

TODAY'S MESSAGES.

THREE DETAILS OF TORNADO'S

CHICAGO, March 18.

The tornado tore through southern Illinois to-day after lashing eastern Missouri and then caused considerable damage in Indiana before it died out to the northeast, after collecting a reported toll of 3,831 persons dead or injured on the basis of estimates available to-night from the storm regions where communication except largely destroyed. While darkness and prostrated wires made collection of data difficult, the estimates which came in through the various sources with ever increasing detail placed the total dead at 957 and injured at 2,674 before midnight.

FATAL KILLED IN OVER-

TURNED EXPRESS.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., March 18.

A message was received late to-night at the local general offices of the Frisco system that the fast passenger train No. 105 was overturned near South Greenfield, Mo., 15 miles west of here, and several persons were reported killed.

AND CROZON'S CONDITION HOPE-

LESS.

LONDON, March 18.

Marquis Curzon, former Secretary of State for India, is believed to be in a hopeless condition.

TAXI DRIVER IN DIFFICULTIES.

MONTREAL, March 18.

One man is dead, a second has a fractured skull, and a taxi driver is under arrest on a charge of speeding as the result of a collision between the latter's taxicab and a street car at the corner of Notre Dame and Conquest Streets to-night.

MONTWAT CATASTROPHE MAY

HAVE BEEN CAUSED DELIBER-

ATELY.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Mar. 18.

Three men were placed under arrest to-day in connection with the explosion at Mine 41 of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, in which thirty-three men were entombed. The arrests followed a report of the possibility that the disaster had been caused by explosion of a bomb. The mine has been operating on a non-union basis since last October.

FIRST ARMY MANOEUVRES.

LONDON, March 18.

For the first time since the war, army manoeuvres will be held on an intimate scale this summer. Four regular infantry divisions, one territorial infantry brigade, one cavalry division, tanks, dragons and units of the air force will operate together in Hampshire, Wiltshire and the surrounding counties.

PALM BEACH HOTELS WIPED OUT

PALM BEACH, Fla., March 18.

Following the destruction of Breakers Hotel here this afternoon, Palm Beach Hotel was also destroyed by flames, and the fire has spread to nearby cottages. The damage was estimated at \$2,500,000 with the possibility that the total might reach \$3,000,000. No loss of life was reported.

MEMBER OF TORNADO VICTIMS

INCREASES TO 1500.

CHICAGO, March 18.

More than 1500 persons are reported dead or injured by the tornado which swept through Southern Illinois and Indiana late to-day, causing great property damage and virtually wiping out three towns in its path. From Missouri to the Northeast wires were down in every direction under the fury of the wind and it was impossible to check reported casualties. The storm struck without warning, increasing in intensity as it progressed. Starting at Tamaroa, where light damage was done, the tornado struck Dubois, doing considerable damage. It then skirted Hallidayboro, where it dropped on Desoto, where a brick school was demolished, killing several children and injuring many. West Frankford in Madison County was the next town reported to have been struck, being totally demolished, with consequent loss of life and property. Reports were next received from Murfreesboro. Dropping with all its fury the storm virtually devastated this farming town, demolishing buildings and killing and injuring almost within its path. In some instances suffering from the storm was intensified by fire which broke out. Later reports said that the town of Desoto had been laid in waste by the storm and the ruins were burning. Several other towns similarly said that fire followed the storm. An earnest plea for relief from every quarter has been heard. Hundreds of persons are homeless and suffering is said to be intense. Meanwhile reports began to come from Logan, Thompsonville, each detailing damage more widespread than the other, confirming in advice from Parrish, which said that only one house was left standing after the storm had passed.

FIFTY-EIGHTH Session MEETS

March 19th, at 7:45 sharp.

Received: The private members should be abolished. Addressed by C. H. Johnson, Charles New, Herbert Randall, Negatives H. E. Ryan, Dr. F. James, John Barrett.

It's Wise To Always Shop First at The Royal Stores!

There is no doubt in the minds of our numerous customers about the correctness of the slogan, 'It's always wise to shop first at The Royal Stores.' First because assortments are more complete; second, qualities are always dependable; third, prices are as low as consistent with quality, and satisfaction is guaranteed. New goods are daily pouring into every department of this big store, some of which we now offer at reduced prices.

Read over this six columns of welcome news for



Underwear Specials For Women

Cotton Crepe Nightdresses.

In pretty flowered and Blue Bird designs, shades of Peach, Pale Blue, Pink and Lavender, short sleeves, with a little shirring across front, assorted sizes. Reg. \$1.39

1.55 each. Sale Price \$1.19

Tricotelette Camisoles.

