

HUNDREDS OF MEN MAY HAVE PERISHED. NUMBER OF FISHING VESSELS AREMISSING. Several Boats Sighted Floating Keel Upwards—Steamers Sent to Relief of Fleet. Christiania, Norway, March 3.—Several steamers have been dispatched to the Gjesel and Ingerna islands from Trondheim to the assistance of the fishing fleet, which met with disaster in a violent storm which recently raged over the islands. Only 60 of 300 boats which recently went out fishing have returned, and vessels which have arrived at Trondheim report that large numbers of the fleet have been seen floating keel upwards. The crews of the boats comprising the fleet number from 1,300 to 1,400 men.

BOATS REPORTED. Trondheim, Norway, March 3.—Although 79 fishing boats with their crews have thus far reached different points of Platanger and Roerik islands, the government has been investigating the high standing among his fellow workers, who are terribly depressed as a result of the scandal in the organization. It now develops that Father Gapon was himself present at yesterday's session when Schieff dramatically killed himself. Father Gregori Petro had charged Schieff with obtaining \$2,000 from Father Gapon and with having accompanied a member of the secret police in the search for M. Matushensky, press agent and counselor of the Father Gapon movement, who fled from the organization's funds. During the progress of the case, Schieff made an impassioned speech, in which he declared that he could not support the infamy involved in the charge that the organization had been in league with the government, but he obeyed upon himself, as both he and the organization were innocent. Schieff then called upon Father Gapon to declare in the presence of his fellows that the government had received consent from the government. Father Gapon arose and exonerated Schieff, whereupon the latter said: "I will now give you supreme proof of my honesty and integrity. I am drawing a revolver from my waistcoat pocket and blowing it into the air."

HARRY TENNY'S DEATH. Due to Hemorrhage of the Brain—Wanted to Stop Fighting in Tenth Round. San Francisco, March 2.—Many who were near the corner of Harry Tenny during his fight with Frankie Nell heard him say that he was "all in" and wanted to stop fighting in the tenth round. His seconds were heard to urge him on, telling him he would still win and that his opponent was tiring. It was learned that Tenny's seconds had a pool together, in which they placed something like \$700 as a bet on the outcome. They saw their money fast fading away, and they spurred the tired and jaded Ned to continue, day after day, hoping against hope that some lucky incident might intervene and save them their money. The direct cause of death was a hemorrhage of the brain, as announced by Dr. Kutsche, the autopsy physician at the morgue. The blow above Tenny's right eye was broken by the force of Nell's blows, and the eye itself sunk into the head. Had the hit been a pugilist's, the force of the blows he would never have regained the sight of the injured eye. Death was in no way caused by any poison or narcotic or from a weak heart. His physical condition was perfect.

MORE CONCESSIONS. Important Decisions Reached at Meetings of Russian Ministers and Councilors. St. Petersburg, March 2.—As the result of a series of special councils held at the Tsarsko-Selo and composed of forty high dignitaries, ministers and members of the council of the empire, under the presidency of the Emperor, the main guarantees of liberty have been granted and a manifesto has been ordered to be coded and incorporated into the fundamental laws of the empire. The main points are as follows: No law will hereafter be effective without the approval of the national assembly and council of the empire. The latter body will consist of an equal number of appointed and elected members taken from the clergy, nobility, zemstvos and academy of science, universities, trade and industry. The annual session will be convened and closed by Imperial ukase. Both the council of the empire and the national assembly will have power to initiate legislation which does not affect the fundamental laws of the empire, the question of succession, etc. The annual session will be convened and closed by Imperial ukase. Both the council of the empire and the national assembly will have power to initiate legislation which does not affect the fundamental laws of the empire, the question of succession, etc.

INQUIRY ORDERED. Committee Will Investigate the Efficiency of Canadian Permanent Force. Ottawa, March 2.—Carrying out his promise yesterday at his artillery meeting, Sir Frederick Borden has decided to appoint a committee to investigate the charges against the system at Kingston. General Lake will be chairman. Scope Extended. Ottawa, March 2.—Sir Frederick Borden has decided to extend the inquiry into the artillery, which was announced yesterday, to the schools for cavalry and infantry. The efficiency of the whole permanent force will be thoroughly investigated.

