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THE WEATHER. Fresh Southwest winds, partly cloudy and mild today and Wednesday.

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MANY LIVES LOST IN TWO TORNADOES

Section of the State of Arkansas Laid Waste Yesterday by Destructive Windstorms - - - Much Loss of Life

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 23.—Two tornadoes, one north and the other south bound, swept over West Arkansas yesterday, destroying many lives and much property. All means of communication were destroyed and only indefinite reports have so far been received from the region visited by the tornado. It is estimated that at least thirty and possibly fifty lives were lost and that the property loss is placed at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

One tornado started in the extreme southwestern part of the state and went north, following the second tier of counties for the western boundary line. The other started in the northwestern corner of the state and went south, following the third tier of counties.

The counties through which the tornado passed are Lafayette, Columbia, Miller, Pike, Howard, Hempstead, Montgomery, Yell, Pope, Johnson, Franklin, and Carroll. According to advices received the storm was at its height when it swept through a German settlement on the Iron Railroad. Later reports from Russellville, the nearest town with which communication can be had, are that between 12 and 20 persons were killed and about 50 injured at that place. Five lives are also reported to have been lost ten miles from Mulberry, where one of the tornadoes did great damage.

The storm also visited Oak where nothing definite has been heard. At Lodi, near Texarkana, where three buildings were destroyed, and a woman was injured. At Lewisville in Lafayette County, great damage was done to timber and fences and several buildings were destroyed. At Berryville, eight persons were injured and a number of houses were wrecked, and a Palmox great damage is reported, while Jethro and Wallersville are reported wrecked. No advices have been received from Jellico, Wallersville and Palmox as to loss of life.

The tornado also struck Wallersville, and Dyer, small towns, where great damage was done to timber and fences and several buildings were destroyed. The former place reports three persons injured and the property loss roughly estimated at between \$25,000 and \$40,000. At Cravens four persons are known to be dead, members of the family of John Housh, a farmer, being killed in the crash of the building and all were injured and eight others are reported as missing. At Cravens, nearly all the buildings were either demolished or badly damaged. From Knoxville a report partially confirms that the village of Berryville has been laid waste by the wind and hail which followed, the hail in some places standing to a depth of six inches. Physicians and nurses hastened to the relief parties and were sent from Knoxville to both Berry and Piney.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 23.—A dispatch from Russellville (Ark.) says that between twelve and twenty persons were killed in a tornado, which swept through the settlement of Piney late today, and about thirty other persons were injured.

ARREST FROM PULPIT DEFES SALOON MAN

Rev. Fr. Cassidy, of Fall River, is Outspoken in His Condemnation of the Liquor Traffic—An Unmitigated Curse.

Fall River, Nov. 24.—"Give us a chance to breathe; we are stifling! Give us a chance to swim; the torrent of rum is sinking us!"

So exclaimed Chancellor James E. Cassidy in the course of a denunciation of the saloon before a congregation of 1,400 men, Sunday in the Cathedral. He did not appeal for a no-license vote directly, but there was no misunderstanding the trend of his thought.

"The saloon," he said, "in furthering its vile purposes, knows no good, God nor pope. A saloon keeper visited a priest who spoke against intemperance and threatened to drive him from his parish from the city, and from society if he did not desist. That same man is in business here today. I gave him an invitation to come and tell me the same thing, and I would call an ambulance or the hurried wagon."

These words evoked a storm of hand-clapping, an extraordinary procedure in a Catholic church.

"The saloon undermines every decent principle in this city," went on Chancellor Cassidy. "You know that where it exists there is assembled the very scum of humanity."

"Where the saloon gets a foothold it furthers the plans and schemes of Satan. It is an unmitigated curse. It is a pestilential sewer of sin, corruption, pollution and misery, and threatens the very throne of God himself. If you think it is not a great curse, you should listen to the ravings of the dying drunkard as he goes before God. Like a great serpent,

POLICEMAN IS IN BAD SCRAPE

Policeman Foss, of Fredericton, Attempted to Arrest C. P. R. Agent This Morning.

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 24 (Special).—Considerable excitement was caused here this morning by the action of policeman Foss and Inspector Grier, at the C. P. R. station. It appears that armed with a search warrant, the officials went to let them search the car, the premises for liquor. When they arrived at the C. P. R. freight shed, station agent Howard was absent. The officers searched the shed, and when they had finished their work, Mr. Howard appeared on the scene. The upholders of the law then presented the agent with the warrant and asked to be allowed to search a car supposed to contain liquor. Howard refused to let them search the car, and the officers wanted the warrant returned to them. Howard properly refused to return the warrant, claiming that he had a right to retain it, and show it to his superiors. On his refusal, Policeman Foss got into a scuffle with the agent and attempted to seize the document, wind-up by handcuffing Howard and threatening to arrest him. Mr. Howard dared the officer to do this, and the latter seeing that he had exceeded his authority, took the handcuffs off Mr. Howard's wrists, and released him.

