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## STORY OF ESCAPE FROM TORNADO.

Vivid Description by a Survivor of The Storm That Nearly Destroyed Meridian, Miss.

## PEOPLE WERE PANICSTRICKEN

To Add to the Terror of a Horrible Night Fire Broke Out.

Ruins Were Soon in Flames, Making Lurid a Scene of Death and Destruction.

Mobile, Ala., March 3.—F. M. Strutz, of Washington, Miss., who arrived here from Meridian, gave a vivid description of last night's tornado. He said: "I was in the dining room of the Southern hotel when the death dealing wind struck the city. Late in the afternoon I noticed that dark clouds hovered around the city and the humidity was very trying. Shortly after 6:15 p. m. an ugly looking cloud could be observed bounding toward the city. This was followed by a downpour of rain, and then with a rush and noise that struck terror to the stoutest heart, the cyclone descended upon that portion of the city near the depot. "It came towards the city from the southwest following the railroad tracks which pass through Meridian along Front street. The result was terrible. Among the first buildings to go down was the electric light plant and the people were thrown into darkness. The people were panic-stricken and rushed into the streets from every direction. That the death list is not larger than that given is simply marvelous, but it is accounted for probably owing to the fact that many employees of the wrecked houses, depot offices and other places maintaining large clerical forces had finished their day's work and gone to their homes in other portions of the city. "Front street presents a devastated appearance and few houses are left standing. The storm's path was about two blocks in width, extending from the passenger depot northward to beyond Second street. Buildings on Twenty-second avenue from First to Second street are wrecked. A large portion of the Grand avenue hotel was torn away; the Y. M. C. A. building, directly opposite, was wrecked, and the Old Sulphur hotel and the New Union passenger station destroyed. "In this same area was the Meridian cement works, which was totally destroyed. Officers of the company estimated their loss at \$250,000. A large cotton warehouse where thousands of bales of cotton were stored was demolished and cotton strewn in every direction. The warehouse employees, by the use of hose, prevented greater losses by fire which broke out in various parts of the wrecked area. "It is almost impossible to tell the amount of damage, but I think it will be over a million dollars. The loss of life is estimated at about 35, many of which are negroes. "To add to the terror of the night and to the fears of the panic-stricken people who thronged the streets, fire broke out in the stricken district. It was known that many were under the ruins of the wrecked buildings. To reach these unfortunates was uppermost in the minds of those who remained self-possessed. Vandalism was also soon apparent, as the local militia was called out by the mayor. A cord of armed men was thrown around that portion of the business district in ruins and in this manner the rescuers were able to work. Lamps, candles, and other means of securing light, by which work could be prosecuted were resorted to, but progress was slow. "Soon after the ruins caught fire an alarm was sent into the fire department. They worked heroically to confine the flames to the ruined area and, at 2 o'clock this morning had succeeded. Wreckage, ruin and death appear along the path of the cyclone, as it leads into the country. Telegraph wires, poles, miles in either direction are prostrated, and although telegraph companies sent out a large number of men to repair the damage it will be many hours before this is accomplished. "In the area struck by the cyclone the wreck is complete. But few buildings are left standing and they are damaged. Among the mercantile houses destroyed are some of the largest concerns in Meridian. It will take months to repair the damage, and it will be days before the actual number of injured is known. As to the dead, only the clearing away of the debris and wreckage can reveal the magnitude."

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Paris, March 3.—Walter Wellman sailed from Havre today on the French liner La Lorraine. His polar dirigible balloon will be completed in May, after which the expedition will proceed to Spitzbergen for trial trip preparatory to a departure for the pole.

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COMMUNICATION RESTORED. Birmingham, Ala., March 3.—Communication with Meridian, Miss., was partially restored by both telegraph companies from this point about 11 o'clock this morning but as yet it has been impossible to secure an accurate estimate of the damage done by last night's tornado. It is said the greatest loss of life was in the factory districts where search parties are still at work.

