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SOUTH ST. IN CLUTCH OF A TORNADO

Report that Omaha Has Been Struck and Much Damage Done.

ONTARIO TOWN ALSO HARD HIT BY STORM

Tower in Sturgeon Falls Fire Station Blows Down—One Man Dead, Two More Dying—Nebraska Town Struck.

Chicago, Mar. 23.—It is reported that a tornado has struck Omaha, prostrating wires and unroofing houses. All telegraph lines are down and communication with the city is cut off. The storm is said to be headed east.

Kansas City, Mo., Mar. 23.—At the Union Pacific office here it was said tonight that Yutan, Neb., had been partly destroyed by a tornado tonight and that the town was burning. Five persons were dead and many injured, the report said.

Sturgeon Falls, Ont., Mar. 23.—One fireman was instantly killed and two others mortally hurt when the tower of the fire hall here blew down just as the brigade was leaving to respond to an alarm, when the storm was at its height on Friday afternoon. The dead and injured were:

Dead—Fireman King, Fireman Herli, Fireman Sylvester.

The horses drawing the reel were also killed.

The fire department had been kept extremely busy during the gale and were not fewer than sixteen calls, many of them themselves were very serious. The town was hard hit by the storm, roofs being blown off and several small buildings blown down.

WOMEN'S MANIFESTO A FIASCO

Has Not Helped Liberal Position in Slightest Degree—Leaves Opening for Surrender—Test on Tuesday.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, March 23.—There is a very general opinion here that the manifesto issued by Sir Wilfrid Laurier has not helped the Liberal position on the naval issue in the slightest degree. The effect seems to be quite the opposite. The manifesto is more remarkable for what it does not say than for what it does say.

The Liberal irreconcilables hoped for and expected a clean cut and definite declaration of war to the finish. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has left the way open for a surrender, though his manifesto is defiant in tone. He intimates without actually saying so, that the blockade will be continued. He does not commit himself directly. The meaning of this caution is that his party is divided, and he is waiting to throw in his lot with whichever element shall prove to be the strongest. He is still under the domination of sea-hungry ex-ministers, but he is looking ahead.

When the Liberal members got back to the capital on Tuesday with instructions from their constituents to stop the obstruction, the influence of the ex-ministers will be put to the test. If their counsel prevails there are likely to be some very stormy scenes in the house. A closure resolution will be introduced, and should be adopted by the end of a week's discussion.

The naval bill will be put through committee and passed; the supplies for the coming year will be voted and the end of the session will be in sight. There is a reasonable probability that parliament will progress before the end of May.

VICTORY FOR TEMPERANCE. Toronto, March 23.—The proceedings in connection with the scrutiny of the votes cast on the local option by-law, in Kincardine have ended in a victory for the temperance forces, to the great surprise of the opponents of the by-law.

BARK FROM NORTH SHORE TOTAL LOSS. Buenos Ayres, Mar. 23.—The American bark Penobscot, which arrived at Paysandu January 23, from Compañía, U. S., is now at Compañía. The vessel and cargo will probably be a total loss.

FRIEDMANN HAMPERED BY "YANKEE RED TAPES"

New York Officialism Refuses to Allow German Physician to Treat Fellow Physician who Came From West.

PATIENTS TREATED BY FRIEDMANN SHOW GREAT IMPROVEMENT

New York, March 23.—Ten sufferers from tuberculosis, who were inoculated Monday by Dr. Friedrich Friedmann, declared at a clinic held by the Berlin physician today, that their health has improved since receiving treatment. Before entering the clinic Dr. Friedmann authorized an announcement that two weeks hence he will return to Germany for a brief period to complete unfinished laboratory tests. He will return to the United States, hopeful that by that time the government health authorities will have recognized his vaccine as a cure from the tuberculosis.

The visiting specialist consented to an interruption of his demonstration today, long enough to have Dr. John W. Brannon, head of Bellevue Hospital, the city institution, where the clinic was held, question patients treated five days ago. Government physicians, private practitioners, nurses and about 100 students of the Bellevue and Cornell Medical Colleges, were present.

Proof of His Cure. Nine of ten patients reported they gained from three quarters of a pound to four and one half pounds since Monday. None had been troubled with night sweats since Wednesday. None suffered with hemorrhages since Tuesday. None had pains since Thursday, and from Monday to Thursday felt their pains decreasing. Nine of them felt "better and stronger" generally.

