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HUNDREDS DEAD IN FEARFUL WIND STORM IN MIDDLE WEST STATES

Omaha and Environs Suffer Most; Buildings Crushed In Like Egg Shells

NEW VIGOR IN TURKISH ARMY

London War Correspondents Are Given a Surprise

VISIT TO HEADQUARTERS

Order Brought Out of Chaos, Soldiers Well Fed and Housed—Bulgarian Armies Block Way to Relief of Adriatic

(Canadian Press)

Ipswich, March 24—Martin Donohue and Edmund Harlett sent to the Daily Chronicle and Daily Telegraph respectively accounts of a visit to the Turkish headquarters at Hadramout, the Turkish commanders having partially relaxed the restrictions as to war correspondents going to the front.

Both these writers say that the Turkish army has undergone a wonderful change since they last saw it. Notwithstanding the terribly severe winter, an immense amount of work has been done in strengthening the lines and preparing for a general advance.

Mr. Donohue writes: "Somebody has worked wonders. Order and organization have been made out of a most hopeless chaos. Food is no longer a rare luxury. The soldiers are well clothed and housed, the overdue pay has been made good, useless men have been weeded out, and here are new more than 120,000 seasoned veterans along the lines. The advanced posts, which are well forward from Tschatalja, are in continual touch with the main army."

Mr. Harlett describes the stories of desperate fighting in the week as someone writes that it was simply a general advance of the outposts to discover the enemy's position. Surprising information was obtained with only 250 casualties. The reconnaissance disclosed that there were two complete Bulgarian armies between Tschatalja and the enemy's supposed main line of resistance. The Bulgars still hold Khatlun village, where there has been sharp fighting.

Mr. Harlett continues: "The discovery of the enemy's strength has not led to the suspension of all forward movements, and it almost seems as if the Turks have abandoned any intention of marching to the relief of Adriaatic."

REPORTS ON HALIFAX STREET RAILWAY

Montreal, March 24—E. A. Robert, president of the Halifax Tramway Company, said today that Major Hutchinson, manager of the company in this city, had returned from his mission to the Nova Scotia capital, where he was sent to carefully observe the situation as regards both the present conditions and future prospects of the project, which had recently come under the control of the future interests.

It is understood that Major Hutchinson has been pleased with the outlook in Halifax and that he takes an optimistic view of the company's future. It is expected that his report will be ready in a few days.

DR. ELIOT DECLINES POST AT COURT OF ST. JAMES

Boston, March 24—Doctor Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard, has refused the post of ambassador to the court of St. James because of his advanced years and declining health, and it is expected that the post will go to another man.

PAINTS DARK PICTURE OF CHINA

London, March 24—The Pekin correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says the murder of General Sung, the former minister of agriculture was a political one, and is likely to have a disastrous effect. He and General Huang Hsiang, formerly commander-in-chief of the Chinese, represented the militant element in the south who have 300 of 546 members of the coming parliament, and who stand for a party cabinet and provincial rights against President Yuan Shi Kai's idea of a Pekin dictatorship.

The correspondent seems to intimate that the president, Yuan Shi Kai, had something to do with the murder. He says that the blackest pessimism reigns in all the diplomatic quarters.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Since Saturday an energetic disturbance has moved rapidly from the Pacific states to the upper lake region and its attendant high winds and rain have spread into the maritime provinces this morning. A pronounced cold wave covers the western provinces and promises to arrive rapidly eastward.

Keep The Rubbers Handy
Maritime—Strong winds and moderate gales, southwesterly and westerly winds, with rain today and on Tuesday.

MARITIME MEN IN MONTREAL AROUND McGILL BANQUET BOARD

Annual Dinner Tomorrow Evening—R. B. Bennett the Guest of Honor

(Canadian Press)

Montreal, March 24—The McGill Maritime Club will hold its annual dinner tomorrow evening, the guest of honor will be R. B. Bennett, K.C., M.P., for Calgary, a native of Albert county, New Brunswick. He is the president of the Maritime Club in Calgary.

