NEARLY TWO HUNDRED KILLED IN STORMS

Many Towns in the Mississippi Valley are in Ruins---Later Reports May Increase Death Roll.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Memphis, Tenn., May 1.—One hundred and eighty-two persons are known to be dead and 700 injured and not less than forty towns in the Mississippi valley are in ruins as the result of the storms which swept over the country Thursday night.

Communication is being restored, but is far from satisfactory. When the wires, which were torn down by the storm, are replaced, it is almost certain that the list of dead and injured will be greatly increased.

The property damage will amount to millions of dollars.

JAP CRUISERS REACH 'FRISCO

WARMLY WELCOMED TO THE GOLDEN GATE

Vessels Will Remain in the California Port Until May 10th.

(Times Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Cal., May 1.—The Japanese training squadron comprising the cruisers Aso and Soya passed in through Golden Gate at 9.15 o'clock this morning. They were accompanied by an escort of American ships which accompanied them from outside the gate, after their arrival from San Pedro early to-day.

Passing the Presidio, the Japanese ships were given the national salute from the great guns on either shore. At 10 o'clock the ships dropped anchor off the Folsom street wharf and received official welcome to the city from Collector of the Port Stratton, representing the president: Lieut. Governor Porter, representing the state, Admiral Swinburne for the navy: General Wesson for the army and the Japanese consul general, Matsuzo Nagai.

Mayor Taylor and a committee of citizens boarded the flagship from a navy launch a few moments later. Members of the Chamber of Commerce and other commercial bodies met on the Pacific squadron flagship West Virginia and proceeded to the Japanese vessels in navy launches. Admiral Ijichi was profuse in his praises of the hospitality shown, and announced his intention of remaining here two days longer than his schedule provides.

During their stay in this port, the Japanese vessels will be open to public inspection. To-morrow the official entertainment of the visitors will begin. Every day of the visit will be filled with excursions to nearby cities and points of interest, banquets and receptions.

The Japanese ships will leave the port May 10th.

RESENTS ATTACK ON LEE MONG KOW

Deputy Minister Replies to Article Regarding Chinese Interpreter.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, May 1.—F. C. T. O'Hara, deputy minister of trade and commerce and chief controller of Chinese immigration, has given out an interview deprecating in the strongest manner some of the statements appearing in an article contributed to the May number of the Busy Man's Magazine, by R. B. Bennett, of Calgary.

The article in question is entitled "A Remarkable Canadian Chinaman," and refers to Lee Mong Kow, Chinese intrepreter for the department of trade and commerce of Victoria. Much attention is given to the alleged part taken by Lee Mong Kow at an investigation held last summer in Montreal by Mr. O'Hara, pursuant to which several alleged Chinese merchants were refused free admission into Canada. The article places Lee Mong Kow in a most unfair and damaging position in the eyes of his countrymen in Canada, and charges in affect that he is practically acting as Chinese detective for the government.

Mr. O'Hara says at the time there was no official Chinese intrepreter in Eastern Canada and when he decided upon investigating the steady influx at Halifax and Montreal of so-called Chinese merchants, bona-fide merchants under act being exempt from payment of tax, he instructed Lee Mong Kow, who is senior intrepreter in the service, to meet him in Montreal. This the former did and his services were solely those of an intrepreter, not those of detective or spy, as the article suggests. Lee Mong Kow was not to trap his fellow-countrymen. If such procedure was adopted with any intrepreter in such a position as that occupied by Lee Mong Kow, his office would not long be tenable. The department has a high opinion of the services rendered by Lee Mong Kow and does not desire that he should ever be placed in such a position.

OFFICIALS PROMOTED.

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, May 1.—The following important Canadian Northern traffic promotions are announced; Geo. Stephen, to be general freight agent and C. W. Cooper, to be general passenger agent.

FINAL GAMES IN ENGLISH LEAGUES

(Special to the Times.)

London, May 1.—The last games in the big English association football leagues were played to-day.

Liverpool won the match in the first division, defeating Newcastle United, while in the second division the Bolton Wanderers defeated Derby County. Both games were won by the only goals of the matches.

WOODBINE WILL BE "DRY."

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, May 1.—The license board has cut off the Ontario Jockey club license, and Woodbine meets will be dry.

