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DEATH IN WAKE OF WESTERN STORM

Dozen People Are Dead In Louisiana and Scores May Be Dead In the Country.

SHREVEPORT, La.—A tornado, originating near the western border of Texas, passed through the northern section of Caddo and Bossier parishes last night, completely wiping off the map the town of Gilliam, devastating Bollinger and damaging Oil City.

Nothing approaching an accurate estimate of the dead or injured can be complied, as the wake of the cyclone was from 75 to 100 miles in length, and few reports have been obtained from much of the devasttated territory. Eight are known to be dead, however.

The following is only a partial list of the dead:

MRS. MARSHALL DAVIS, of Bollinger, mother of Mrs. Davis; dying.

MRS. J. T. GARDNER, Gilliam.

TWO UNIDENTIFIED NEGROES, Gilliam.

OLD NEGRESS, Gilliam.

TWO NEGROES, at Bollinger.

A. VAUGHAN, clerk in Douglas' store, Gilliam.

The M., K. & T. passenger train from Texas went into a washout near Conack, 18 miles west of Greenwood. The locomotive and baggage cars were overturned, and the engineer, fireman and baggagemaster seriously injured. The track then washed away before and behind the wreck, and the passengers and injured trainmen were caught in the terrific rainstorm without being able to secure aid, although a wrecking train was ordered out at once.

Relief trains will run over both the K., S. &N. and the Cotton Belt, and the hospitals here are preparing to receive and care for the injured.

Great loss of life in the country is feared. No loss of life is reported from Oil City, but the damage to the derricks and buildings there will amount to many thousands of dollars. The Kansas City Southern passenger, southbound, got through the city safely, and reported great havoc being wrought in the cyclone's wake.

DEATH HARVEST REAPED IN TEXAS

DALLAS, Tex.—Heavy rain storms and lightning resulted in a harvest of death in the last two days throughout Texas. Following is a partial list of the dead and injured:

Three children of D. L. Bullock, swept down a bayou near Jacksonville. The mother was taken along with them and had a narrow escape from drowning.

J. E. Willis was caught in the storm near Callis, and seriously hurt.

The storm demolished a number of houses here.

At Neyland, Texas, a negro was killed by lightning.

It is reported twelve Mexicans were killed by lightning near Belton.

As a result of heavy rains in all parts of the state, train service has been temporarily abandoned. Thousands of dollars worth of damage has been done to growing crops by the heavy rains and hail which prevail ed in many sections of the state yesterday and all streams are rising fast.

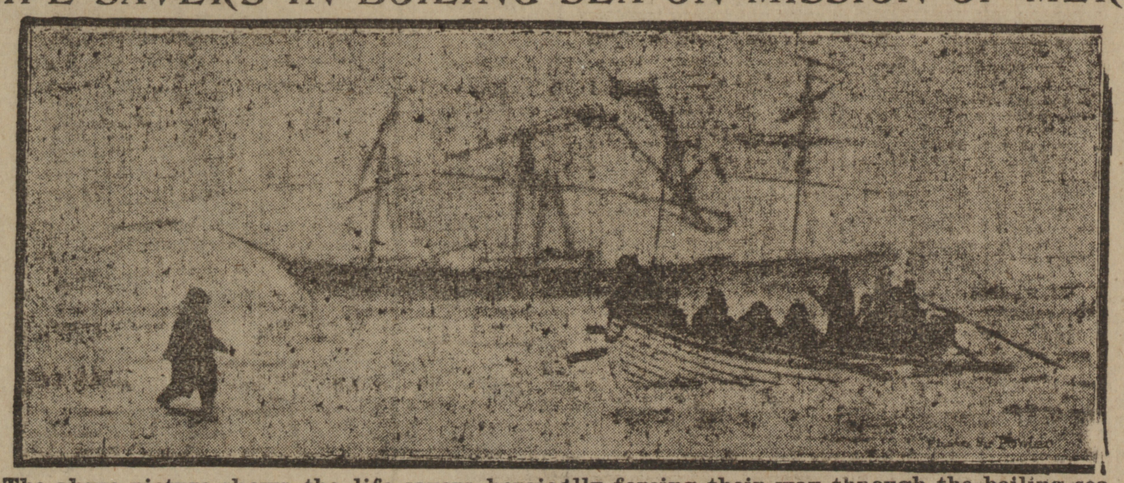
Seventeen Die In Storm Out In Nebraska

OMAHA, Neb.—Reports, coming in slowly from the tornado-stricken districts south of this city, add three to the list of the dead, making 17 lives lost, so far accounted for, from the effects of the storm of yesterday.