Twenty-three sufferers were treated today. Eighteen have pulmonary tuberculosis and the others affection of the bones. One was a two year old child with an arm so swollen that Dr. Friedmann could not locate a vein he sought. Holding the baby by the ankles, head downward, the physician injected his vaccine in the jugular vein and again intra-muscularly on the legs.

Hampered by Red Tapes. Dr. J. S. Atkinson, a physician of Marquette, Wisconsin, who walked miles through the snow to reach a railroad station on his way east, was refused admittance as a patient at the clinic today. Dr. Friedmann was anxious to treat his fellow physician, but the committee of the hospital ruled against him on the ground that Dr. Atkinson is not a resident of this state. He is preparing to return home, unless the Bellevue authorities overrule the tuberculosis committee.

FRESHETS DOING DAMAGE TO THE BRIDGES AND RAILWAYS

Part of Big Bridge Between Perth and Andover Reported Already Out—Washouts Delay Trains—Damage Done at Barnaby River.

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, March 23.—This district is suffering from a freshet, owing to the early break up of the ice. The big bridge from Andover to Perth is in danger and part of it has already gone out. The new bridge at Belleville has been carried off the piers and is now resting some distance below on the ice. The bridges at Woodstock are safe and no danger is feared.

Delayed by Washouts. The service on the Canada Eastern division of the intercolonial Railway was resumed today, the tracks east of Durham having been covered by four feet of water on Saturday as the result of an ice jam. The passengers who left Loggieville, Chatham and other points on the North Shore on Saturday morning reached here early today, having made a transfer of about four or five miles around the flood section. The express for Loggieville that should have got away from here last evening, did not start until 1 o'clock this afternoon, word having been received that the line was then all right.

The Gibson branch trains between Woodstock and Fredericton were delayed about two hours on Saturday evening by the freshet. The water in the St. John river here came up over six feet, rising 26 inches on Friday night. The St. John River Log Driving Company are preparing for an early start and will have their boom swung as soon as the ice goes out.

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THREATENS TO BLOW UP TRAIN

Desperate Crooks Place Dynamite on Track to Show they Mean Business in a Demand for \$10,000.

St. Paul, Minn., March 23.—After threats had been made to dynamite "a dozen passenger trains" if demands for \$10,000 were not answered, the threateners last night exploded a torpedo beneath a Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie train as it left the yards in St. Paul.

The writer of the threatening letter declared that he and his accomplices "meant business," and would place a torpedo on the track last night to prove it. One train, menced, went slowly through North St. Paul Sunday, the detectives were then taken aboard, and the train began to run at high speed. Then two explosions occurred. Officers immediately swarmed out over the ground, but failed to find a clue.

The letter is in the hands of Postal Inspector Simmons, who declared that he would make a thorough investigation.

SUFFRAGETTES HAVE LEARNED THEIR LESSON

Did Not Hold Usual Sunday Meeting in Hyde Park For Fear of Mobs of Angry Men.

London, March 23.—A great crowd of youths, armed with various kinds of missiles, tin whistles, mouth organs and bells, gathered in Hyde Park today, prepared to re-act the rowdy scenes of last Sunday, should the suffragettes attempt to hold their regular Sunday meetings.

The women, however, wisely refrained, but the crowd, who were out for trouble, in any event, spent the afternoon in hustling men who declared themselves to be sympathizers with the suffragette movement.

The police had been advised that the meeting would be held and a strong force patrolled the park and the adjoining streets. The crowd finally became weary of waiting and dispersed toward evening.

An officer, who has had long experience in handling mobs, said it was a good thing the women did not appear, as the men were in an angry mood because of the burning of the country home of Lady Amy White, widow of Field Marshal Sir George White, the hero of Ladysmith.

Although Lady White's house fortunately was empty, this act of incendiarism has caused a more bitter feeling against the militant suffragettes than any of their previous crimes.

CORPORATION SOLE ACT NOW PASSED IN THE STATE OF MAINE

Governor William T. Haines Signed Bill Yesterday—Interdicts Merged by Rome to Stop Agitation.

Augusta, Me., Mar. 23.—Governor William T. Haines today signed the "Corporation Sole act," whereby the Roman Catholic bishop of Portland is given "a corporation sole," and is given the additional power to establish parish corporations whenever they are found desirable. These corporations are to be formed on the plan now existing in New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island, the trustees to consist of the bishop, vicar general and pastor and twelve laymen, selected by the final three.