MRS. HAWKINS AGAIN RELAPSES INTO SLEEP

Efforts of Physicians Prove Powerless to Awaken Her.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, Cal., May 1.—Mrs. Beulah Hawkins, who is known throughout the country in medical circles as the most startling example of cataleptic phenomena, has again relapsed into a stupor and is at her home to-day lying in a trance from which all the arts of medicine and surgery is powerless to awaken her.

For the third time in two years the mystery of sleep has fallen upon the woman. Previously the spells have lasted several weeks and the present attack began last Tuesday but the family because of public curiosity kept the condition of Mrs. Hawkins a secret. The patient has not been given treatment and apparently her health is not affected by the spells.

The last time Mrs. Hawkins went into a trance she slept for 85 days. She has been growing drowsy for several months and it has been expected that she would soon enter upon another mysterious sleep.

LECTURE ON BOOKS.

Dr. Hands Gave Instructive Address Before Young People's Association.

The members of the Anglican Young People's Association spent a very pleasant and instructive evening on Wednesday, when Dr. Hands, Victoria's public librarian, treated them to a lecture upon books. Noel Robinson presided over an attendance of members which, owing to various counter attractions, was not as large as the merits of the lecture deserved.

Dr. Hands, who introduced not a little humor into his talk, after emphasizing the value of words and their proper use, dealt with books, both poetical and prose. Words, as words, he pointed out, were of little value, however beautiful, unless they clothed ideas. A palace might be very beautiful, but first it must be a house. The lecturer illustrated his arguments by references to classical writers, both ancient and modern, and he did not hesitate to point out the literary shortcomings of such acknowledged masters of their craft as Ruskin, Browning, Wordsworth and Carlyle, while admitting their excellencies.

At the close of the lecture the chairman referred to the treat Dr. Hands had given the members by his very suggestive and critical paper, and subsequently the lecturer was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

TWO MEN DROWNED.

(Special to the Times.)

Port Elgin, Ont., May 1.—Andrew Buxton, postmaster of Chippewa Hill, and Samuel Cairns, electrician, have been drowned.

PEN PICTURE OF NEW SULTAN OF TURKEY

A London dispatch says: A person who is well acquainted with Reschad Effendi, the new Sultan of Turkey, gives the following sketch of him: "He is tall and well proportioned, but inclined to stoop. His features are regular, but he has a hooked nose, like that of Abdul Hamid. His eyes are blue, and his hair and beard are light red. His manners are gracious and easy, and he is exceedingly generous and kind. He is not at all fanatical, but is sincerely religious. He plays unusually well on the piano and is a great admirer of classical music.

"Like the deposed Sultan, the new ruler of Turkey is a good draughtsman and he sketches well. He has two wives and several children, three of whom are boys. His wives are both highly educated, and are the daughters of distinguished Pashas. They dress, when at home, in the French fashion."

MR. JOS. MARTIN IN BRITISH POLITICS. (NO. 7.)

Fighting Joe:—"Now, gentlemen, as an example of the way I ran politics in the legislature at Victoria, I will show you the strangle hold I tried on Smith Curtis once during prayers."

CAPTAIN OF INDIANA COMMITTED SUICIDE

Reasons Advanced for Act on Part of the Late Master.

San Francisco, Cal., April 30.—The steamer Peru, bearing the body of Captain J. F. Robinson of the wrecked Pacific mail steamer Indiana, who committed suicide in his cabin aboard the ship, is due here Sunday morning.

It is thought that the wreck of his vessel, followed by difficulties with the members of the crew who were compelled to remain aboard the vessel at Magdalena Bay, was the reason for Robinson's act.

Another possible cause, which is rumored here to-day, is the alleged fact that Robinson did not stand in the good graces of the officials of the Pacific Mail company. It is said that revelations alleged to have been made by Robinson, while master of the steamer City of Peking to commissioner of immigration Frank Sargent, cognizance of which had reached R. P. Schwerin and other company officials, resulted in the promotion of many junior officers over his head.

Robinson had been in the employ of the company since 1892 and had an enviable record. He was 57 years of age.

ADDITIONS MADE TO STRENGTH OF CORPS

Latest Orders for Guidance of Members of Fifth Regiment.

The latest orders issued by Lt., Col., Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment, C. G. A. contain the following:

The following extract from G.O. 34, March, 1909 is published for general information: The undermentioned provisionally appointed officers having qualified for their appointments are confirmed in their rank from the date set opposite their names: 5th, Regt. C. A., Lieutenants, H. H. Woolison, from 12th, February 1909; Lieut., P. T. Stern, from 12th February, 1909; Lieut., T. D. Veitch from 12th February, 1909.