Believes Mrs. Guinness Alive.

BALTIMORE.—Rev. Dr. Schell of LaPorte, Ind., expressed as personal opinion that Mrs. Guinness is alive.

LIFE-SAVERS IN BOILING SEA ON MISSION OF MERCY



The above picture shows the life-savers heroically forcing their way through the boiling sea with a boatload of men from the German clipper, Rickers, aground off Zach's Inlet, Jones Beach, Long Island. The vessel, fast going to pieces under the terrific seas, is seen in the background.

SENSATIONAL RISE IN COTTON HAS PUT A NEW ASPECT ON EXISTING COMMERCIAL SITUATION

New Cotton King Has Caused Great Southern Crop To Assume Immense Value and Financial Men Are Up in the Air.

NEW YORK.—In the sensational rise in July cotton in the last few days, amounting to 190 points or $9.50 a bale, it has become known that a new "Cotton King" has arisen in the financial world, one whose operations have played havoc with the bears in the cotton pit and have assisted in cornering the July option.

J. L. Livermore's name was on the lips of every one in the cotton market yesterday as the price of July, which has been steadily soaring, shot up from $9.40 to $9.90, a gain of $2.50 a bale.

As the price of the staple continued to mount, the fear-stricken men who had sold July short contracts began to say that the market for July cotton was cornered and that a new Napoleon of the cotton market had arisen and was already beginning to dictate terms.

Since April 28, when July cotton sold at 8.20 cents a pound, the lowest in five years, Mr. Livermore has steadily accumulated contracts deliverable next July. It is now estimated that he has made a profit of $500,000 in the last two weeks. He stands to make millions more if his plans don't miscarry, but he says there is no pre-arranged deal, so far as he knows, to corner July cotton.

RISE IS GREATEST SINCE SULLY'S DAY.

Nevertheless, the cotton trade was as excited last night as it was in the days of Sully and the New Orleans crowd headed by W. P. Brown, when similar coups were attempted and carried through successfully.

"Who is Livermore?" was one of the questions generally asked, "Who are his backers?" was another, which was coupled with the report that Theodore H. Price had joined forces and was lending his aid to Mr. Livermore in a plan of campaign.

Mr. Livermore makes his headquarters with E. F. Hutton &Co., at New street and Exchange Place. There he has a private office.

He is almost boyish in appearance, looking younger han his thirty years, which he says he will reach on his next birthday. His youthful appearance is accentuated by his almost flaxen hair. One forgets his youth, however, when he discusses in a clear-cut and direct manner the strength of his position in the cotton market.

"I am not creating a corner in the July cotton market," he said. "The market has simply cornered itself. The enormous advance in the last few days has been the result of buying by persons who had sold cotton that they did not own.

COTTON WAS FAR TOO LOW, HE SAYS.

"I discovered the unreasonableness of the cotton situation two or three weeks ago, when I saw that spot cotton in the South was selling about $10 a bale higher than in the option market in New York. I then began to accumulate July cotton. Others did the same. The old situation could not continue very long and now there is a scramble from all sorts of interests, spot dealers, mills, spinners and shorts, to get July cotton. I never saw a market corner itself as prettily as this July market has done.

"I want to go on record as saying I am not running a corner. I will never attempt it. In the first place I have not got enough money. I intend to leave the financing of corners to spot interests if they desire. They can get the money from the banks to finance heavy accumulations, but speculators cannot.

"Whatever I am doing in the July deal I am doing alone. It makes me peevish to hear the current reports that I have created this situation in the July options. They remind me of the story of the fly on the cartwheel which was raising a great dust while the fly believed itself to be the cause of the clouds that followed the cart."

LET COTTON COME FROM THE SOUTH.

"Are you not afraid the big cotton merchants will bring cotton up from the South and deliver it to you in July, swamping the market?"

"Let them do it," was Mr. Livermore's reply. Fingering the ticker tape, he continued: "I see that 4,500 bales of spot cotton were sold in Memphis at 10⅞ cents a pound. It cost something to bring it North in addition, and yet cotton deliverable in July sold in this market today at only 9.90 cents a pound.