The final passage of the bill today was followed by an announcement that the six members of the executive committee of the French-Canadian Catholics, who were interdicted two years ago on account of their agitation for the dissolution of the corporation sole, had been condemned again by the church authorities.

An official letter from the Consistorial congregation in Rome, received by Bishop Walsh, characterized the action of the committee as "impudent, stubborn and rebellious," and warned them to abstain from all further agitation of the matter.

FIFTH AVENUE ANNUAL EASTER DRESS PARADE PROVES PRETTY SCENE

Thousands Throng Popular Thoroughfare—Bright Hues the Rule Rather than Exemption—Many Furs.

New York, March 23.—Fifth Avenue Easter dress parade was favored today with bright sunshine, but with a decided slip in the brisk wind that blew in the afternoon.

In the after-church hours, the fashionable thoroughfare was thronged, as seldom before, but the display of the season's styles was perhaps somewhat less effective than some times because of the frequent resort to furs and wraps of various sorts in the chilly air.

Extraneous in design were rare in the women's wear, the striking note of the exhibit being the generally high color scheme. Bright hues were the rule rather than the exception, in both clothing and head covering of the feminine element.

SHACKLETON WILL GO AGAIN TO ANTARCTIC.

London, March 23.—Just before his departure for New York on the steamer Mauritania, Sir Ernest Shackleton announced that he intended to head a scientific expedition to the Antarctic. The Mauritania sailed from Southampton today for Sir Ernest said he would visit several points in the United States and go to Ottawa.

AUSTRIA SENDS LAST WORD TO MONTENEGRO

Unless Civil Population is Allowed to Leave Scutari at once "Coercive" Measures will be Taken.

London, March 23.—Austria has delivered at Cattinje a thinly veiled ultimatum to Montenegro, threatening that if the civil population of Scutari were not allowed to leave the city the dual monarchy would take coercive measures for compliance with its wishes.

Italy took similar action, but without expressing any threat, and Russia, the friend of Montenegro, advised the Montenegrin government to accede to Austria's demand.

Austria is sending a steamer to Scutari, evidently expecting that this, her second request for the release of the civilians, will not be refused, and has also made clear what she requires in connection with the other incidents of the dispute between the two countries.

In the meantime the representatives of the powers at the Balkan capitals are busy submitting to the governments of the allies, a note suggesting terms as a basis for peace. The note has not yet been presented to Turkey, as one of the ambassadors is absent to receive his instructions. The allies have been consulting with regard to the note, and the public

BRITISH PUBLIC IS AMUSED BY BRYAN'S WILD REMARKS

Mingled Feeling of Disgust and Irritation Combined—Violation of International Decency May Have Bad Effect on Panama Canal Tolls Negotiations.

Special Cable to The Standard. Regis-tered in accordance with the Copyright Act. London, March 23.—Mr. Bryan's "blasting" indignations" in his speech regarding Ireland and the success of the Home Rule Bill, I have heard with amusement, disgust and irritation are about equally blended. Attention is made by Bryan's resemblance to Benedict, in that he will not talk, and his tendency to be intoxicated by his own exuberance. He is a man of a certain type, regarded as an outrage, and particularly unfortunate in view of the action of the United States regarding the Panama Canal tolls.

The utterances of the new secretary of state are unlikely to reconcile the British opinion to the violation of the treaty obligations. The feeling is aggravated by the published correspondence with Patrick Ford, the apostle of dynamite, who openly approved of the murder of Mr. Wylie, the eminent Indian official, and the attempted assassination of Lord Minto at Delhi. The general opinion is that Bryan may be secretary of state or a reckless demagogue, but that he cannot safely be both simultaneously.

Information from an extremely authoritative source, serves to take some of the gilt off Bryan's congratulations to Patrick Ford, on the success of the Home Rule Bill. I have previously alluded to the speeches of the ministers and independent Nationalists suggesting a compromise on the Home Rule Bill. It now appears that a compromise of Redmond's party is very unlikely, that an election is near, and that the bill with suspicion, whence arises the increased difficulty in compelling their attendance in parliament despite the urgent warnings which Redmond has publicly uttered.