WHAT TYPE OF CANAL? That Question Will be Decided Before More Witnesses are Called.

Washington, March 3.—No more witnesses will be examined by the senate committee on interoceanic canal until after the type of canal has been determined and other information obtained which is necessary to preparation of a bill for the government of the zone and the construction of the isthmian waterway. This decision was reached today in executive session of the committee. The committee went into executive session at 1:30 o'clock. Senators Millard, Kittredge, Dryden, Knox, Ankeny, Taliaferro and Simmons were present. Senator Kittredge stated that he thought the substantial questions relating to canal affairs should be settled as soon as possible in order to prepare the committee to draft and consider canal legislation. "Near all of the senators expressed views similar to those of Mr. Kittredge. It was pointed out that Mr. Cromwell had been on the stand for several days and practically nothing had been secured from him. Senator Taliaferro went to the committee room of Mr. Morgan who was engaged in other legislation and presented the situation. Mr. Morgan agreed to the suggestion that the further examination of witnesses be postponed. Mr. Cromwell, who was waiting in the corridor outside the canal committee rooms, was then excused, subject to call of the committee. The action of the committee, however, contemplates the completion of the testimony of J. E. Marsel, of Omaha, and he will be heard on Monday.

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James W. Wilson Forced From Station No. 2 "For Good Of Service."

WENT OUT THIS AFTERNOON. His Successor Not Yet Named But He Will be an American Party Campaign Worker.

The last, to date, resignation in the fire department is that of James W. Wilson, captain of No. 2. This like that of ex-Captain Earl, is of the "forced" variety, executed for the "good of the service." The letter from Mr. Wilson bears date of February 26, to become effective at 1 p. m. today, at which time the gentleman quit the department, of which he had been a faithful and efficient member for a number of years, for a long time belonging to the regular force of firemen. Mr. Wilson was appointed by ex-Chief Bywater to a captaincy of the West Side hall, and his fellow members of the department and the public generally will regret that he has been asked to step down and out in order that some "American" party partisan may fill the place so long and ably occupied by him. The very fact that the retiring captain has performed his work faithfully and well should of itself be a sufficient reason why the change should not have been made. The fire department for little in the present administration.

SENATOR SMOOT BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE IN FAVOR OF APPROPRIATION. (Special to the "News.") Washington, D. C., March 3.—The senate committee on Indian affairs will this afternoon hear arguments by Senator Smoot and Secy. Leupp, in support of the senator's amendment to the Indian appropriation bill, which provides an allotment of \$600,000 for conserving water rights on the Utah reservation. The house committee declined to add the item to the bill when under consideration because it was feared that it would "snarl up" the whole irrigation system. The last Congress made a similar provision of \$400,000 for the Pima reservation, but the item was dropped because of the expense and provision is made in that item for restoring the amount from the reclamation service.

DISSTRESSING TALES TOLD BY RUSSIAN REFUGEES. New York, March 3.—Stories of escape from the Russian frontier and of massacres alleged to have been committed in the Moscow cellars in the recent outbreak were told here today by Russian refugees. These stories came from some of the 2,000 Russian Jews who arrived here yesterday on the steamer Pennsylvania from Hamburg, and who passed the immigration inspection today. Rebecca Isaacs, 15 years old, one of the refugees from Moscow, says that she was the last of a family of 12 and that her father, mother, brothers and sisters were killed by soldiers. She said for two days she was hidden in a dark corner of the cellar in her home when the soldiers entered at intervals. The other members of the family, she said, were found and killed, some of them so near her that she heard their unavailing cries for mercy. She now is on her way to West Virginia.

STEVE ADAMS WILL NOT BE TAKEN BEFORE GRAND JURY. Boise, Ida., March 3.—Steve Adams, member of the Western Federation of Miners, who was arrested on a ranch near Haines, Oregon, charged with complicity in the assassination of former Gov. Steunenberg, and who, on Wednesday of this week, made a confession which is said to fully confirm previous statements made by the prisoner Harry Orchard, will not be taken before the grand jury at Caldwell. It is stated that sooner or later Adams will be taken to Colorado, where important arrests in the near future are probable. Adams, it is stated, will not resist extradition to Colorado.

