early this morning at the residence of John McGuire, an old man residing alone about two miles out the March road. About 2 o'clock Mr. McGuire was awakened while lying in bed, by having a light flashed on him. He saw two men standing over him and as he awakened the second man struck at him with a stick of wood. The weapon was aimed for his face but by a quick movement he avoided the blow and called to his dog, which was lying in the room, and the faithful animal attacked the men, who became scared and fled. One of the men in his haste left behind him his hat, a light coat, one of American make. It is thought that the men were after money and from the fact that they attempted to strike McGuire as he lay in bed it is a question whether or not they would have stopped at murder.

It is stated that in the vicinity of Mr. McGuire's house there are several barns where men are in the habit of sleeping at nights; loafers and tramps and like who apparently have no regular place of abode. It is felt that the police should give some attention to this neighborhood as people around there have been staying for their safety on several occasions.

CLEVELAND MAY GET CHEAPER CAR FARE

Three Cent Rate Now Made Possible By Passing of Civic Security Grant to New Company.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 28.—Three cents car fare on all lines operating within the city of Cleveland was made a possibility today as a committee of the whole, met in a city council, when a "security grant" was passed under suspension of the rules to the Cleveland Railway Company, a new company which took over the Consolidated properties of the old companies. At the conclusion of the council meeting, that body as a committee of the whole, met today and the Cleveland Electric Railway Company, the Cleveland Railway Company and the Cleveland Traction Company, the holding operating company for fifty years. This ended the seven years' contest which has been waged here for lower street railway fare and public control of urban transportation, marked by much bitterness throughout and noted for the many appeals taken to the courts.

Various predictions are made as to the body as it shall be possible to inaugurate the proposed three cent fare, ten days being the lowest time spoken of.

FELL DOWN AN OPEN ELEVATOR SHAFT

R. W. Folkens, a teamster employed by E. A. McKillop, Prince William street, had a narrow escape from serious injury this morning. He was moving some cases along the street when he stepped on the ground floor when he approached the shaft close to the opening and fell to the basement, about eight or nine feet below.

The man was picked up unconscious by other employees of the establishment and Dr. Emly instantly summoned. The doctor examined the man, who had regained consciousness. He had received bad bruise on the side of the head and was pretty severely shaken up, but no bones were broken and he was taken to his home in Simonds street in the ambulance. It is thought he will be all right in a day or two.

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Special meeting of Division No. 1, A. O. U. & C., in their hall, King street, at 8 1/2 o'clock. Full attendance. The subject was the death of a man who was struck by a train.

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doing, and immediately demanded an explanation. The man at first seemed disposed to talk, but reluctantly admitted that he wanted to make his place present a more attractive appearance. Spring had come, he said, and he thought that he should be cleaned up and brightened up a bit.

"I'll report you," said the indignant man. "You have no right to thrust the glaring horror of new paint into the midst of our surroundings. It destroys the harmony—the venerable and ancient aspect of the town. If you are allowed to go on, others may follow your example, and we may have the awful spectacle of a day set apart by the people, as they do in some American cities, to clean up and brighten up the town. This is the City of the Loyalists. We must have

everything in keeping with the appearance of the old Burial Ground. Otherwise we would be dishonoring the memory of our ancestors. Drop that paint brush!" The guilty man hesitated a moment, and for a moment seemed disposed to do as he was told. But he looked at the result of his work, gazed then at the general surroundings and made this observation: "Say, you old mose-bag, get out of this yard in three seconds or I'll soak you with this paint. If there isn't another bright spot in this town I'll have one right here. The trouble with St. John is that there isn't enough paint and dumpy carts. Run along now."

The astonished citizen fled before the advancing brush and went straight to the board of health. The idol-breaker will be summoned at once.

EARLY MORNING FIRE DOES \$15,000 DAMAGES

Fire in Sutherland's Building Was a Serious One

A disastrous fire broke out in the Sutherland building, Union street, about 3 o'clock this morning, and after getting the building was embued about 7 o'clock. The damage is estimated at from \$10,000 to \$15,000, fairly well covered by insurance.

The alarm was rung in by Policeman Scott, who noticed smoke issuing from the windows in the upper floors. The fire department quickly responded, and after a hard fight succeeded in getting the fire under control.

At times the flames belched forth very wickedly, and it seemed as if some of the adjoining wooden buildings would catch. The flames, however, were confined to the Sutherland block, which is a large four-story brick structure.

The occupants of the building are: J. J. Mitchell, stove dealer; J. Cullinan & Son, men's furnishings; James E. Hogan, liquor (all on the ground floor); J. E. Danaher, tailor; A. J. Russell, candy factory; W. H. Underhill, printer; John Gallagher, tailor; Hot Carriens and Labours' Hall, Irish society and Benevolent Society rooms, 62d Regiment Band rooms and the Archer Syrup Co.

The building is owned by the heirs of Capt. Allen McLean and is insured in the Royal Insurance Co. for \$5,000 and in the Phoenix of London for \$5,000. The origin of the fire does not appear to be known. Some say it started in the candy factory, while others assert that it had its origin in the I. L. and B. rooms or in J. E. Danaher's quarters.

The stores on the ground floor were flooded with water, and considerable smoke damage was done, while the three upper floors were almost completely destroyed with all their stocks.

J. Cullinan & Son's stock was insured for \$4,000-\$10,000 in the Acadia; \$2,000 in the Ontario and \$1,000 in the Anglo-American Company.

J. E. Hogan's stock was insured in the Anglo-American for \$1,500 and in the Equity for \$1,000.

J. J. Mitchell had \$1,500 in the Guardian; J. E. Danaher had \$500; John Gallagher had \$100 and W. H. Underhill \$1,000 in the same company.

