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TERRIFIC TORNADO SWEEPS MIDDLE STATES

BARGE BINGAMON WAS AGAIN ADRIFT TODAY IN QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUND

Thousand Killed, Many More Injured and Homeless, Huge Damage Done in Sudden Blow

Five Minute Storm Flattens Heavy Schools and Business Blocks Burying Unknown Numbers

ILLINOIS STATE HARD HIT

Illinois and Indiana also Suffer with Fatal Echoes Coming from Tennessee and Kentucky

CHICAGO, Mar. 19.—Late this afternoon the estimate of the dead as a result of yesterday's tornado which swept five southeastern states was placed between a minimum of 708 and a maximum of 942. Between 2,500 and 3,000 are injured and from eight to ten thousand people are homeless. Millions of dollars of damage was done. Details from the various areas affected are coming through slowly.

The tornado struck the country in the middle of the afternoon when the schools were packed with children and stores and shops filled with employees and customers. It is believed that many further victims are buried in the ruins in which excavation is going on feverishly.

Where the most damage was caused, the storm lasted but five minutes. It flattened down heavily constructed schools and business buildings with worse results than in the lighter dwellings. Babies in the homes were special sufferers. Fires are still raging or smouldering. At many places there is millions of dollars of damage.

Wide Area of Storm

The hardest hit places were small cities in southern Illinois such as West Frankfort, Murphysboro and Carbondale, nearly all the destruction being in the coal fields. Next to Illinois, Indiana and Missouri were the worst sufferers with fatal echoes of the twister even coming from Tennessee and Kentucky.

Red Cross workers, state guardsmen, army aviation forces and railroad resources are being piled by special trains into the devastated areas.

Earlier Despatches

CHICAGO, Mar. 19.—Great destruction was caused in southern Illinois and parts of Indiana late yesterday afternoon by a tornado. Murphysboro, Ills., was badly damaged and it is estimated the casualties will run from one hundred killed and injured up to thousands.

CAIRO, Ills., Mar. 19.—A message received here from Murphysboro by the Mobile and Ohio Railroad says it is estimated that the number of dead there is from 500 to 1200. The loss to the railroad is placed at $1,500,000.

SLEW SEVENTEEN WOLVES IN DRIVE ALBERTA PROVINCE

EDMONTON, Mar. 19.—Farmers of the Vilna district of Alberta, who were recently terrorized by bands of wolves, expect no further trouble from the animals as a result of a drive at the week end when seventeen of them were slain.

INVESTIGATE THE HALIBUT

Joint Meeting Endorses Movement to Study Life History of Fish

SEATTLE, Mar. 19.—As a basis for future regulation of the industry the international fisheries commission in session here decided to make a thorough scientific investigation of the halibut fishing banks in North Pacific waters. For that purpose the commission engaged W. F. Thompson, who for years has been engaged in the study of this food fish for the B.C. Fisheries commission. His investigations will be to determine to what extent, if any, intensive fishing has diminished the supply. He will seek to determine how by international regulation this sea food resource may be conserved.

Research work will be first undertaken by the commission which created the treaty between United States and Canada last fall.

The session yesterday ended a three day conference which adjourned to meet at Ottawa on May 6 to consider proposed regulations governing halibut fishing.

REPORT ON ROAD FROM STEWART TO TELEGRAPH CREEK

VANCOUVER, Mar. 19. — P. Philip, deputy minister of public works advised the Vancouver Board of Trade that the engineer for the Atlin district had been instructed to report to the department the cost and practicability of a road from Stewart to Telegraph Creek.

GRANBY MAY OPERATE ALLENBY THIS YEAR

Charles Bocking, the new manager of Granby Consolidated Mining and Smelting concern, is to take over the active control of operations on May 1. He intimated a few days ago in Vancouver that the Allenby property would probably be operated this coming summer.

NO HOPE FOR CURZON

LONDON, Mar. 19.—The condition of Lord Curzon is believed to be hopeless.