"There are only 80,000 bales of variable grades of cotton in New York, let us say, and the short interest may be 300,000 bales. Mills and spinners have not been in the market for months and their supplies are exhausted. Even if one considers the trade stagnation, the world needs a certain amount of cotton, and these manufacturing interests have been buying the cotton where it was cheapest—right here in New York. They found that in the South they would have to pay $10 a bale more than in New York, consequently spinners bought here. From whom did they buy it? From speculators, as a rule, who had got themselves into such a condition that all they did was to sell, sell, until the present situation was created."

Mr. Livermore added that Mr. Price was not assisting him in any way, and that he was conducting his operations alone.

Wall street first began to talk about the new Napoleon last year, when he was credited with having made $2,000,000 in the fall in stocks and another $1,000,000 in the fall in cotton. He bought a steam yacht last fall and made a trip to the West Indies. He returned about a month ago.

"God Pity You, My Darling Sweetheart," Was Message Left By Atlanta Man Who Killed Himself Yesterday

ATLANTA, GA.—The body of Adrian S. Mapp, a collector for the Morrow Transfer company, was found early yesterday morning by fishermen on the bank of the Chattahoochie river, near Bolton. The young man's right hand still clutched a revolver. He had shot himself through the head.

Mapp left two notes one in a trunk, addressed to his wife and the other was found on his person. The note left in the trunk read as follows:

"God pity you my darling sweetheart, and forgive me for what I am about to do. Never, in any way, blame yourself for this."

The other note found in his pockets read as follows:

"And here shall end it all. God pity my darling wife, my father, mother, brother and sisters—all upon this act will fall. For them all I have the deepest love and pity."

"A. S. MAPP."

Mrs. Mapp found the note in the trunk in their rooms 593 South Pryor street Tuesday afternoon and she at once began a search for her husband. The search, through the aid of the police was kept up all night Tuesday night, but without result. Later news of finding the body was received.

Father of Multi-Millionaire's Wife Leaves Her One Dollar In His Will

PITTSFIELD, Ills.—Mrs. Howard Gould, wife of the New York multimillionaire, and her sister, Ella, the San Francisco slum worker, who married a Chinaman, were bequeathed $1 each in the will of their father, Seldon Perry Clemmons, filed here yesterday. The balance of his estate, which is valued at $6,000, is left to his widow during her life time. Clemmons recently was received into the state asylum for the insane at Jacksonville, Ills., then totally blind. He died there last Friday.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO MOTHER OF WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON. — Representative Sheppard, of Texas, has introduced a bill for the erection of a memorial to the mother of George Washington, at a cost of $50,000. A committee, consisting of the secretary of war, the secretary of the navy, the chairmen of the senate and house library committees, and the president general of the D. A. R., is named to take charge of the erection and selection of the memorial.

INDIANA MINERS MADE TIE VOTE

Peace Worker Lewis Failed in Mission and After Efforts Did Not Succeed He Gave a Hot Lecture.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—Telling the miners of Indiana, who, in convention yesterday, refused to sign a contract for the old conditions and decided that their 17,000 members should quit work tomorrow night, that they acted as if they had no judgment; that they would have to reconsider it and return to work; that their state officers were either lacking entirely as advisers or were bad advisers, International President "Tom" Lewis said that he would be back from the west in a few days and remedy the mistake. He asked for a vote sustaining his motion to accept the old contract offered by the operators, and the vote was a tie—50 to 50—which caused the motion to fail. He was disgusted and the scolding he gave the men and their officers was a scorcher, which they took without open resentment.

MANCHESTER DUCHESS WILL STUMP FOR SOCIALIST WITH COUNTESS OF WARWICK

BELLEFONTAINE, O.—After announcing that the Countess of Warwick would cross from England to aid him on the stump, C. E. Wharton of Kenton, socialist candidate for congress in the eighth Ohio district, announces the receipt of a letter from the Duchess of Manchester, daughter of Eugene Zimmerman, milionaire railroad man of Cincinnati, to the effect that she, too, will stump the district for him.

The Duchess of Manchester has taken up English socialism, and has become interested in the eighth district situation through the Countess of Warwick, who it is said intends spending a part of her fortune in the district, as well as making twelve speeches.