V neck, very short sleeves, gathered at hips, nicely finished around neck, sleeves and tail with scalloped edge. Shades of Sand, Jade, Pale Blue, Royal, Nigger, Matze, Saxe, Poon, Sunny Brown and Black; medium size. Reg. \$2.20 each. Sale \$1.89

Price \$1.89

Women's Bloomers.

Jersey Knit Bloomers, in Pink and White, elastic at waist and knee, fine quality; assorted sizes. Reg. 38c. pair. Sale Price 34c.

Child's Nightdresses.

White Flannellette Nightdresses for children, long sleeves, square neck, neatly hemstitched around neck and sleeves, assorted sizes. Reg. 95c. each. Sale Price 83c.

Price 83c.

Infants' Dresses.

White Muslin Dresses, neatly embroidered and edged with dainty Val lace, some having Pink and Pale Blue ribbon running through front. Reg. \$1.65 each. Sale Price \$1.40

Price \$1.40

Unusual Values in New, Spring Gloves

Fabric Gauntlets.

Women's Imitation Suede Gauntlets, shades of Grey, Fawn, Brown, Chamola and White, elastic at wrist, all sizes. The very newest for Spring wear. Reg. \$1.35 pair. Sale Price \$1.21

Misses' Gloves.

Fabric Gloves for misses, sizes 5 to 6; shades of Fawn, Grey and Brown, 2 dome fastened. Reg. 65c. pair. Sale Price 49c.

Women's Kid Gloves.

Unlined Kid Gloves, in a pretty shade of Grey, Dent's manufacture, 2 dome fastened, fine quality soft French Kid. Reg. \$2.30 pair. Sale Price \$2.16

Men's Suede Gloves.

Brown Suede lined, sizes 7 to 10, dome fastened, ideal for Spring wear, special value. Reg. \$3.00 pair. Sale Price \$2.25

Price \$2.25

Men's Kid Gloves.

Tan Cape Kid, silk lined, dome fastened; sizes 7 to 10. A splendid glove for present wear. Reg. \$3.25 pair. Sale Price \$2.69

Price \$2.69

A Bargain in Men's Boots

Men! This line offers you an exceptional opportunity to save on your Spring and Summer footwear.

Men's Boots.

Brown and Black Calf and Kid Boots, Blucher and Balmoral styles, wide or pointed toe; sizes 6, 6½, 7 and 7½, 8 and 9. A wonderful bargain, formerly priced up to \$17.00 pair. Special price to clear, the pair \$4.98

Price \$4.98

Men's Brogues.

Black and Brown Calf Brogues, English last, nicely perforated. A shoe that will give miles and miles of wear; sizes 6 to 10. Reg. \$6.75 pair. Sale Price \$6.08

Price \$6.08

Women's Patent Shoes.

Black Patent Leather, military rubber heel, laced style; sizes 3 to 6, neat and very dressy. Reg. \$4.60 pair. Sale Price \$4.14

Price \$4.14

Women's Strap Shoes.

Black Vici Kid, one strap, Cuban heel, medium toe; sizes 3 to 8. Reg. \$1.80 pair. Sale Price \$1.62

Price \$1.62

Underwear and Shirts for Men

Men's Shirts.

Made from strong Percelle, White grounds with assorted colored stripes, attached collar, single breasted, cuff; sizes 14 to 17. Regular \$1.15 each. Sale Price \$1.13

Price \$1.13

Men's Underwear.

All Wool English Underwear, medium weight, soft finish; sizes 34 to 42. Just what you require for present wear and offered at a substantial saving. Regular \$2.00 per garment. Sale Price \$1.53

Price \$1.53

Men's New Felts.

Felt Hats in the newest shape for Spring, in Light, Mid and Dark Grey, all sizes. Regular \$5.20 each. Sale Price \$4.75

Price \$4.75

Men's Suits

One of our newest models in Navy, Cheviot with White Pin Stripes, 3 button coat, plain bottom pants; sizes 3 to 7. A suit we are proud to sell and you will be delighted to wear. Very moderately priced. Regular \$20.75. Sale Price \$18.70

Price \$18.70

Friday AND Saturday Charming DRESSES

Flannel Dresses.

Beautiful Flannel Dresses that will appeal to all women; dresses that serve smartly for sport and street wear; some with Peter Pan collar, long sleeves with turned back cuff, girde at waist, nicely finished with fancy stitching, braid and buttons, others with v neck, and small turned back collar of pretty contrasting shades, fitted with the new insert pocket; shades of Navy, Saxe, Fawn, Tan, Nigger, Grey, Flame and Burnt Orange, also a few in assorted checks. Wonderful value at the regular price of \$9.00. Special for Friday and Saturday. Reg. \$5.00 each. Sale Price \$7.75

Price \$7.75

Two Piece Wool Dresses.

