

TORNADO CAUSES RUIN IN ST. LOUIS

PORTION OF WORLD'S FAIR CITY SWEEP BY THE WIND.

ONE PERSON LOSES HIS LIFE

The Injured Number About Fifty—Panic in Festival Hall Averted by a Song—One Killed at Venice, Ill.

St. Louis, Aug. 20.—A tornado of small proportions, but of extreme fury, swept down upon the residence portion of North St. Louis Friday, resulting in the death of one person, injury to probably 50 and damage to property estimated at \$100,000.

The Victims.

John Ellington was killed. A partial list of the injured is as follows: Jacob Harmsen, shoulder dislocated; William H. Linham, cut; Edward Parnon, badly cut; Girtwood Powinski, burned by live wire, seriously; James Crosby, broken hip; William Ditchbauer, leg and arm broken; William Fouché, leg broken; Louis McCullin, leg broken; Herman Sauerwine, aged 10, arm broken and crushed, will probably die; William Bigger, bruised; W. H. Langan, cut and bruised; T. A. Somers, bruised; William Yorick, leg broken; six employes in Niedringhaus rolling mill, not seriously, names unknown.

Progress of the Tornado.

A shower passed over St. Louis earlier in the day, but there had been no rain in North St. Louis. The sky had cleared and the atmosphere had become very murky and hot when citizens in North St. Louis noticed a dark cloud approaching from the southwest. Suddenly, and without the slightest premonition, an arm seemed to shoot to the ground like a gigantic cable, twisting and turning. The end touched the ground at Nineteenth and Angelrod streets and with incredible swiftness and force, swept east along Angelrod for ten blocks, then turned north and swept three blocks along Broadway, when it jumped eight blocks northeast to the foot of Bremen street and the river, where considerable property along the river front was destroyed. The tornado then jumped to about the middle of the river and encountered a ferryboat, which was turned and tossed about, but was not sunk. Leaving the ferry, the capricious tornado once more jumped and struck the Illinois shore near Madison, where it demolished several dwellings, the Leidekrantz hall and blew down a portion of the Madison cooper works, killing John Ellington. Serious damage was done also to buildings in Venice and Granite City, which adjoin Madison, and a number of persons were injured.

People Terror-Stricken.

So quickly did the tornado sweep through North St. Louis that the citizens could scarcely comprehend what had happened, and in the stillness that followed the wind cries were heard on all sides as terror-stricken persons ran about the streets. Not a telephone, telephone or trolley pole was left standing along the streets swept by the twister, and trees were piled in heaps. The width of the tornado was about a block and a half, and houses were unroofed, window panes were generally demolished, several large manufactories partially demolished, and the streets littered high with debris.

Trolley Car Wrecked.

A Broadway trolley car containing 11 passengers was suddenly buried under six telegraph poles which crashed into the top and wrecked the car. The passengers had a remarkable escape from injury and only the motorman received slight bruises.

Factories Damaged.

The roof and one-half of the top story of Sommers Bros.' Tailoring Manufacturing Company's establishment were blown away. Probably the heaviest loss suffered by a single concern was the destruction accomplished at the Niedringhaus rolling mill. The plant covers two squares in extent. The big smokestack was blown down and half the plant was demolished, entailing estimated damage of \$25,000. Six employes were injured in this plant. Part of the roof and two cupolas were blown from the Catholic church of Our Lady of Good Counsel. The side of the Buck Store & Range company plant was blown in.

Narrow Escapes.

Many remarkable escapes from death have been related by drivers of different delivery wagons. So suddenly did the tornado sweep down and along the streets that debris carried along by it crushed wagons like eggshells and hurled the drivers into the street. One driver whose name has not been ascertained was severely crushed, but by some remarkable circumstance the others escaped injury.

In St. Louis Proper.

In St. Louis proper, at the time, there was not the slightest intimation of a windstorm. The sky had darkened and a brisk breeze blew for a short time, as if heralding the approach of a summer shower, and the intelligence that North St. Louis had been invaded by a destructive tornado was received with great surprise.

The Force of the Storm.

The force of the storm blew in the north windows of the Utah state building at the world's fair grounds and rain did damage to the carpets and tapestries estimated at \$150 to \$200.

Song Averts Panic.

A concert was in progress in Festival hall at the exposition during the heavy thunderstorm Friday night, when suddenly there was a flash of lightning and immediately all the lights went out. Instantly the audience became panic-stricken and a panic was only prevented by a woman's voice taking up the strains of "America," the other joining in. Other familiar songs followed and the audience left the building singing, but without excitement.

In the Chinese Village on the Pike.