It is more important still to learn that the government is frantically anxious that the Lords shall propose a compromise when the bill goes up again. I am assured that in the event of the Lords standing firm, the government will go to the country. This gives weight to the rumor previously alluded to, that an election is near. It is very unlikely that the Lords will recede from their position, since the Independent Nationalists support them in their opinion that the first proposal should emanate from the government.

CAPTURED BY NEW WEAPON DID NOT EVEN GET WET FEET

Gun Firing Aphysiating Bomb Used to Secure Insane Negro—Lately Devised Proves Efficient.

Paris, Mar. 23.—A weapon for the firing of aphysiating bombs, devised after the recent siege of the automobile bandits in their strongholds, was used for the first time today in the capture of a negro who had become suddenly mad and ran amuck in the Autell quarter, threatening everyone with a loaded revolver.

Detectives chased the man from room to room in a house where he had taken refuge, firing gas bombs as they went on the roof of the house in a state of semi-apoplexy. He was quite hopeless and was transferred to a hospital.

GENERAL STRIKE IN BRUSSELS.

Brussels, March 23.—The congress of the labor party today ratified the order for a general strike to be called April 1-24th, issued by the national committee on universal suffrage. The action of the national committee was due to the refusal of the government to give consideration to electoral reform before the coming election.

FAINT MESSAGES ARE SENT ACROSS OCEAN.

Washington, March 23.—Faint radio signals were today received from the Eiffel Tower station in Paris, by the Arlington station of the navy, but there were no coherent messages. It was said that this was due largely to the recent storm that has disturbed atmospheric conditions on this side of the Atlantic.

FEAR DOUBLE FATALITY AT STELLARTON

John and Charles Connors are Believed to Have Been Drowned.

LOST CONTROL OF BOAT; NO TRACE OF BODIES.

Two Lads Who Accompanied Connors Boys Manage to Reach Safety—Boat Found Tied to Tree.

Special to The Standard. New Glasgow, N. S., March 23.—A double drowning fatality occurred at Stellarton last evening in which John and Charles Connors, eight and ten years of age, lost their lives. They were with Herbert Clarke and John Hoare.

They procured a boat and were on the river when they found that they could not manage the boat. Young Hoare waded ashore and further down the stream Clarke climbed on to an island where he was found by his father.

Nothing has been heard from the other boys and it is presumed they were drowned while trying to wade across the river. The boat which they had was found tied to a tree and marks of their feet have been discovered in the sand.

When the alarm was given searching parties were at once formed and the river was dragged all night with no effect. Hundreds of citizens, headed by Mayor Rogers, continued the search but no trace of the missing ones has been found. It is not unlikely that the strong current has carried the bodies far from the scene of the accident and doubts are expressed as to whether they will ever be found.

ALL SORTS OF BAD WEATHER COMING TO US

Washington Weather Experts Predict Abnormal Storm Activity Starting in West and Moving Eastward.

Washington, Mar. 23.—Abnormal storm activity and marked fluctuations in temperature will prevail the country over during the coming week, according to the weather bureau experts. "A storm central Sunday, over the Rocky Mountains region," the bureau's weekly bulletin says, "will move rapidly northeast, accompanied by shifting gales; it will be preceded by rains and much warmer at the beginning of the week in the eastern and southern states, and be attended by snows in the northwestern states and along the northern border."

"It will be followed by decidedly colder Monday and Tuesday over the middle west and the southwest and Tuesday and Wednesday generally east of the Mississippi river."

"Another general disturbance of widespread influence will develop in the far west about Wednesday or Thursday, move eastward attended by rain in southern and probably by snow and rain in northern districts, and cross the great central valley Thursday or Friday and the eastern states Friday or Saturday. A general change to considerably higher temperature will precede this disturbance."

CONVICTED CON MEN TAKEN TO PRISON

New York, N. Y., March 23.—Deputy U. S. marshals called at the Tombs prison this afternoon and took away Julian Hawthorne and Dr. William J. Morton, for their journey to the federal prison at Atlanta, Georgia. They took a Pennsylvania train for the south.

Hawthorne carried a suit case, and both men wore the clothes they last appeared in in court when convicted of fraudulently using the mails in the sale of Canadian mining stock.

FUNERAL OF LATE KING OF HELLENES.

Athens, March 23.—The funeral of the late King George, it is officially announced, will take place March 29, which is the 50th anniversary of his election to the throne.