The Traders Insurance Co carried \$800 on A. J. Russell's stock and Lockhart & Ritchie had \$900 on the furniture, pool and billiard tables in the I. L. and B. rooms.

The 62nd Band will suffer heavily, having lost all their music, some of their expensive instruments and a lot of clothing and other property. A great deal of the music was in manuscript form representing a collection of over twenty years by Bandmaster Fred Jones. Much of it was Mr. Jones' own composition, and can never be replaced. There was \$200 insurance on the band property in the Caledonia company, but it will not commence to cover the loss.

The total amount of insurance on the building and stocks is \$19,800.

AMHERST HAS A FORGERY CASE

An Assyrian Arrested Charged With Passing a Note Which He Knew to be Bogus.

Amherst, N. S., April 28.—(Special.)—On the information of D. R. Laird, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, James Neima was arrested yesterday charged with passing a note for \$300 signed by Tahsh Cousins per Fahid Tabah, which is claimed to be a forgery, and that Neima knew the signature was not genuine. After examination before Magistrate McKenzie yesterday afternoon Neima was remanded for one week.

FIFTEEN LIVES LOST WHEN STEAMER UPSET

Helena, Ark., April 28.—Fifteen persons lost their lives and several others sustained serious injuries, while several more are suffering from exposure as the result of the capsizing of the river steamer "Marion," having aboard members of a carnival company, near the mouth of the St. Francis river Sunday. The dead: Anna Golden, Albert Jordan, Blinky Dale, W. M. Berry, engineer; Irene Fleming, Frank Berg, A. Dutch, Dan Thomas, Tom Boyce, six negroes.

The steamer, which was proceeding from Helena to Carthage, Mo., was caught in a wind storm and overturned when two hundred yards from shore, and with the exception of several who were washed into the water, those aboard clung to the overturned boat and drifted for several hours, the waves from time to time washing one after another into the waters until, when rescued by a passing gasolene launch, fifteen of their number were missing. The Marion was a sixty-five foot boat.

The C. N. R. liver and feed barn at Edmonton were destroyed by fire, the loss being \$2,000.

CATHOLICISM IN NEW YORK

Great Thanksgiving Services To-day Celebrate Century of Roman Catholic Progress.

New York, April 28.—As early as 9 o'clock this morning, hundreds of priests and dignitaries, thousands of men and women were on the way to St. Patrick's Cathedral to join the imposing thanksgiving services in honor of the completion of a hundred years of Catholic progress in New York. While the services did not begin until eleven o'clock, the cathedral was filled to overflowing long before ten, there being fully six thousand persons gathered in the beautiful edifice and as many more on the outside.

Headed by a deacon bearing aloft a processional cross, the clergy and prelates who participated in the ceremony marched in solemn procession from the cathedral college in Madison avenue to the main entrance to the cathedral in Fifth avenue, and thence up the long side into the apse sanctuary. First in line were the leaders of the Church in America, followed by their head and America's solitary representative in the Sacred College, Cardinal Gibbons. The last personage in the celebration the celebrant of the Mass, was Cardinal Michael Logue from Armagh, Ireland.

The Mass began promptly at eleven o'clock. Cardinal Gibbons preached a long sermon in which he reviewed the history of the Catholic Church in New York. A message was received from Pope Pius X, congratulating Archbishop Farley and the Catholics of New York.

The building is owned by the heirs of Capt. Allen McLean and is insured in the Royal Insurance Co. for \$5,000 and in the Phoenix of London for \$5,000.

THE TROUBLE ON THE C.P.R.

The Men Have Applied For a Conciliation Board and They Have Named Their Arbitrator.

Winnipeg, Man., April 28.—(Special.)—The mechanical unions of the Canadian Pacific Railway have applied for a conciliation board under the Lemieux act covering the disputes between the company and their organization and have named Mr. James Somerville second vice-president of the machinists' union, Toronto, as arbitrator.

The Canadian Northern and its mechanical unions are still conferring upon the working agreement and today the men's committee are meeting General Manager McLeod. It is anticipated that the men will follow the lead of those in the Canadian Pacific Railway and apply for a conciliation board.

COLLISION ON THE PENNSYLVANIA R. R.

One Man Fatally Injured, Many Slightly Hurt, Traffic Blocked for Hours.

Elizabeth, N. J., April 28.—One man was probably fatally injured, many were slightly hurt and traffic on Penna. Railroad was blocked for several hours today as a result of a collision between a freight and passenger train near south Elizabeth station. A telephone pole standing near the edge of the track prevented a coach filled with passengers from plunging over a fifteen foot embankment. The injured man is Robert G. Wibbe, a freight brakeman of Berkeley Street, Camden, N. J. He is internally injured. The accident happened during the early rush toward New York. A train filled with commuters had just crossed South Street bridge when an axle on a freight train running on a parallel track gave way and the car plunged across and struck the second coach of the passenger train, hurling it over on its side. The next car on the passenger train followed it from the rails but was not overturned. More than a dozen freight cars were piled up in a heap blocking both tracks.

CANADIAN WILL INSTRUCT THEM

Toronto, Ont., April 28.—(Special.)—In order to revive industrial activity in the island of St. Helena, the British government has decided to send an expert on fruit growing to that island. The government decided that a Canadian should have the honor of becoming instructor to the natives of St. Helena and for that purpose Mr. Alfred Moseley, who is at present arranging a tour of Canadian teachers to England went to Winona last evening, to ask Mr. E. D. Smith M. P. to recommend an instructor. It is the intention of the British government to build up a new enterprise by encouraging fruit growing and the establishment of canning factories to can fruit and vegetables for the South African trade.

Poison prepared for wolves at Manitow was eaten by dogs and caused their deaths. The entire village of Tofeld, Alta., is being moved to the G. T. P.