Orange shampoos have just been introduced by a London hairdresser, following the announcement of a university professor that baldness is due to the lack of certain acids at the roots of the hair. Hence an orange a day to keep baldness away.

Five Thousand Hockey Fans Cheer Victoria as they Beat Calgary

Frederickson and Walker are Heroes of the Event, Scoring Each a Goal at Arena

VICTORIA, Mar. 19.—With every man of both teams overanxious, all playing good hockey but not the best, with judge of play, Carl Batteli, handing out seven penalties in four minutes due to over-anxiousness of the men with strained nerves, the Victoria Cougars went a step nearer the world series supremacy last night when they beat the Calgary Tigers two to nothing. The game was played at the arena here, where the very almosphere vibrated with excitement. Evry inch of the accommodation for 5,000 was overtaxed.

Frederickson, elongated and handsome, the pivot of the locals scored one goal in the second period and in the third gave Walker a pass that brought the other. Frederickson, Walker and Loughlin starred for Victoria and Wilson, Oliver and Gardiner for the Tigers. Both goal keepers were in fine fettle.

The first period was so keenly fought and sharpshooters suffered so severely from nerves that no counter came, but ten minutes after the second opened the Cougars began to pepper Winkler's citadel. Finally Frederickson flashed a stinging shot into the net, the puck skimming Gardner's leg and sizzling past the goal tender.

Fans Roared

Five thousand fans roared for the locals to hold what they had. They did not lay back but kept on the offensive, spurred on by the smell of victory. Winkler was marvellous under the ferocity of the Cougar's savage attacks, at one time stopping a swift shot with his face when on his knees.

In the third period, while the Tigers were trying desperately to equalize, Frederickson led a spectacular raid on the Tigers' den, passed to Walker and the latter slammed the rubber into the net.

With this two goal lead and three to one on the two games played the fans en masse kept up an incessant barrage for Victoria for the last ten minutes of the game. It ended with six penalties apiece,

This victory gives Victoria the championship of Western Canada Hockey League and entitles them to meet the Montreal Canadiens, champions of the East, which they do here on Saturday, in the first game for the worlds' championship. The second game is to be played Monday in Vancouver.

This is the first hockey championship Victoria has won in twelve years.

LORD EFFIELD DEAD

LONDON, Mar. 19.—Edward L. Stabley, Lord Effield, is dead, aged 86.

Concerted Action in Favor Western Outlet Peace River District

Premier Oliver Calls Meeting and is Backed Up by Prince Rupert Board of Trade

There is a definite movement afoot to take concerted action in favor of a western outlet for the Peace River country through British Columbia as opposed to a route by way of Brule or Obed. On receipt of information last night that such a movement was under way at Victoria the Board of Trade last night wired Premier Oliver supporting it on behalf of Prince Rupert. The telegram telling of the movement follows:

VICTORIA, Mar. 19.—A delegation of six members of the legislature today urged upon Premier Oliver and the Cabinet the importance of taking immediate action to oppose construction of the Peace River railway east of the Rockies, claiming that the route would divert traffic away from British Columbia. A special meeting is being called by the Premier to decide on a course of action.

Prince Rupert's Wire

The telegram sent from here backing the movement follows:

"Hon. John Oliver,

"Victoria, B.C.

"We desire to express our entire support and endorsation of concerted action being taken in favor of a western outlet from Peace River country. It is of national interest that this railway will also serve the vast interior of our province and we urge that strongest possible representations be made."

BIRTH

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hanson, 942 Hays Cove Avenue, yesterday morning.

CHANGES FOR PENITENTIARY

New Plan Proposed by Lady Member and Supported by all Parties

OTTAWA, Mar. 19—Sufficient productive work to keep the inmates employed and that a share of the proceeds go to provide for dependants and in case of there being no dependents that the share be held in trust until the prisoner's release was the substance of a proposal made in the House of Commons by Miss Agnes McPhail in connection with changes in the administration of penitentiaries.

The proposal received the endorsement of the Minister of Justice; Sir Henry Drayton, acting leader of the Conservatives, and Robert Forke, the Progressive chief and others. A vote was not reached.