ANARCHIST ARRESTED. St. Petersburg, March 2.—Two anarchists, armed with bombs, were arrested at a railroad station here today as they were boarding a train for Tsarsko-Selo, where the Emperor is at present sojourning. Havoc wrought by tornado and fire. PORTION OF SOUTHERN CITY DEMOLISHED. Memphis, Tenn., March 3.—A staff special to the Commercial Appeal from Meridian, Miss., says: "A tornado, in the wake of which followed death, fire and property loss in a sum not to be estimated at this hour, descended shortly after 6 o'clock last night and ploughed a pathway from the southern to the eastern suburbs of the city. At 2 o'clock this morning the city was in darkness, and the local guards, by the light of camp fires, were patrolling an area of debris and wreckage that extends in a slender path from the Meridian Fertilizer Co., on the south, to the Meridian Cotton Mills in what is known as Georgetown, an eastern suburb of the city. The known dead are: Patrick McGinnis, local freight conductor Mobile & Ohio, killed in Elmire's restaurant; Mrs. S. R. Singleton and little daughter, killed in home by falling roof; John Smith, of Selma, engineer on the Southern, killed in Elmire's restaurant; Wm. R. Nelson, ex-chief of police killed in transfer stable; Police Officer Tarry, killed in Thornton's transfer stable; Claude Williams, killed in the Meyer-Neville Hardware Co.; five unknown negroes and whites killed in Georgetown cotton mills suburb; six unknown negroes and whites killed in Georgetown Fertilizer factory suburb. "About 6:15 the clouds began to gather. They came hurriedly and hovered close and black over the city. At 6:27 the storm broke. It was of four minutes duration. During this time the reign of terror was everywhere. The air was filled with missiles. A rain fell steadily for half an hour, following the tornado aiding in the suppression of the innumerable fires that were springing up. "A large portion of the city was safe from harm. Meridian has always considered itself tornado-proof. The Shawnee valley was crossed by the storm, and this was most unexpected. "F. H. Woodruff, bookkeeper for the Meyer-Neville Hardware Co., had the most harrowing experience of those left to tell the story. He was pinned under the debris of this five story structure, his foot caught, but his body peculiarly protected from injury. Workmen busily engaged in an effort to relieve him, and with saw and hammer he was aided as best he could. "The firemen have recovered the charred bodies of several negroes taken from the ruins of small tenements which were in the wake of the wind and fire. It is safe to estimate the property loss at a round million. The largest single loss will probably fall on the Meyer-Neville Hardware Co. Its building is a brick heap. The Meridian Fertilizer Co.'s loss is almost total. It was this building that the storm first struck. "In a northerly direction the wind found its way, tearing a path through a negro settlement. Little is known of the loss of life there. The property loss will not be great. The power station was visited, and while the tall chimney escaped the fury of the wind, other parts of the plant are so demolished that it may be ten days before it is possible to re-establish its lighting facilities. "North of the power house the storm overturned a few box cars and crossed the tracks of the Alabama & Vicksburg railroad. There is a cluster of depots in this city, and two operators in these were injured. The buildings were damaged, but no lives lost. "The Tom Lyle grocery building was crushed to a heap of splintered lumber and the fire followed its fall. The fire department performed admirable work there. The Roe building and lumber yard had its lumber swept away. A young man was carried one hundred yards through the air and set down on his feet unhurt. "At this hour details are meagre and the city is in total darkness. Not until daylight can conditions be properly discovered, and a complete story of the disaster be told. "Thirteen Bodies Recovered. Meridian, Miss., March 3.—Thirteen bodies have been recovered from the wreckage of buildings caused by last night's storm, and the search goes on. The property loss by storm and fire will be in the neighborhood of one million dollars. The bodies of eight negroes, found in different sections of the city, await identification. Many people were injured. The storm did not continue over three minutes, and on leaving it followed the line of the Mobile & Ohio railway to the north. New Orleans, March 3.—A special from Meridian estimates the loss of life at 100 with 500 injured. The dispatch, which was received in New Orleans at 11 a. m., says much confusion prevails in Meridian and detailed lists of the catastrophe are still unavailable.