This banquet will not only be a McGill affair but a function open to all maritime men in the city, numbers of whom will attend, amongst these being Messrs. A. B. Croftman, H. S. Ross, K.C., Dr. W. F. Hamilton, T. A. Hubley, A. P. Willis, C. P. Crandall and I. Gammell, the principals and the various deans of the university, and more than twenty maritime doctors.

E. M. MacDonald, M.P., for Pictou, will represent the province of Nova Scotia; Dr. Andrew MacPhail will represent Prince Edward Island; Dr. C. A. Peters will uphold New Brunswick.

Among the speakers will be C. H. Caban, J. H. Nicholson, registrar of the university; Prof. D. A. Murray, Dr. W. M. Chipman and Angus McLean, M.P., for Queens county, P. E. I.

PRUSSIAN LAW MAKES INTOXICATED PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTS

Berlin, March 24—A new law put into effect in Prussia makes intoxicated persons legally responsible for their actions.

TAKE DOWN TOP OF THE VALLEY CHURCH SPIRE

An extensive programme of repair to St. Paul's (Valley) church which was interrupted by the arrival of winter, is to be resumed immediately. Before the work started the exterior of the church, the choir room, the altar and the Sunday school room had been repaired. The tower and the spire of the church now need attention and it will be necessary to take down and rebuild the top section of the spire, which has rotted. When the repairs are completed the church buildings will all be painted and will show a much improved appearance. A special offering in aid of the repair fund was taken at the church services yesterday and the substantial amount of \$1,200 was received.

Some of the younger members of the church are looking forward to having a tennis court on the grounds about the church during the coming summer and plans for the promotion of this are now being discussed. No decision has been reached as yet, but it will be considered by the vestry at the next meeting. The collection yesterday was a fine response to the pastor's appeal and was the largest in the history of the church.

MRS. FRANK UPHAM DEAD IN WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, March 24—Mrs. Frank Upham died yesterday of pneumonia after an illness of only three days. She was an estimable woman and had many friends in the community. She was sixty-six years of age and leaves her husband. The funeral arrangements have not been made.

CURLERS HOME

Some of the local curlers who went to Boston last week to curl against the "speely ones" in the Hub returning home this morning, and reported having had a delightful time. They were royally entertained by the members of the Country Club and the Boston Curling Club, who proved the very best of hosts, and those who were their guests say they were given a most cheery reception.

Among those who returned today were A. G. Binnie, A. G. Stevens, Dr. and Mrs. Merrill, Mr. George Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Sanford, C. H. McDonald, E. L. Binnie, J. U. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. White, Roy Fenwick and Joseph Pritchard.

CHAMPION RIFLE SHOT DEAD

Springfield, Ills., March 24—Captain A. Bogardus, for seventeen years the champion wing shot of the world, died last night at his home in Lincoln, Ills., in his 86th year. He won the championship of America in 1871 and went to England in 1873. There he met all comers, successfully defending the championship until 1878, when he returned to America. He held the distinction of being the only person in the world who ever killed 100 live birds in 100 consecutive shots. Captain Bogardus was in St. John with a large circus some years ago.

FIRES START IN MANY PLACES

Omaha, Neb., March 24—(via long distance telephone to Denver)—Omaha and surrounding territory were today visited by a fire which broke out in many of the wrecked buildings added to the horror. At eight o'clock this morning the best

Fires Start in Many Places and Add to Horror of Fearful Scene—Soldiers and Red Cross Nurses Hurry to Aid But Trains are Delayed by Wreckage—Village After Village is Wiped Out

(Canadian Press)

Omaha, chief city of Nebraska, storm wrecked and perhaps burning, was so effectively cut off from the rest of the world this forenoon that only meagre estimates of the death list and damage could be obtained. Brief despatches this morning, forced through by devious routes, indicated that several hundred persons perished, and hundreds of others were injured. Special trains and troops are being rushed to the scene, and the telegraph companies are making every effort to restore communication.

Early last evening an equinoctial gale of varying intensity began sweeping through the Missouri Valley and middle west, leaving ruin in its path. At least six states sustained heavy damage. Terra Haute, Ind., reports a death list there and in the environs, which may reach fifty. Towns in Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri were shaken.