The following men having been duly attested are taken on the strength of the Regiment, and will assume the regimental numbers opposite their names: Gunrs., Andrew Wood, A. Kerry, T. R. Morris, Sydney Hammond, William Barbar, Henry Nichols, Douglas B. Taylor, J. H. Freeman, William G. Cooke.

Gunr. A. Kerry having been passed by the Adjutant is posted to No. 2 Company.

Sergt., W. R. Smith, will act as range officer at Clover Point rifle range on Saturday May 8th.

—The funeral of the late Alexandra Smith took place Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company's parlors, where Rev. W. Leslie Clay conducted an impressive service. The hymn "Jesu Lover of My Soul" was sung, and F. Giles presided at the organ. There was a number of friends present, and a delegation from the order of the Woodmen of the World attended in a body. Many floral tributes were sent. The following acted as pallbearers: James Pottinger, W. Jackson, C. E. Watkins, D. McCaskill, A. Menagh, M. McCaskill.

Britain's cotton manufactured products are valued at £300,000 a day.

QUEEN ON WAYS AT TURPEL'S YARDS

Tug Had Trying Experience on Ragged Island a Few Days Ago.

Tug Queen, owned by Greer, Courtney & Skene of this city, arrived here on Friday early and was at once hauled out on Turpel's ways, where she will be repaired. Her keel was found to be badly damaged, her rudder gone, and she was badly strained.

Captain Pynn, who had charge of her at the time of the accident, says that she ran on the rocks at Ragged island, just north of Lund, opposite Malspina straits, on the morning of the 27th, about 3 o'clock. There was a rock right beneath the middle of her keel, and the tide was only two feet from high, with thirteen feet to fall. The night was black, and it was raining, so it was some time before they realized their position.

At once Captain Pynn made arrangements to take care of his boat as the tide fell. Her hatches were shut down tight and caulked, in order that she might not fill. As the tide fell her stern went under water and she remained there until 9 o'clock the next night, when the Sea Lion passed that way and pulled her off.

In order to save the tug from grinding to pieces on the rock, cedar logs were lashed under her and as the tide rose these buoyed her up. In spite of this, however, she was very badly shaken and nothing but a very seaworthy craft could have stood the knocking about. Seas washed over her constantly and no one expected that she could possibly be salved.

RACE WITH WOLVES ON THE WEST COAST

Exciting Experience in Which Pursuer Was Changed to Pursued.

Wolf stories are usually interesting but the difficulty often is, that they are not true. The following was, however, told by the person most interested and vouched for by another who claimed to have seen part of the incident.

A Norwegian named Nyson of Winter Harbor, Quatsino Sound, was the hero of the story. He was walking on the beach one evening recently near his home when he saw a fine black wolf. He at once hurried to the house of a neighbor named Leeson to borrow a rifle. Mr. Leeson's son was out with the rifle, but the shot gun was at home and this was promptly filled with cartridges and the man set off after the wolf. In a minute or two he saw him, but too far off to shoot with any chance of success. For some distance he followed, gradually gaining, and was just thinking it was nearly time to fire when the wolf turned short and dashed into the bush.

Nyson knew now that his prey had escaped and was turning leisurely to take the gun back to Leeson's when he heard a movement such as he had never heard before, and out from the bush dashed nine big wolves, three black ones and six grey.

Nyson did not stop to make any minute study of the pack. He said he did not care to study natural history under such circumstances, neither did he feel any longer that he wanted wolf skins. He simply turned in the direction of Leeson's house, and Leeson who watched him coming says that he never saw Nyson or any other Norwegian sprint as fast as he did on that occasion. He had the pack of wolves completely outclassed, for he reached the house well ahead of them and they did not dare to come too near but turned and slunk off into the forest.

TUG EDITH LEAVES FOR RIVERS INLET

Craft Has Been Rebuilt by Local Frm for the Owners.

Tug Edith, which has been having new upper works built and a new boiler installed, is now ready for work once more and left port Saturday for River's Inlet in charge of Captain Harry Lund. Her compasses were adjusted yesterday by Captain Walbran of the Marine Department of the Dominion government. The wood work was built by R. Stevens, who has made her as good as new. The Ramsay Machinery Works has installed a new boiler and she looks very prim.