The celestials became panic-stricken and the officers were forced to draw rapiers to subdue the excitement. Lightning struck nearby and one Chinaman was severely shocked, while another jumped from the roof of the building

and broke his arm. The band stand in the plaza at St. Louis was struck by lightning and was burned before the rain extinguished the flames.

One Killed at Venice, Ill. Venice, Ill., Aug. 20.—The tornado that swept across the river from North St. Louis late Friday killed Mrs. Beal here, injured ten others and caused considerable damage to property. The tornado was of short duration, but was remarkably destructive in force. The tornado was soon jumping across the river, but almost before a word of alarm could be given it swept into Illinois north of Venice, turned and the next moment was ploughing its way through the streets. Mrs. Beal was killed by the falling debris of her home, which was blown to pieces. Later a pouring rain storm deluged Venice and added greatly to the damage already wrought by flooding unroofed residences and buildings.

Several Drowned. El Paso, Tex., Aug. 20.—A cloudburst at Globe, Ariz., has resulted in several deaths and the destruction of much property. Wires to the section affected are down, but a passenger who arrived at Bowie, Ariz., says that a man named Mitchell and his wife and four children, whose names are not known, have been drowned. One report says nine were drowned. The Southern Pacific shops were demolished.

IS VERY SERIOUS.

Little of a Hopeful Nature in Senator Hoar's Condition—His Malady.

Worcester, Mass., Aug. 20.—At 9:20 o'clock Friday night Senator Hoar was resting quietly. He had been given a very little opiate. Although the congestion in his left lung has not spread, the senator's condition is very serious. He has been informed of the multitude of messages of sympathy and is deeply moved by them.

Senator Hoar is suffering, it is believed, from a postmortal congestion of the left lung, due to impaired heart action, and the belief is slight that chances for his recovery are less than they were early in the morning. Doctors who have had similar cases say that the general breaking down of the senator physically with the congestion of the left lung is a bad omen, and they say that his chances for recovery are very slight, unless the lung clears immediately.

May Wheat Breaks Record.

Chicago, Aug. 20.—May wheat broke all records for the last six years Friday, when it touched \$1.13 1/2, and the excitement on the board of trade, which has been increasing daily since the adverse crop reports began pouring in from the northwest, reached its height. Not since the famous Letter "deal" of 1898, when wheat sold for \$1.85, has Friday's figure been reached, and the delirious bulls predict it will go still higher. New September, which closed Thursday at \$1.06 1/2, opened at \$1.08 and \$1.09 in different parts of the pit, dropped to \$1.07 1/2, and then soared to \$1.09 1/2.

Banker Spalding Released.

Chicago, Aug. 20.—Charles W. Spalding, the "banker convict," was Friday ordered released from the Joliet penitentiary. His petition for habeas corpus was granted by Judge Dunne. The order of the court releasing Spalding from imprisonment came at the close of the argument of the attorney general, who sought to block the issuance of the releasing order.

Fish Mysteriously Dying.

Albert, Minn., Aug. 20.—There is consternation over the death of fish in the lakes about here, and no one can explain the cause. Large pickerel, bullheads, suckers, perch and all kinds are dying. They seem to suffocate, although there is a good stage of water. Tons of fish are dead along the shores and must be hauled away and buried.

Big Crowd Expected.

San Francisco, Aug. 20.—The knights templar and their friends from the east who will attend the triennial convolve here beginning September 5th, are expected to form an immense crowd.

Grade-Crossing Accident.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Aug. 20.—Michael Callahan and John Markham, of Van Horn, were killed by a Chicago & Northwestern freight train Friday at a grade crossing near Blairtown.

A Fatal Quarrel.

Cincinnati, Aug. 20.—During a quarrel in a saloon, dice Friday, Isaac Adams was stabbed by John Parks. Adams died at the hospital, and Parks was arrested. Both are miners.

WHY WE WALK IN CIRCLES.

Reason for Leaving Straight Course When Lost Explained by a Biologist.

"Men lost in a fog or in a forest or in a desert walk in circles because one leg is longer than the other," said a biologist. "If you take a number of men and measure them you will find them to be uneven. Not more than seven or eight per cent. will have legs of equal length. About 30 per cent. will have the left leg longer than the right and 60 per cent. will have the right leg longer than the left. He whose left leg is the longer will, on getting lost, make a circle to the left. A longer right leg causes a right circle. In walking, you see, we make V's. Each leg moves forward and outward. The leg that is longer necessarily makes the longer step, and this longer step necessarily goes further outward than the other. Hence when we are lost we circle to the left or right, according to the leg's inequality."

Easily Identified Himself.