Wire communication with Omaha was broken a little after six o'clock, last evening, and since that time few despatches except rapt, came over a single telephone wire. That the city and suburbs sustained great damage seemed certain.

One of the latest despatches received via Lincoln, described the path of the tornado as being "eight miles long and from four to six miles wide." United States troops from Fort Omaha were immediately called out, it was said, and the stricken zone put under martial law.

The national Red Cross has volunteered its services for the injured and Governor Moorehead of Nebraska left Lincoln early today, personally to assist in the relief work. Railroad bridges are down, however, and train schedules demoralized. Hysterical passengers arriving in Lincoln from Omaha were unable to give any connected account of the disaster except to say that the residential portion of the city suffered most.

Omaha, Neb., March 24—A tornado swept through Omaha about six o'clock yesterday afternoon, cutting a path four to six blocks wide and eight miles long, causing an appalling loss of life and immense destruction of property. Hundreds of buildings were destroyed, and up to ten o'clock last night it appeared that at least a hundred had been killed and three that number injured.

Chicago, March 24—The first despatch received direct from Omaha reached here at 8:10 a. m., and stated that hundreds of people were killed and injured by a cyclone that circled the cities of Omaha and Council Bluffs at 8:45 o'clock last night. All telegraph and telephone wires were blown down.

The Nebraska state troops have been ordered out by the governor to preserve order and prevent looting at Omaha. The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Great Eastern lines are preparing special trains to be sent to Omaha, carrying physicians and nurses.

FEARFUL SCENES IN INDIANA REPORTED
Terre Haute, Ind., March 24—With a known death list of sixteen, reports brought by messengers on horseback from the south part of the Vigo county, early today indicated the toll of a tornado which struck here last night, would be increased to fifty. It may be several days before the exact number of dead will be known, as many are believed to be buried in the ruins of their homes. The property loss probably will exceed \$500,000.

In addition to destroying about 300 homes in the south portion of Terre Haute, a small town six miles south, was destroyed and the intervening territory ravaged.

The injured will number at least 300, and many of these are in a serious condition. The hospitals are filled to their capacity.

The bodies of Carter and his wife, the first recovered, were found under the crumpled roof of their home, while the mangled body of their child was found fifteen feet away. Mrs. Flora Woods, 2424 South Third street, was found unconscious seventy feet from her home. She had her small baby clasped in her arms.

MAY BE THOUSAND OR 1,100 KILLED
Chicago, March 24—An unconfirmed report received by the Chicago office of the W. U. Telegraph company says that 1,000 persons have been killed or injured in the tornado at Omaha and that the city is burning.

This information was received by the Western Union at Denver from Grand Island, Neb., the nearest city to Omaha with which the telegraph officials were able to communicate.

Des Moines, March 24—Eleven hundred dead in Omaha was the estimate of the disaster unofficially received here by a railroad telegraph before daylight this morning.

Among the show places of the city which felt the baneful effects of the storm was the Joelyn Castle. The roof was torn off and the trees and shrubbery uprooted.

The convent of the Poor Clares at Twenty Ninth and Hamilton, was unroofed and the grounds were littered with debris. The Omaha telegraph office sent their Associated Press messages to Lincoln on an early morning train in an effort to get through to the city.

Early today Omaha presented a sorry spectacle. From the Field Club which is in the western part of the city, to the Carter Lake Club, situated at the north-east extremity, was one mass of debris from two to six blocks wide. Federal sol-

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diary figures placed the number of dead between 100 and 200, with not less than 100 seriously injured and probably 300 more or less seriously hurt. All areas have been put out. During the night fifty alarms were sounded.

Lincoln, Neb., March 24—One hundred dead, 250 injured and many houses were destroyed, Omaha and its environs early last night. It demoralized the city, and the soldiers from Fort Omaha fled from communication with the outside world. Property damage will run into the hundreds of thousands.

The tornado swept in from the southwest and zigzagged to the northeast over the residential portion of the city, leaving in its wake destruction and carnage from two to four blocks wide. Rise sprung up along this area and added to the horror of the twister.

