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DEATH AND DESTRUCTION IN WAKE OF TORNADO IN SOUTHERN STATES.

One Place Twelve Persons Were Killed and Four Fatally Injured; at Another Place Ten Were Killed and Many Injured--Cyclone Three Miles Wide and Razed Everything in Its Path.

Blue Rock, Ark., April 8--Specials from several towns in White and Cleburne Hires in Arkansas tell of a cyclone which swept through that section of the State Tuesday night, leaving death and destruction in its wake. The record of fatalities so far is nine dead, three dying and 13 others badly injured. The towns Little Red, Albion, Bradford, Heber and Hangbun have been heard from so far as the death toll is concerned. At Bradford, Miss Barlow, Little Red, leg broken and skull fractured. Mrs. Hoover and children, Pangburn, expected to live. Miss Barlow, Little Red, leg broken and skull fractured. Mrs. Hoover and children, Pangburn, expected to live. Miss Barlow, Little Red, leg broken and skull fractured. Mrs. Hoover and children, Pangburn, expected to live.

BETTER TERMS ASKED FOR NEW BRUNSWICK.

Premier Tweedie, in an Able Speech, Asks the House to Concur in Resolutions of the Provincial Conference--Mr. Hazen Moves Amendment--Attorney-General's Telling Reply to Opposition Leader.

Fredericton, N. B., April 8--In the absence of the speaker, Mr. Allen took the chair at 3 o'clock. The speaker announced that the committee to prepare a bill for the referendum to the secret ballot would be ready this morning by a cyclone, which cut a path of desolation a mile wide and two miles long across a prosperous farming section of Mount County. Twelve persons were killed instantly, three or four fatally and a score seriously injured. The dead--Mr. and Mrs. Griffin, James Griffin, Henry McCoy and three children, Mrs. C. G. Oden, a prominent planter; Mrs. Nona Oden, Hester Oden, Miss Thelma Oden, Mrs. C. G. Oden. The injured--A son and niece of Nathan Griffin, Mrs. Henry McCoy and three children, R. G. Quick, Dink Quick, family of McCoy, seven persons; Mrs. Holstein Horton, Miss Inez Horton, Richard Griffin. It is believed that several of the injured will die. The storm travelled in a northeasterly direction, wrecking everything in its way. There was not the slightest intimation of its approach until the houses were being struck by the wind and the trees were being uprooted. Thus far it has been impossible to ascertain where the storm began, but it is known that it raged in these parts and the list of casualties is likely to be greater than is now known. The home of Henry McCoy received the worst impact of the storm. His wife and several children were blown down there and one man badly injured. The tornado came from the west and spent its force at the time it reached Bradford. It is a population of 150 has been wiped off the map. It is near Heber and in the storm track. Nothing has thus far been heard from it. A special from Heber says--In the tornado which swept across this section last night, A. C. Williams, living miles south of Heber, was killed. His house was caught up by the wind and blown down the mountainside, he being killed. His wife is not expected to live.

ALLAN LINE UNABLE TO HANDLE THE ENORMOUS TRAFFIC TO CANADA.

The Company Issues Notice That No More Passages Can Be Engaged on Their Boats Till May--Canadian Official Statement in British Press Says That All the Immigrants That Come Here Can Be Taken Care Of.

Montreal, April 8--(Special)--A special London cable to the Star says: The Allan Steamship Company have issued a notice to the effect that no more saloon passages on their line can be secured before May, no second class until May 14, and no steerage tickets until May 7, and then only a few. The demand for transportation this spring is unprecedentedly large. The members of the Canada Club and commissioner's staff were present at the residence of Sir Gilbert Parker yesterday afternoon on behalf of the officers of the Canadian coronation contingent, Lord Strathcona presented Miss Brooks with a silver vase and two cushions as a memento of their gratitude over her success in connection with the organization of a colonial troops' club. The dinner and presentation to Mr. Strathcona by the Canadian commissioner's staff will be held on April 23 at the Albion Hotel. Mr. Colmer will be presented with a handsome silver tea service and Mrs. Colmer will be the recipient of a fine jewel. Lord Strathcona will occupy the chair. Dominion emigration commissioner, are issuing joint invitations to the formal opening of the new Canadian immigration office at Charing Cross. The function will be held on the afternoon of April 16. An emphatic Canadian official statement is published in the English papers today which is designated to remove fears of a congestion and consequent distress resulting from sudden accession of a large number of British settlers in Canada. The simplest official assurance are given that the elaborate arrangements, with the aid of a very large staff of responsible officials, to deal satisfactorily with all immigrants arriving in Canada this year, even if the number exceeds many times the arrivals of previous years. The protectionist policy of the present now openly avowed. Right Hon. Mr. Borden, in replying to inquiries in the house of commons, said the question of allowing meat from Canadian bred cattle to be included in the army contract had been carefully considered. The arrangement whereby home-bred beef only was to be accepted for the home army supply could only be disturbed to the detriment of the home producer. The name of Bonar Law, M. P., a Canadian member of the imperial house, has been suggested to fill the vacant post of secretary of the treasury, from which Hayes-Fisher resigned. Andrew Bonar Law has represented the Blackfriars division of Glasgow in the imperial house of commons since 1890. He was appointed parliamentary secretary of the board of iron works in the city of Glasgow, and in politics is a Conservative. Mr. Law's father was Rev. Jas. M. Law, of New Brunswick, Canada. Bonar Law was born in Glasgow, New Brunswick, in 1838. He was educated in Rexton, New Brunswick, and in Glasgow.