PERMANENT WAR MINISTER. Teheran, Persia, March 3.—The Shah's second brother, Nalb-Es-Saltaneh has been reappointed war minister, a post which he held from 1884 to 1896.

WILL TEST COMMITTEE POWERS. Cincinnati, March 3.—President Rowe of the First National bank, whose cashier disregarded a subpoena of the Drake investigating committee and is to be called before that committee to answer for his action, said today that the power of the senate committee would be tested in the courts.

BLIZZARDS SWEEP OVER SOME WESTERN STATES. Des Moines, Ia., March 3.—The blizzard which raged over the west and south yesterday struck here early today, carrying the temperature 40 degrees toward zero. Wind and snow accompanied the cold, but has not impaired traffic on trolley and steam roads.

PAINE FIRE IN NEW MEXICO. Roswell, N. M., March 3.—Over 1,000 acres of fine pasture land in the western part of the Panhandle and just east of Pahrump, N. M., have been burned in a prairie fire that has been sweeping east and south for two days and is still beyond control with a head 15 miles wide under a stiff wind.

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LAND FRAUD INDICTMENTS. Topeka, Kas., March 3.—In the United States district court this morning, in the matter of the indictments preferred by the recent federal grand jury in Topeka against J. E. Bilby, James H. Drain and L. C. Jenkins, all of Pennam, Mo., charging them with obtaining Kansas government land in Logan county fraudulently, Judge Pollock sustained the demurrer to the charge of conspiracy and overruled one relating to subornation of perjury.

COLLISION ON THE OHIO. Three Men Drowned and Will Die as Result of the Same. Steubenville, O., March 3.—In a collision with the Virginia, the largest steamer on the Ohio river, a rowboat about 40 feet long, was capsized at Mingo today, drowning Joseph Zerbe, Gregory Maul and Gerbert Springer, while George Vlachich, a saloon keeper, will die.

MOROCCAN BANK PROJECT. Delegates to Algiers Conference Have Partially Agreed on It. Algiers, March 3.—The delegates of the powers have partially agreed upon the text of the Moroccan bank project. The organization is to be entitled the State Bank of Morocco. It will be chartered for a period of 50 years with a capital of \$5,000,000 in gold divided into 100,000 shares of 50 francs each. The powers will designate a directorate of the bank and furnish a portion of the employees. Disagreements between Morocco and the powers have been referred to an arbitration court at Lausanne, Switzerland. The questions of the number of French shares and other details, however, have not been settled. The bank will be a joint venture of the United States and the Moroccan government. The organization of the bank is to be completed by the end of the year.

HEAVY GALE IN SAN FRANCISCO. San Francisco, March 3.—A severe gale which prevailed last night and this morning did considerable damage along the waterfront. The river steamer Juliette, lying at Harrison street, was lost by the gale and the heavy line parted. She drifted around and struck the Norwegian steamer Tellus. The Juliette pounded against the big iron vessel, became entangled in the latter's rigging, and at one time she careened to such an extent that she nearly turned turtle. The Juliette's upper works were carried away and she sank to the level of her deck. The crew worked until the water put out the engines. A panic on board was only averted by the coolness of the captain and men. The Tellus was uninjured. While attempting to repair a row on the transport Lavinia she was entering the harbor, A. I. Nable, a seaman, was swept overboard and drowned. Many fishing boats along the wharves were injured and some of the fishing gear was lost and was not recovered.

## SALE OF WHISKY MUST BE STOPPED.

Wasatch County Officials Request Aid From Gov. Cutler.

WILL EMPLOY DETECTIVES. Persons Selling Liquor to Indians Can Not be Convicted as Redskins Are Unwilling Witnesses.