General Menager of Railway Meets Committees of Board of Trade and Discusses Plans

Two committees of the Board of Trade and the joint committee on the Peace River route met A. E. Warren, general manager of the C.N.R. western region, last evening and talked over with him the train service, the desirability of improving the lumber assembly dock and the Peace River route.

In connection with the train service, Mr. Warren said they had this year arranged for a direct through service, better than the city had had for many years. This would commence in May. In the meantime the railway company would take care of the fish, no matter whether the quantity were large or small, and President Nickerson, on behalf of the Board expressed the opinion that this met the requirements.

Lumber Dock

W. E. Williams then introduced the question of improvement of the lumber assembly dock. He said what was needed was a place where the lumber could be picked up by the ship's slings to save the double handling charges. The lumber they shipped from here was low grade and had to be handled on a close margin. They were trying to get into the export market again after a long dull time and they had to know exactly what price to quote. It was understood the Prince Rupert mill would handle their lumber on barges or rafts and it would be loaded from the opposite side of the ships.

Further discussion followed and Mr. Warren stated that he would take the matter up with the officials and inquire into it.

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NO HOPE FOR ENTOMBED MEN

Fire in Wrecked Mine at Fairmont Hampers Work of Rescue

FAIRMONT, West Virginia, Mar. 19.—Fire in the wrecked works of Mine 41 of the Bethelhem Mine Corporation today continued to hamper the rescue work of the crews and all hope for the men below is virtually abandoned. The number entombed was 34.

TOKIO FIRE TOLL

TOKIO, Mar. 19.—Ten thousand are homeless, 300 are injured, 20 are missing, and 2,000 homes are destroyed as a result of the conflagration which swept northeastern Tokio on Wednesday night.

Log Carrying Vessel Broke Away from Tug This Morning and was Later Picked Up Safely

Wireless reports received at Digby Island station this morning stated that the big log carrying barge Bingamon, same vessel that had a narrow escape in Hecate Straits last winter on her maiden trip, had broken adrift from the tug Hopkins Bros. and at 11 a.m. was 14 miles west of Pine Island in Queen Charlotte Sound drifting towards Fitzhugh Sound. With a strong southwest wind blowing, the Hopkins Bros. was endeavoring to pick her up. The Bingamon, aboard which is Mr. Wingate, the owner, and a crew of four men, had left Smith's Inlet with a million feet of cedar logs aboard. The vessel is now equipped with wireless so is at least able to keep in touch with shore.

It was last January 9 when the Bingamon broke adrift from the tug Massett near Tripple Island and miraculously escaped from being wrecked when a lucky throw of the anchor held her off Baron Island near the Dundas group.

Late word received at the wireless station this afternoon was to the effect that the Bingamon had got a line aboard the tug and was proceeding to Safety Cove.

COMMAND BISLEY TEAM

OTTAWA, Mar. 19.—Col. D. H. Street of Ottawa has been appointed to command the Canadian 1925 Bisley Rifle team.

FAMOUS WAXWORKS SHOW DESTROYED

Makes Havock With Notable Characters at Madame Tussaud's

LONDON, Mar. 19.—A terrible fire took place yesterday in which hundreds of famous men and women were cremated. The men and women were the wax figures, historical and otherwise, in Madame Tussaud's famous collection. All went up in smoke.

NO FISH SALE TODAY

There being no train out today there was on fish sale. The two boats in port with their catches of halibut are the Resolute 55,000 and Atlas 38,000.

Millionaires Spent Night in Rugs on Golf Links Following Burning Two Palm Beach Hotels

PALM BEACH, Mar. 19.—More than $4,000,000 worth of property lay in ruins today as a result of a fire which swept through two hotels here, The Breakers and Palm Beach, last night. Troops are guarding thousands of dollars worth of rescued property while 23 people, mostly negroes, are in jail on charges of looting after the fire.

Rumors of casualties have so far been unverified. Millionaires spent the night upon the golf links covered with rugs and draperies torn from the floors and walls of the burning hotels.