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THE OLD STORY OF MATCHES AND CHILD.

Newton, Mass., April 8--A fatal burning occurred this evening in New Highlands when Maud Redmond, five years old, daughter of Joseph W. Redmond, set fire to her clothes while playing with matches. The girl was alone at the time and died before assistance could reach her.

MCGILL TO HONOR SIR ALEX. MACKENZIE.

Montreal, April 8--(Special)--The corporation of McGill University has decided to confer upon Sir Alexander Mackenzie the degree L. L. D. on the ground of his eminence as a musician and composer and as a personal compliment on his present visit to Canada.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE DECIDES AGAINST LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S CONTENTION.

Mr. Fitzpatrick's Opinion Presented to the House of Commons Yesterday--Minister of Railways Gives the Amount of Public Money Spent on Canadian Railways--House Adjourned Till Tuesday.

Ottawa, April 8--(Special)--The house of commons met for an hour today and afterwards adjourned for the Easter holidays until Tuesday next. Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced that the government would not support the amendments to the bill for the construction of the railway from the minister of railways. The total cost of the intercolonial (capital account) up to Feb. 28 last was \$9,418,275, and of the Prince Edward Island railway, \$5,124,455. The same paid as subsidies to railways were as follows:-- Prince Edward Island, \$1,292,000; Ontario, \$1,875,000; Quebec, \$1,061,000; British Columbia, \$2,250,000; Northwest Territory, \$7,477,000. The total amount paid as subsidies to aid railway construction between Lake Superior and the Rockies was \$12,465,000. The amount paid by the dominion since confederation to aid railway construction, including the Canadian Pacific railway, was \$12,922,163. The decision of the minister of justice in respect to the memorial of New Brunswick asking that the representation in the house of commons be not decreased, was presented to parliament today. Mr. Fitzpatrick cannot concur in the views taken by the New Brunswick government. To say that only the four provinces of the dominion were meant in the B. N. A. act would be unnatural. All the partners of the union would require to be included in taking into account the relation of the population of each province to that of the aggregate population of four provinces only out of the seven provinces. The minister therefore says that the construction of the act is inadmissible. Replying to Mr. Wilmot, Mr. Prefontaine said that Mr. Miles McMonagle had been dismissed from the position of keeper of beacon lights and was succeeded by Robert Fleming. A petition was presented to the house today by Mr. Bickell, from Reuben Alexander Zimmerman and Frederick Wanke, of Scranton (Penn.), and Francis Joseph Leonard, of Philadelphia, asking for incorporation of the Canadian Telephone and Telegraph Company. The Dominion Marine Association presented its memorial to the government today asking for the abolition of tolls and other restrictions on Canadian vessels. The government promised to consider the matter. Messrs. Laurier, Blair, Cartwright, Patterson, Sube and Prefontaine received the delegates.

TRIED TO BURN CHIEF OF POLICE'S HOUSE.

Dastardly Attempt in Digby to Destroy Scott Act Inspector Bowles' Residence.

VALUABLE PRIZE FOR MCGILL MAN.

A Scholarship Worth £300 Awarded to H. Lester Cooke of Montreal.

EDUCATION BILL GETS FIRST READING.

London, April 7--The education bill passed its first reading. A division on the question that leave be given to introduce the measure resulted in a vote of 159 to 77 in favor of the motion.

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Such is the Opinion of John Redmond--Irish Leader Says the People Ought to Give the Measure a Trial Notwithstanding Its Defects--No Doubt About the Cordiality of King Edward's Irish Reception.

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SUPREME COURT TO DECIDE N. B.'S CLAIMS.

Dominion Government Has Consented for the Matter to Come Up at an Early Date.

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