ANOTHER CONFESSION. Adams Gives More Details Than Orchard—Tells of Secret Working of Western Federation. Boise, Idaho, March 2.—The Statesman will say in the morning: "The Statesman is authorized to announce that Steve Adams, arrested at Haines, Ore., on February 20th in connection with the Steunenberg assassination, has made a full and sweeping confession. This second confession is far more important than that made by Harry Orchard." This is the statement made last evening by James McPharland, the famous detective, in the presence of Governor Gooding and J. H. Hawley, who is in charge of the prosecution. Mr. McPharland added that Adams' confession fully and exactly corroborated that made by Orchard at every point touched upon by the latter. Moreover, Mr. McPharland continued, Adams knows far more of the workings of the inner circle than Orchard did and was able to give a mass of detailed information that Orchard's confession did not cover. The confession of Adams, he said, corroborated that given by Orchard in every substantial point connected with the assassination of ex-Governor Steunenberg. Adams, however, was not at Caldwell at the time of the assassination, nor was Orchard at the time of the unsuccessful attempt in November. The man who assisted Orchard on the latter occasion, yet set forth in Orchard's confession, was Jack Simpkins. Still another statement made by the detective was that the Adams confession gave the details of a large number of murders that were not referred to in any manner by Orchard. It was further stated that the confession has been reduced to writing, signed and acknowledged. It was a voluminous document, covering a greater field and in more detail than that made by Orchard. The further statement was made that Adams had made this confession without being promised anything. When the matter was discussed he simply made a clean breast of all he knew of this case and of the secret workings of the Western Federation. It was announced by the governor, Mr. Hawley, and Mr. McPharland, that while they thought these facts should be given to the public, there would be no further information given out or hinted at, respecting this confession.

TO TAKE OVER LEPER COLONY. PROPOSAL MADE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT. Dominion Willing to Take Over the Lazaretto and to Relieve Province of Maintenance. The lazaretto at Darcy Island, the maintenance of which has long been a charge first, on the city of Victoria and later on the province of British Columbia, will, if plans which are now in contemplation, are carried out, be transferred entirely to the Dominion government. The maintenance of these unfortunate has never been carried out in a satisfactory manner. For years they were visited once in three months or, when supplies were taken to them, and any other needs were attended to by the medical health officer of the city and his staff. Later provision was made that these quarterly visits should be supplemented by fortnightly trips from Sidney, when any pressing requirements were met by the officer charged with that work. In this way the little colony of afflicted men were relieved from the sad, and to them literally painful duty of burying their dead. When the province took over the lazaretto about a year ago the question of attending to the needs of these children in a more humane way than at present was considered, and the secretary of the provincial board of health had under consideration plans to ameliorate their condition. These, however, have not yet been carried out. It was found impossible to remove the survivors to William Head quarantine station, which was one expedient proposed, and on the other hand no nurse could be obtained who would live on the island and minister to the wants of the lepers. Now, however, the department of agriculture in the Dominion government has the whole question under consideration and Hon. Sydney Fisher is of the opinion that the Dominion government should take the colony over. Hon. Wm. Templeman, acting for the government, has addressed the following letter to the provincial secretary: Hon. F. J. Fulton, Provincial Secretary, Parliament Buildings, Victoria.—My Dear Mr. Fulton: I am authorized by my colleagues of the Dominion government to propose that the maintenance of the leper colony on Darcy Island shall in future be a charge on the Dominion government and that the entire management thereof be placed over by the Ottawa authorities. For that purpose it will be necessary that the present site of the colony of Darcy be transferred, pending its occupancy as a lazaretto, to the Dominion government with yourself and colleagues, before my departure for Ottawa, and will be very glad to come to an arrangement as soon as convenient in order that the transfer may take place as speedily as possible. Yours very truly, W. TEMPLEMAN. The cost of maintenance has hitherto been about \$100 a year, but it is understood that the Dominion government are prepared to expend \$5,000 if necessary in order to provide greater comfort and attention to the unfortunate incarcerated there.

OSLER'S SPEECH. Was Wrongly Quoted According to President of the John Hopkins University. New York, March 3.—The Times says: "At the annual dinner of the New York Alumni of the John Hopkins University held last night at the University Club, Dr. Osler was praised as one who had suffered from faulty reports of his famous address, in which he was made the champion of young men's ambitions through the killing of their elders. Dr. Ira S. Remsen, president of John Hopkins, pointed out that two of the most valuable of the members of the faculty were five years over the allotted three score and ten. "We suffered a great loss when Dr. Osler resigned and went to a place he never should have gone to," said Dr. Remsen. "His name suggests the notoriety of a year ago. If those who quote Osler quoted him rightly they would not have quoted him as they did. It is a common error of the world to attribute to him nonsensical remarks he never said. I would explain except that I might be a second to have my name changed into a void. He has to travel incognito since the misquotation of his remarks. He went to Atlantic City incognito after that speech, and he did the same when he went to England. He is a very sensitive man and if you ever meet him again don't ask him about his alleged theory." —Yesterday S. Rowe called at the Times office and exhibited a beautiful trout caught by his little son, Harold, off the Craigflower bridge in the Gorge. It weighed three pounds, and measured no less than twenty-one inches.