These are ideal for Spring wear, skirts are a plain shade with fancy jumper, Peter Pan collar, elbow sleeves, shades of Fawn, Tan, Sand and Grey. Reg. \$14.00 each. Sale Price \$11.40

Price \$11.40

Maids' Dresses.

Black Poplin Dresses for maids, long sleeves with narrow turned collar, gathered at waist and finished with narrow girde; assorted sizes. Reg. \$8.50 each. Sale Price \$7.30

Price \$7.30

Gingham Aprons.

Slip over head style, fitted with two pockets, frilling around bottom, bound with scalloped material, shades of Orange, Blue, Grey, Brown, Hello and Black and White. Just what you need for morning wear. Reg. 90c. each. Sale Price 74c.

Price 74c.

Tricotelette Smocks.

Shades of White, Mauve and White and Pearl and White, long sleeves, with collar. You will need a good looking sweater for Spring and early Summer wear, why not secure one of these at a special saving. Reg. \$7.25 each. Sale Price \$6.53

Price \$6.53

Silk and Wool Slipons.

Shades of White, Mauve and White and Pearl and White, long sleeves, with collar. You will need a good looking sweater for Spring and early Summer wear, why not secure one of these at a special saving. Reg. \$7.25 each. Sale Price \$6.53

Price \$6.53

Lisse Handkerchiefs.

Plain White and White with colored borders to match almost any shade dress, looks very chic placed in the insert pocket, with border showing; mercerized finish, hemstitched, guaranteed fast color. Reg. 40c. each. Sale Price 32c.

Price 32c.

Your HOSIERY Needs for Spring

Cashmere Hose.

Women's Wool Cashmere Hose, shades of Grey, Fawn, Tan and Black; plain and assorted ribs, fashioned leg, double heels and toes; sizes 9 and 9½. Reg. 68c. 76c. pair. Sale Price 60c.

Price 60c.

Women's Hose.

Wool Cashmere, shades of Fawn, Light and Dark Grey, Beaver, Champagne, Covert and Black, vertical stripes of assorted shades, seamless fashioned leg, wide garter tops; sizes 9 to 10. Newest for Spring wear. Reg. 85c. pair. Sale Price 77c.

Price 77c.

Lisle Hose.

Silver Grey Lisle Hose for women, silk finish, full fashioned leg, spliced feet; sizes 9½ only. Reg. 86c. pair. Sale Price 80c.

Price 80c.

Women's Cashmere Hose.

In all the popular shades, seamless fashioned leg, suspender tops, plain and assorted ribs; sizes 9 and 9½. Reg. \$1.13 pair. Sale Price \$1.01

Price \$1.01

Embroidered Sport Hose.

All Wool Cashmere, in Grey and Brown, fashioned leg, spliced heels and toes, logs embroidered in large checks; sizes 9 to 10. Reg. \$1.50 pair. Sale Price \$1.61

Price \$1.61

Madras Muslin Makes Pretty Curtains

You are thinking about New Curtains for Spring, renew the charms of your home by using Madras, the ideal Curtaining, looks well and wears splendidly. See the new lines we are now showing. They are beautiful.

Madras Muslin.

White Madras in very pretty designs, 44 inches wide, plain edge, Reg. 60c. yard. Sale Price 54c.

Price 54c.

White Madras.

36 inches wide, tasseled edge, showing pretty floral designs. Reg. 70c. yard. Sale Price 63c.

Price 63c.

Madras Muslin.

Cream and White Centre, in neat designs with pretty colored border, notched edge; 40 inches wide. Reg. 90c. yard. Sale Price 81c.

Price 81c.

Stamped Linens

Calico Bed Spreads.

Made from best grade Embroidery Calico, in a large size, stamped in pretty designs, to be worked with candlewick embroidery. Buy one now and have it ready for that June wedding gift. Reg. \$7.25 each. Sale Price \$6.00

Price \$6.00

Child's Pillow Cases.

White Pique Pillow Cases; sizes 21 x 27, stamped in neat designs, ready for use, working. Reg. \$1.25 each. Sale Price \$1.05

Price \$1.05

Linen Centres.

Cream Linen Centres, stamped in cross-stitch design, ready to work; size 36 x 36. Reg. \$1.75 each. Sale Price \$1.47

Price \$1.47

Luncheon Sets.

Consisting of Luncheon Cloth and four Serviettes to match. Stamped in pretty design. Reg. \$1.80 per set. Sale Price \$1.50

Price \$1.50

Serviceable Table Linen

Table Cloths.

White Damask Table Cloths of a superior quality; size 46 x 81. A cloth with a very fine finish in exquisite designs. Regular \$5.40 each. Sale Price \$5.40

Price \$5.40

Serviettes.