IN SHOOT UP OF TOWN MAN IS KILLED

HANNA, Okla.—One man dead, another seriously wounded, and a third suffering from broken bones, is the sum total result of an attempt last night to "shoot up" the town. In typical wild western style, three men, George Strong, Henry White and William Stevens, drove into town last night and began firing at every moving object they saw. All were armed with heavy-caliber Colt revolvers, and the lights in the homes of the townsfolk made good targets.

When the shooting was at its height a deputy sheriff halted the team containing the trio, and ordered them under arrest. A battle started, in which Strong was shot to death and White was wounded in the arm with a gunshot. Stevens, while attempting to escape, overturned the vehicle in which the men were riding.

FLORETTA WHALEY GETS $5,000 NOW

Under Terms of Will She is Heir To Half of One Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars When Grandmother Dies.

NEW YORK.—The accounting of Mrs. Kanziah Whaley, executrix of the estate of the mother of Floretta Whaley who eloped with the Rev. Jere Knode Cooke, was made at Hempstead today, and hundreds of people surrounded the court house in the hope that the seventeen-year-old heiress would appear.

For two weeks it had been rumored there that she was to return to witness the filing of the document and her grand-mother expressed the hope that she would do so, but up to noon she had not put in an appearance.

Under the terms of the will the young woman comes into $5,000 now, and will inherit one-half of $125,000 upon the death of her grandmother. The old woman said she still believed Floretta would return to her some day and that she would always find an open door.

The last heard from her was in San Francisco with the former rector of St. George's church at Hempstead.

PINDALL WANTS NO EXTRA SESSION

President of Arkansas Senate Will Issue Appeal To Legislature Not To Meet.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—"I will issue an appeal next Monday morning to the conservative members of the Arkansas legislature not to assemble in extra session."

This statement was made by X. O. Pindall, president of the Arkansas state senate, who has been serving as acting governor of that state, when shown a dispatch from Little Rock, stating that Allen H. Hamiter, acting as governor in the absence of Mr. Pindall, had issued a proclamation calling an extra session."

Mr. Pindall declared his reason for opposing the extra session was because the state could not afford the expense incident thereto. The proclamation of Acting Governor Hamiter states that one of the purposes of calling the legislature together was for the completion of the new state capitol building. Mr. Pindall declared that this was a matter which ought to be left for the incoming governor, who made the race on that issue.

HARRY K. THAW'S FIGHT STARTS ONCE MORE

If He Is Liberated It Is Quite Probable That He Will At Once Be Re-arrested.

NEW YORK.—When Harry K. Thaw's fight to be freed from the insane asylum began today before Supreme Court Justice Morchauser, at Poughkeepsie, District Attorney Jerome was prepared, in the event of Thaw's release, to have him immediately rearrested and taken before an insanity commission.

The district attorney has found a kink in legal proceedure through which Thaw, if liberated, can be rearrested in this way indefinitely on warrants sworn out each time by a citizen who is willing to swear that he believes that Thaw is insane and a menace to the community.

When Thaw's lawyers began his fight to be liberated from the Matteawan State Asylum for the Criminal Insane today, however, it became plain that the present procedure would last at least for several weeks.

Under Justice Morchauser's decision when Thaw was brought to Poughkeepsie from Matteawan under the writ of habeas corpus secured by his attorneys, only the first part of the insanity trial will take place at Poughkeepsie. Thaw's side of the case only will be heard there. The district attorney's fight to prevent Thaw's liberation will be shifted to New York at once.

The largest court room in the county court house at Poughkeepsie was found necessary today, so great has been the number of requests for admission. District Attorney John E. Mack, of Duchess county, under whose charge the fight against Thaw's liberation was nominally being fought, had to issue cards of admission to the court room.

The trial room was packed with men and women. The room comfortably seats 250, but every foot of standing room was occupied, as well as the seats. There were nearly 500 people in the court room when Justice Merchauser opened court.

By a curious coincident, when Thaw today faced the jury box he was confronted by a score of newspaper men. The court attaches had placed desks in the jury box for the reporters, and it seemed as if this time, the third that Thaw has faced a court, the jury was composed of newspaper men.

James G. Graham, former secretary to Gov. O'Dell, and a former deputy attorney general, was the chief counsel for Thaw, aided by A. Russell Peabody, who has been among Thaw's attorneys since immediately after the killing of Stanford White.

Thaw, through his lawyers, claims that he was illegally committed to Matteawan, without an examination as to his sanity. He also claims that Matteawan is a penal institution, and that he has not been convicted of any crime. Nor is he even charged with any crime now, nor is he under indictment for any. He declares he stands before the court an innocent man, with no adjudication of insanity behind him.