The tug is the property of Findlay, Durham & Brodie of this city, who will operate her in connection with their cannery and sawmill at Rivers Inlet.

TRAIN HOLDUP.

Two Suspected Bandits Are In Custody at Spokane.

Spokane, Wash., May 1.—Two men suspected as participants in the Northern Pacific train hold-up near Rathdrum on Thursday night, are under arrest here. They give their names as T. F. Rafferty and J. Hurley. When arrested the men were hurrying out of the city late last night. They had but 75 cents in their possession.

BANK CLEARINGS FOR APRIL WERE LARGE

In the Last Three Years There Has Been an Increase of Eighty Per Cent.

The bank clearings are a never-failing indication of the state of business. Those of the Victoria banks show a most satisfactory condition and bear testimony to a steadily-growing volume of trade. There has been an increase of some eighty per cent in the clearings within the last three years.

The returns made by the Victoria Clearing House Association show that the total bank clearings for the month of April amounted to $5,529,870. Last April the figures were $4,634,089; in 1907 they were $4,554,411; in 1906 $3,272,726, in 1905 $2,828,914 and in 1904 $2,508,324.

FIGHT FOR CONVENTION.

Seattle and Spokane Both Want National Irrigation Congress.

Washington, D. C., April 30.—Government officials who were asked to decide the Seattle-Spokane controversy over the next meeting of the national irrigation congress, have refused to be drawn into the quarrel, it was learned here to-day. According to the report here the government notified the cities that the governing body of the irrigation conogress must decide where the next meeting shall be held and that the federal government would co-operate wherever it takes place.

The meeting is scheduled for Spokane. It is reported here that Seattle has raised the contention that it should be held there so that the government exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition could be used at the irrigation congress also. Seattle people, it is stated, have also alleged that Spokane has failed to raise the amount of money pledged for the entertainment of the irrigationists.

WILL APPEAR AT INQUEST.

Toronto, May 1.—Crown office subpoenas were yesterday served on Mr. Kinrade and Florence Kinrade, ordering them to appear at the inquest at Hamilton on Monday. They accepted the service.

ABDUL HAMID PLANNED GENERAL MASSACRE

Capture of Constantinople By Army of the Young Turks Frustrated Plot Laid By the Former Sultan.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Constantinople, May 1.—Correspondence found in the palace to-day proves conclusively that Abdul Hamid, deposed from the throne of Turkey, had planned a general massacre to take place April 25th, the capture of the city by the Constitutionalists April 24th having frustrated the plot.

The letters, which passed between Abdul and the leaders of the uprising against the constitution, show that the Sultan planned to slaughter the Armenians in Stamboul and the Young Turks whom he had employed to formulate new rules for the conduct of the government.

KING EDWARD ORDERED TO TAKE LONG REST

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, May 1.—Because of the poor health of King Edward it was learned to-day, his physicians have ordered him to cut his engagements in half and take a long rest.

CREW RESCUED.

Sault Ste Marie, Mich., May 1.—Captain Fringle arrived here to-day and confirmed the report that the steamer Aurania sank Thursday during a storm in Whitefish Bay. All members of the crew were rescued.

FIRE FIGHTERS OVERCOME BY SMOKE

Blaze Destroys Warehouse at San Francisco—Loss $125,000.

(Times Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Cal., May 1.—One fireman is in the hospital as the result of being overcome by smoke while fighting a fire which destroyed the local warehouse of Simmons Manufacturing company, builders of brass and iron beds. The warehouse was totally destroyed and the total damage is estimated at $125,000.

The fire was discovered shortly after 9 o'clock last night. It was burning fiercely by the time the fire fighters arrived and there was no hope of saving the building or its contents. The firemen encountered great difficulty in preventing the flames from spreading to adjoining buildings and several men were overcome by smoke and only one of them, however, was compelled to go to the hospital.

The building was valued at $25,000 and its contents at $100,000.

TO VISIT LEAGUES.

E. McGaffey Will Make Tour of Island Associations Next Week.

Ernest McGaffey, secretary of the Vancouver Island Development League will leave either Monday or Tuesday for the intermediate towns on the E. & N. railway for the purpose of getting into touch with the branches of the league and rendering what service he can to the organizations up the island.

On his return he will probably make a trip up the coast, visiting all the places where leagues have been established and giving help in the formation of new league branches where the residents so desire them formed.

The old rooms in the Five Sisters block have been vacated and the suite in the Law Chambers now occupied by the secretary.