Fires were unable to respond to the numerous alarms and many houses were allowed to burn to the ground. The police were unable properly to protect the stricken district, and the soldiers from Fort Omaha were called out. The tornado zone is now practically under martial law.

On account of the appalling character of the catastrophe, only a few names of the dead and injured were available.

Omaha suburbs suffered heavily from the storm. Ralston, southwest of Omaha, was rased to the ground and a half score of people are dead. East Omaha, which felt the tail of the twister, reported houses demolished, but no lives lost. Council Bluffs, Iowa, suffered, nine dead, scores more injured and great damage to property.

The worst damage was done and the largest toll of lives exacted in the western part of Omaha, in the vicinity of 24th and Lake streets, and from there northeast to 16th and Binney. This is the residence portion of the city, and the buildings were appalling. Whole blocks of homes were picked up and dashed into a shapeless mass. Streets and alleys were buried under the tracks and demolished.

The villages of Benson, Dundee and Florence, suburbs of Omaha, were practically wiped out. Only the fact that a heavy rain fell for half an hour after the storm saved the mass of wreckage and many dead bodies from being buried.

The Webster street telephone station, containing a score or more girls, was one of the buildings struck by the storm. Several of the girls were killed and many others were injured.

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BORDEN BRINGS H. C. McLEOD FROM ITALY ON BANK ACT MATTER

Summoned Before Federal House Committee in Connection With Financial Legislation

(Canadian Press)

Toronto, March 24—A despatch from New York to a morning paper says—H. C. MacLeod, former general manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, and well-known as an advocate of a system of external auditing for Canadian banks, left here on Sunday evening for Toronto, summoned home from Italy by the government as soon as they received the proposed revision of the federal bank act. Mr. MacLeod was enjoining in Naples when the call came from Ottawa.

It is feared that the death of King George of Greece has resulted in the institution of more stringent measures for the protection of the Kaiser. German monarchists and anarchists are not inclined toward violence, but there are fears of a sudden impulse by some unbalanced person who has been inspired by the successful assassination of the Greek monarch.

It is feared that the death of King George will probably affect the wedding of Princess Victoria Louise and Prince Ernest, which is scheduled for May 24, anniversary of Queen Victoria's birthday, to the extent of confining it to almost a private affair for the immediate families. No official announcement as to the arrangements has yet been made.

ROYAL WEDDING MAY BE SIMPLE AFFAIR

Murder of King of Greece Leads to Extra Precautions to Safeguard Kaiser

London, March 24—Just before his departure for New York on the steamer "Antarctic," Sir Ernest Shackleton said he intended to lead a scientific expedition to the Antarctic. Sir Ernest will visit Ottawa.

Brussels, March 24—The congress of the labor party has ratified the order for a general strike to be called on April 14, issued by the national committee on universal suffrage. The action was due to the refusal of the government to give consideration to electoral reform before the coming elections.

Washington, March 24—A new \$100 counterfeited national bank note on the Marine National Bank of Buffalo, New York, has been discovered, a crude production containing no silk threads. It is an imitation of the 1902 series bearing McKinley's portrait.

Washington, March 24—Faint radio signals were received yesterday from the Edif Tower station in Paris by the Arlington station of the navy.

Rome, March 24—The government has instructed the Italian at Aviano, Albania, to distribute supplies to the people in that district who are suffering from extreme poverty and famine because of the war.

FURTHER NEWS OF FLOOD DAMAGE IN NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

Newcastle, N. B., March 24—Barabury River highway bridge went out on Saturday night and the railway bridges at Barabury and Blackville are so weakened that the Canada Eastern traffic today all has been sent round by Millerton.

Urges Disarmament
Brest, France, March 24—A resolution passed in France and Germany to agree on proportional disarmament was adopted today by the French National Congress of the United Socialists, sitting here. The resolution declared that the present rivalry of arms in the name of peace was provocative of war which could be prevented by a treaty to reduce the armaments of the powers simultaneously.