Opposed to this line of argument is that of District Attorney Jerome. The latter is prepared to show that Thaw was admitted to the insane asylum by his own lawyers; that a jury found him insane after a thorough consideration; that Supreme Court Justice Dowling considered him insane, and so adjudicated him when he concurred in the verdict of the jury at the second trial.

NEW EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STATE

ATLANTA, Ga.—The Georgia branch of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education will be organized at a meeting to be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the chamber of commerce. The meeting has been called by President Asa G. Candler at the suggestion of Dr. K. G. Matheson, president of the Georgia School of Technology. The governor, the mayor and council and the directors of the chamber of commerce endorse the movement and will be enrolled as members.

Hon. G. Gunby Jordan, of Columbus who is a member of the executive committee for the national society, has, it is stated, brought the matter to the aenion of he people of Columbus and more han fifty members have been enrolled there for membership in the Georgia branch society. Leading men in other Georgia cities are also arranging to form organizations The national society has been invited to hold its annual convention in Atlanta next November. It will be a big event for the South.

SENSATION FOLLOWS FIRE

DEPOT AGENT AT SPREAD KILLED HIMSELF LAST NIGHT

WAS SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS

Amount of Shortage Not Given Out. Rumors of Incendiarism Current Today in Augusta and Spread.

Sensational developments regarding the depot and warehouse fire at Spread, Ga., last Tuesday night, are reported in Augusta today. J. T. Glover, Jr., local agent of the Augusta Southern railroad, was found dead in bed this morning by his wife, and rumor has it that he was short in his acounts, burned the depot to conceal accurate traces of his defalcation, then drank laudanum and went to sleep.

Superintendent White, of the Augusta Southern railroad, is out of the city today, and is thought to be at Spread. He spent Wednesday there, searching for Glover, but it is understood the agent kept close in all day. Beyond stating that their depot was burned at Spread on Tuesday night, the railroad officials will not verify the rumors to any definite extent. The telegraph wires have not been cut in at the station again, and they claim to have learned nothing reliable.

According to well authenticated reports that were current in town today, Glover told his wife several days ago that his accounts were short. He is said to have been under the influence of whiskey at the time, however, and she paid no attention to his remarks. He further confided to Mrs. Glover his intention to burn down the depot and commit suicide before the auditor arrived at Spread. The latter is said to have notified Glover to have his books ready for examination on Thursday.

While the flames were raging Tuesday night, Glover is said to have been found skulking about the ruins, in a partially intoxicated condition. The fire originated in the office of the Augusta Southern depot.

Glover is said to have spent Wednesday in close seclusion at his home, and when his wife went to awaken him this morning, she received no response from a knock on the door. Making forcible entrance, she found Glover dead in bed, apparently having breathed his last two or three hours before hand.

Glover was about 25 years of age.

PEACH CROP HAS BEEN HURT SOME

Fruit Growers in Atlanta Figure That Frost and Storms Did Much Damage in Many Sections.

ATLANTA, Ga—The Georgia peach crop will be about 25 per cent off. The Georgia Peach Growers' association, which met in Atlanta yesterday, makes this estimate. Frosts early in April, continued rains and the recent cyclone are the cause of the short crops.

Within the last three weeks the trees have shed one-fourth of their fruit, and the growers themselves are now radically altering their former estimates.

TAMMANY CHIEFS INSTALLED.

NEW YORK.—At the yearly meeting of the Tammany Society last night, these new sachems were installed Thomas E. Rush, George W. Loft, Thomas F. McAvoy, and Julius Harburger. The meeting for the election of the new grand sachem to succeed W. Bourke Cockran, will be held on May 25. Daniel F. Cohan will be elected.

ADVERTISING IS SHRINKING.

WASHINGTON.—John Norris, representative of American Newspaper Publishers association testified before special house committee investigating the print paper and wood pulp question that there had been shrinkage in advertising in New York beginning in November last. Average advertising in Sunday papers he said was about thirty columns. He said the shrinkage was still on.

SISTER KILLED BY CYCLONE.

VICKSBURG, Miss.—E. D. Spain, of Booneville, who was attending the Pythian meeting, received a telegram calling him home and announcing that his sister was killed in a cyclone at Corsicana.