According to a communication received by Gov. Cutler today from County Clerk J. C. Jensen of Wasatch county the officials of that county are unable to secure sufficient evidence against parties who sell whisky to Indians on the Uintah reservation to convict them and their efforts thus far have resulted in only one conviction which was that of a young man whom the sheriff seized placed a bottle of whisky on an Indian's saddle. The fellow pleaded guilty and is now serving his time.

LETTER TO MERCHANTS. Judge of Juvenile Court Warns Them And Messenger Officers.

In order to put a stop to the practice of merchants and messenger officers sending boys and other delinquents with parcels or other business, the juvenile court has issued a circular letter calling attention to the juvenile court law on that matter and warning against violation of the law. A total of 100 copies of the letter have been mailed to the merchants of the city. The text of the letter follows in full:

RETAIL BUSINESS GOES. Hardware and Clothing Departments Of Ogden Z. C. M. I. Purchased.

(Special to the "News.") Ogden, March 3.—A deal was consummated this morning whereby Z. C. M. I. will close out its retail branch of the business.

It is understood that Manager John Watson, Chris Flygare, Douglas Watson and N. C. Flygare, four of whom are the hardware department. John Watson, N. Tanner and others have purchased the clothing department. For the present the concern will conduct its business in the old quarters.

CATTLEMAN'S PREDICAMENT. It is reported that the cattlemen of Weber county are in a serious predicament over the lack of pulp from the sugar beets. They are finding it exceedingly difficult to obtain the pulp from the beets, and are unable to obtain feed for them.

LEHI CITIZEN DEAD. Peter Lott, One of the Earliest Settlers Passed Away—Other News.

(Special to the "News.") Lehi, March 3.—At 12 midnight last night Mr. Peter Lott, one of Lehi's first settlers, passed to the great beyond, he having been failing fast for quite a while. Deceased was 63 years old last November. He came to Utah in 1845 and to Lehi in 1850, being the first of a family to settle here. Was the father of nine children, four of whom are living. Made his home here except from 1870 to 1882, when he lived at Beaver. Besides his children he leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death, which will be greatly felt by those who knew him. Funeral services will be held from the First ward meetinghouse at 12 noon Sunday.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCIABLE. This evening the High school will give a sociable to students, teachers and trustees. Games will be played and refreshments served, also the following program will be given by the students: "Resolved, That Hannibal was a greater general than was Alexander."

BASKETBALL GAME. The High school basketball team played Pleasant Grove last Friday, winning by a score of 10 to 16. On the 9th the Lehi High school team will come to Lehi and play the Lehi basketball team a return game in the city pavilion.

THE SECOND WARD AMUSEMENT COMMITTEE will give a very pleasing entertainment in the Second ward assembly room tomorrow evening for the benefit of those rooms.

PERSONAL MENTION. It is reported that deer have been seen in the mountains just north of the city of Alpine.

Mr. Charles Ohman has moved to Sugar City, where he will manufacture brick, and engage in the building business.

Mr. A. E. Adams of American Fork is the new bookkeeper at the Tintic Mercantile company.

Mr. J. N. Butt is in from the Tintic mining district, where he and Oliver Cederstrom are working a promising prospect, which is owned by them and Nate Rockhill.

POSTMASTERS APPOINTED. (Special to the "News.") Washington, D. C., March 3.—Postmasters appointed: Utah—Heller, Carson county; Robert P. Morrison vice K. L. Pich, resigned.

Idaho—Carroll, Blaine county; Horace

## GUARD DANCE LAST NIGHT

In Honor of Company C Was a Brilliant Social Event.

The dance given last night at the N. G. U. armory in honor of company C, the newly organized command, soon to be mustered into the service, was a largely attended and brilliant social event. Gov. Cutler and staff and a great number of officers were present, including Col. Jos. Geoghegan, who was called for to speak on the outlook in the guard. Over 300 couples were on the floor, while an active social committee had decorated the hall until it presented a gay and gala appearance, the letter "C" being prominent in both decorations and on the programs.

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