White Irish Damask Serviettes, extra good quality, hemstitched border, ready for use, size 22 x 22, neat designs. Regular 65c. each. Sale Price 50c.

Price 50c.

Linen Centres.

Fawn Linen Centres, with handsome lace edge and centre. Regular \$1.35 each. Sale Price \$1.13

Price \$1.13

Men's Suits

Made from selected English Serge of a superior grade, cut and perfectly tailored, 3 button coat, plain and cut bottom pants; sizes 3 to 7. A low priced suit that will give satisfaction. Reg. \$22.50 suit Sale Price \$20.00

Price \$20.00

House of Assembly

WEDNESDAY, March 18.

The House opened at the usual hour.

MR. HALFYARD presented a petition from the people of Heart's Desire on the subject of a road. The petition was supported by Mr. G. G. G.

In answer to the question about the number of railway ties contracted for during the past winter, the average price, from whose land lies have been cut and whether any stumpage has been or will be paid, the following reply was tabled:—

ORDERS ISSUED FOR SEASON 1924.

St. John's to Clarendville . . . 37400
Clarendville to Bishop Falls 17600
Bishop Falls to Port Union . . 137000
Heart's Content Branch . . . 25000
Placentia Branch . . . 8000
Trepassey Branch . . . 3000
Bonaville Branch . . . 21000
2. Price of ties barked . . . 250
Unbarked . . . 250
3. Permission given to contractors by the Crown Lands Department to cut over leased areas. Permission granted by R.N. Co. to cut on Reid lots on which royalty is to be paid.

In reply to a question about the Dock the gross earnings from July 1st, 1923, to December, 1924, were given as \$49,413.41.

In reply to a question about the Railroad the earnings and expenditure from July 1st, 1923, to January 30th, 1924, were given as follows:—

Earnings . . . \$584,400.00
Expenses . . . 532,877.00

The Council's amendments to the Supreme Court Bill was given as follows:—

reading. The MINISTER OF JUSTICE explained that the amendments were simply corrections of typographical errors.

The following bills were given third reading and ordered to be sent to the Council for concurrence:—

"An Act relating to Firearms."
"An Act to Amend Chapter 52 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Egress from Churches, Theatres and other Buildings'."

The Committee stage of Bill "An Act to Regulate Travel on Highways and the Speed, Operation and Load of Vehicles Thereon" was deferred.

The Committee of the Whole on a Bill to Amend Chapter 209 of Consolidated Statutes entitled Banks and Banking passed the Bill without amendment.

The Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 13 Geo. V. Cap. 26 Respecting a Tax upon Certain Incomes" was given second reading.

SIR JOHN CROSSIE gave notice of introducing Supply to his Majesty on to-morrow.

MR. SCAMMELL gave notice of question.

SIR JOHN CROSSIE tabled the report of the Auditor General.

THE MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES gave notice of a bill to amend the Act in Relation to Bounty on Shipbuilding Repairs.

At 3:35 the House adjourned until Friday next at 3 p.m.

"Tom Mix" at the Majestic Theatre

Tom Mix has had some funny experiences, cinematically speaking, but it remained for his latest starring vehicle, "Ladies to Board," which comes to the Majestic Theatre to-day to furnish the prize thrill. He inherits an old ladies home!

William Dudley Pelley has turned the virile Fox star with one of the best and funniest stories Mix has appeared in during his long career. According to advance reports "Ladies to Board" is said to rival even "Soft Boiled," which Mix offered earlier as the reason, Jack Blystone, who directed "Soft Boiled" also held the most phone during the making of his latest picture.

Tom Faxton, played by Mix in a rarin' cow puncher. His half portion buddy, Bunk McPherson, played by Pee Wee Holmes, suggests that he take a trip to Boston to look over the bean foundries. So, Tom packs Tony along and they haul to the Hub. Although Tom is woman shy, he isn't the kind to stand idly by with a lady in distress. So, when Anastasia McPherson, a kindly old spinster gets in trouble with a motor tire Tom hauls her out of harm's way. She is so deeply indebted when she passes away some time later she wills McPherson's Sanitarium to Old Ladies to Tom. Tom shies at the request, but when Bunk lets loose his business acumen, the partners go forth to take over the place and sell it. Things begin to happen. They happen fast and furiously and it would be unfair to divulge the balance of the plot. Suffice it to say that Gertrude Olmsted is the girl and others in the cast are Phil McCullough, Gertrude Claire and Fay Holderness.

Jacobson and Evans complete change of music and songs; is an attraction worth while; a two-act Fox Comedy is a laugh producer and a fine matinee feature.

Add chopped walnut meats, dates and seedless raisins to whole wheat loaf.

WINARD'S LINIMENT USED BY PHYSICIANS.