Destroying Opium Crops
Amoy, China, March 24—The destruction of opium crops by the government authorities is being carried out with great energy. A force of 300 troops was dispatched from here today to Tungshan, where the farmers have hitherto resisted the efforts of the authorities to destroy the poppy plants.

THE ISLAND STEAMERS
A message to the L. C. R. ticket office today said that both the island steamers, the Minto and the Earl Grey, had crossed safely today.

NO. 1 WHARF SAND POINT; TORN BY FORCE OF WAVES, THREATENED WITH DESTRUCTION

Number 1 wharf at Sand Point, one of the first deep water wharves built at West St. John to accommodate the winter port business, is in danger of destruction. The wharf has been weakened by the force of the waves which have been driven up the harbor by the heavy southerly winds, and it has become holed as the tide rises if the fury of the waves continues.

The strong gale has lashed the waters of the bay into mountainous waves which are dashing up the harbor and threatening destruction to other harbor property. At Sand Point they are so violent that the spray is being thrown clear over the warehouses. At the Negro Point breakwater the big waves breaking and flying in the air afford a magnificent spectacle.

GERMAN MONEY MEN TO BE HERE NEXT AUGUST

Means Much in Matter of Industrial Expansion

ITINERARY RECEIVED?

Will Arrive in St. John on August 16—Dinner in Fredericton Will Complete Their Visit to This Province

A large group of influential business men of Germany will spend seven weeks in Canada during the latter part of June and the months of July and August. They will visit St. John, Moncton, Fredericton and other points in New Brunswick, arriving in this province about the middle of August.

The Times has received from the Illustrated Zeitung of Leipzig the complete itinerary of the party, which will leave Bremen on June 24, arrive in Montreal on July 6, make a tour of Western Canada, return and arrive in St. John on August 16, and conclude a banquet in Fredericton on August 23 and departing from Rimouski the next day. The itinerary after August 15 will be as follows:—

Aug. 15—Afternoon: Departure from Montreal for the eastern provinces (New Brunswick, Nova Scotia).

Aug. 16—Day of rest, chance for sport (fishing, hunting).

Aug. 17-23—Tour through the eastern provinces, eight-days in Halifax, Moncton, Fredericton and other noteworthy towns and inspection of their industries. The programme for the different towns is being arranged with the municipalities and governments and will be announced later.

Aug. 22—Fredericton, concluding banquet.

Aug. 23—Departure for Rimouski for those sailing for Europe on the "Empress of Ireland" of the C. P. R., on August 24.

This tour of Canada follows as a result of a visit made last year by Count Cecil von Helldorf, of the German Empire, to the province. Wherever he went he was greatly impressed with the country, and on his return to Germany he published a report of all he had seen and experienced during a three months' tour. A special edition of his famous journal describing Canada will be issued very soon, and will be followed by this business men's trip to Canada by leading German percentages of every field of activity.

The business men's trip is a unique enterprise, for it is the first time that such a party of representatives—German will visit this country and be officially received by the governments of the province and municipal authorities. It certainly speaks well for the "Illustrated Zeitung" that immediately upon the suggestion of the trip, an honorary committee was formed in Germany to promote the idea. From the list of percentages and associations that are giving their support it is clear that the affair will be of high international importance.

JUDGE FINDS BALLOTS WERE TAMPERED WITH IN LOCAL OPTION ELECTION IN ONTARIO

Goderich, Ont., March 24—The validity of Clinton's local option by-law is upheld by Judge Holt. The majority, which was four votes, is reduced, however, to one and one-half. The judge finds that ballots were tampered with.

Toronto, March 24—The proceedings in connection with the scrutiny of the votes cast in the local option by-law, in Kinross, have resulted in a victory for the temperance forces.

STRIKE PARTIALLY SETTLED
Philadelphia, Pa., March 24—John P. White, international president of the United Mine Workers of America, announces that a basis of settlement satisfactory to the miners has been reached with the representatives of the Paint Creek Collieries Company, whose miners in West Virginia have been on strike for about ten months. There are nearly 10,000 men on strike in the West Virginia fields, and the expected settlement affects about 4,000 of them. The strike of the miners of the Cabin Creek Consolidated Coal Company, continues.