CIRCUIT COURT

November Sitting Opened by Judge McLeod This Morning - - - No Criminal Business.

The November sitting of the circuit court opened this morning, with Judge McLeod presiding. His honor addressed the grand jury briefly, commending favorably on the absence of a criminal docket, and discharged the grand jury and adjourned the sitting until tomorrow morning.

His honor also criticized four jurymen for failing to materialize to answer their names.

The docket is as follows: Dobson vs. Steeves; Daniel Mullin, Whittaker vs. Goggin; G. H. V. Bell vs. Day vs. Mooney; Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford.

Snellgrove vs. McLean. Heaney Carriage Co., Ltd., vs. Birmingham. Finning et al. vs. May Queen Steamship Co.

The first case scheduled for tomorrow will be the Dobson vs. Steeves suit, instituted by Thomas H. Dobson, commander of a motor launch, against Chief of Police W. Walker Clark and Patrolman Harry Steeves for damages claimed by the plaintiff from an arrest of the plaintiff by Steeves on King street for refusing to move when commanded.

The grand jurors are as follows:—W. E. Raymond, Chas. H. McDonald, Geo. Barnes, W. A. Rowley, Chas. Robinson, John Keele, H. Peters, R. J. Adams, W. H. Bell, C. E. Cameron, T. F. Poyers, W. H. Nae, W. E. Barker, W. H. Sands, F. S. Purdy, C. B. Pidgeon, W. P. Morgan, Geo. McLaughlin, Edw. Hogan, W. H. Irving, C. H. Ramsey, Frank Harrison, A. S. Bowman, and C. M. Longley.

On Saturday evening a coal cart owned by J. S. Gibbon, was struck by a locomotive under the Wall street bridge. The horse had a narrow escape from injury and the truck was badly damaged.

JUDGE CASSELL'S OPENED THE MARINE DEPARTMENT

Charles McDonald Managing Director of the St. John Iron Works Was the First Witness Called—He Tells of Money Transactions With F. J. Harding and Captain Smith.

The investigation which the government is conducting in the marine and fisheries department opened this morning in the court house and the entire session up to one o'clock, was occupied with the examination of Charles McDonald, manager of the St. John Iron Works, regarding the transactions between his company and the department, and particularly with reference to transactions with officials of the government steamers Lansdowne and Curlew, and with F. J. Harding, agent of the department at this port. Mr. Justice Cassell presided, with Dr. W. Morse, assistant registrar of the exchequer court, as secretary. G. H. Watson, K. C., and J. W. Perron, K. C., the counsel appointed by the government, were present, with the stenographer and clerk. Mr. Watson conducted the examination. There was quite a number of interested spectators as well as a score or more of witnesses who had been subpoenaed to appear.

The inquiry opened at 10:45 a. m. Mr. Watson starts The Ball Rolling.

G. H. Watson, K. C., one of the counsel, in addressing the court said there were not many officials of the marine and fisheries department here. He found the following officials here:—F. G. Harding, agent, appointed March, 1895, at a salary of \$2,000; an assistant agent, H. H. Brown, appointed Nov. 1907, at a salary of \$800; John Kelly, light inspector, appointed March, 1895; G. W. J. Bissett, captain of the steamer Lansdowne, appointed April, 1897, at a salary of \$1,500. Those who had to do with the expenditure were Messrs. Harding, Kelly and Bissett. Records of the department show that for the fiscal year of 1907-8 this expenditure for New Brunswick, amounted to \$100,000. This division was \$275,782; in 1905-6 it was \$225,390; in 1906-7 it was \$222,498.

Mr. Watson referred to a statement which he had made at Quebec at the last sitting of the commission when he had stated that the marine and fisheries department had taken official action in abolishing the patronage list. He had since received a notification that the patronage list was not to be abolished.

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MR. MORRISSEY WILL SUPPORT BURCHILL

George W. Upham and Wm. J. Owens Nominated in by-Election Today.

Woodstock, Nov. 24 (Special)—Sheriff Thompkins opened his court at eleven o'clock and it continued open until noon. The deposit of \$100 accompanied each of the papers. There were no others nominated. Court was adjourned until this afternoon when speeches will be made by both candidates. The opposition party will have a grand rally this evening to be addressed by Hon. Mr. Robinson, Hon. Mr. Jones, F. B. Carvell and others.

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