On the trips he will give lectures where the same are asked for if the branches get the residents and members together in time for his arrival. He will make a study of all the conditions in the various localities.

EMPRESS OF CHNA.

Pacific Liner Being Repaired in Kowloon Dock, Hongkong.

Word was received yesterday that the Empress of China had gone into dock at Hongkong to carry out permanent repairs to the damage sustained when she grounded in the Inland sea on her last voyage to the Orient. Temporary repairs were then effected, but the liner is now in the Kowloon dock, and it is not expected that she will be much delayed over her schedule, as her stay in port on the other side is a long one.

INJURED BY EXPLOSION OF AUTOMOBILE TIRE

(Times Leased Wire.)

Walla Walla, Wash., May 1.—Dr. Frank W. Rees, of Prescott, and Fred Leahy, a demonstrator, are in a hospital to-day suffering from severe injuries sustained yesterday by the explosion of an automobile tire which they were inflating. Dr. Rees had his jaw fractured, a long gash cut under his right eye and several teeth broken. Leahy's right arm was broken. When the tire exploded a clamp flew up and struck the men with terrific force.

MANY CATTLE PERISH.

Winnipeg, May 1.—This week's snow storm and cold weather have worked havoc amongst the ranches of Southern Alberta. The older cattle came through all right, but hundreds of young heifers in calf succumbed. Gordon & Ironside, Winnipeg's exporters, suffered heavy losses.

STRIKE TIES UP MANY VESSELS

THOUSANDS OF MEN HAVE QUIT WORK

Strong Force of Police on Duty at Chicago Docks.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Chicago, May 1.—Vessels of the Lake Carriers' association are tied up to-day by a strike of the Lake Seamen's union, which affects between 8,000 and 15,000 men. The strike was ordered by the union yesterday and went into effect at midnight. A thousand marine firemen, engineers, cooks and stewards quit work here. Efforts are being made to man the boats with non-union employees under police guard, but so far they have been far from successful. Police are patrolling the docks, but so far there has been no indication of violence.

Failure of the association to recognize the union is one of the grievances of the employees.

CITY OFFICIAL ACCUSED OF FORGERY

Portland Deputy and Five Brewery Men Are Indicted.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Portland, Ore., May 1.—Samuel Lotan, deputy city auditor, and Maurice Reinstein and S. Breslauer, who are connected with a local brewery, stand indicted on charges of forgery growing out of the mutilation of the excise board petition in the office of the city auditor.

The technical charge against the men is that of forgery in changing a public document. In the indictment is included the text of the initiative and referendum law under which the petition was circulated and the list of alterations in the document in the charge against the men. The law, which calls for the creation of an excise board to put saloons under strict regulation, will be voted on at the coming city election.

On the night of April 19th the office of the city auditor was entered by parties who mutilated the petition, it is charged in the indictment, evidently with the desire of making it valueless. The indictment accuses Lotan, Reinstein and Breslauer of performing this work. The indictment against Lotan was a surprise, as his friends hoped that he would succeed in establishing the fact that he was an innocent victim of the brewery men.

C. P. R. WILL KEEP PACE WITH THE TIMES

Liverpool, May 1.—Sir Wm. Van Horne, interviewed here to-day on the question of shipbuilding policy, expressed the C.P.R. company's determination to keep pace with the times.

MUST SERVE TEN YEARS.

Santa Rosa, Cal., May 1.—W. F. Goodrich this morning began the serving of a ten-year sentence in the penitentiary at San Quentin. He was convicted of obtaining money under false pretences, and sentenced yesterday by Judge J. Q. White of Mendocino county. Goodrich was arrested in Seattle for having disposed of an automobile belonging to Dr. W. A. Gray of Oakland, which he had borrowed. He was brought here for trial.

SHOT BY UNCLE.

American Student at Detroit Medical College Dies From Wound.

Detroit, Mich., May 1.—Harootoon Gastanian, an Armenian student at the Detroit Medical college, died during the night from a wound inflicted by his uncle, Dr. J. Boyajia, who shot him while he was being arraigned in court yesterday with Mrs. Boyajian, on a statutory charge preferred by the physician. Mrs. Boyajian, who was also fired upon by her husband, was released on bail and has disappeared. Her attorneys declare she has simply gone into retirement and would appear at the proper time.

Butter is about the most nutritious thing we eat. With bread it is almost a perfect food.