Potter—What makes you look so serious? Anything troubling you?
Clay—I've had a stroke of unusually hard luck. Been refused by a young woman before I had a chance to propose.

Potter—How did it happen?

Clay—I overheard Miss Dalryd say the other evening she wouldn't marry the best man in the world.—Boston Transcript.

Rather Egotistical.

Ho—You say she is always talking about her enemies?
She—Yes; and she's her own worst enemy.—Chicago Daily News.

LOCATION OF PORT ARTHUR FORTS AND RELATIVE POSITION OF THE JAPANESE.



The advanced position taken by the Japanese center column against Port Arthur is indicated in the map. This is a little south of Falingchang, or Falingwang, which is about two miles from the fortifications. The left wing of Nogai's forces, to the eastward, commands the forts from Takushan, while the right wing, now in the Pigeon Bay district, is closing in on the works guarding that region. The principal of these forts is Etseshan, one of the strongest in the whole circle of fortifications. The force that landed in Pigeon Bay is supposed to be in possession of Lang mountain, the Liant hills and White Wolf hill, south-west of Port Arthur, and within range of the town.

GREAT FORESTS BURN FIERCELY

IMMENSE DAMAGE IN THE FAR NORTHWEST.

ENORMOUS AREA IS ABLAZE

Houses and Lumber Mills in State of Washington and British Columbia Have Been Destroyed—Flames Spreading.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 20.—Fires are still raging in the great forests of Washington, doing incalculable damage. The fire in the neighborhood of Fourth Plain, not far from Vancouver, Wash., is still burning fiercely. Reports from that district show that seven houses have been destroyed, together with the mill of the Homestead Lumber company and large quantities of cut wood and many valuable trees. The situation is so serious that a detachment from the Vancouver barracks has been sent to the scene.

Wallway Terminus in Danger.

Wellington, B. C., Aug. 20.—The terminus of the Esquimalt & Northern railway is in great danger of being wiped out by fires, which surround it. Already much property, including the city schoolhouse of eight rooms, has gone. Owing to the dense smoke, it is impossible to penetrate to the lower end of the town, but it is known that the church, rectory and several large residences are in the greatest danger. The railway employes are fighting the flames, four locomotives hauling water. The fire is drifting towards the Hamilton powder works, and the greatest anxiety is felt, as a strong wind is driving the flames in that direction.

In British Columbia.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 20.—Owing to the long continued dry weather, forest fires are spreading throughout the interior and along the coast of British Columbia. Practically every district in the province which is wooded has its fire, and great tracts of valuable timber are ablaze. Nothing but heavy rains will prevent the further spread of the flames. There is so much smoke in the air that navigation is rendered difficult. Millions of feet of standing timber have already been destroyed by the flames.

Will Not Accept.

New York, Aug. 20.—Elliott Root has made it so plain to republican leaders, both national and state, that he will not accept the republican nomination for governor of New York that those who are in a position to know are confident that he will not be named for the place.

Adirondack Camp Burned.

Plattsburgh, N. Y., Aug. 20.—Fish Rock Camp, owned by Isaac Seligman, of New York, located on Upper Saranac lake, and said to have been the most beautiful and expensive camp in the Adirondacks, has been destroyed by fire of unknown origin. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

Victims of Treachery.

Algiers, Aug. 20.—Eighty-three horsemen sent by the Moorish pretender, Bu Hamara, to Chief Amada, of the Beni Buzzagora tribe, to ask his daughter in marriage, were treacherously murdered by the chief.

Suicide of Rich Sheep Man.

Roswell, N. M., Aug. 20.—J. Frank Kirby, formerly of Blue Springs, Mo., blew his brains out here Thursday. He was considered one of the wealthiest sheep men in this vicinity.

Quick Lunch in England.

The American system of quick lunch is gaining popularity in England. It is said to have been introduced by a revolutionary Irishman, who chuckles with joy as he sees the victims crowd in.

Back of the Flood.

"Macintosh boasts a good deal about his family, doesn't he?"
"Yes, I think he claims that the head of his family was the original Macintosh that Noah had with him during that rainy season."—Philadelphia Press.

RUSSIANS WILL DESTROY FLEET

IMPERATIVE ORDERS TO PORT ARTHUR SQUADRON.

JAPS MUST NOT CAPTURE IT

Should Forts Fall, Ships Must Sally Forth for Death Struggle, or Else Must Be Irreparably Destroyed.

Anxiety in St. Petersburg. St. Petersburg, Aug. 20.—Acute anxiety prevails regarding the situation at Port Arthur on account of the desperate character of the fighting as reported taking place though the war office does not seem to believe the danger of the fall of the fortress is so imminent as is generally asserted. According to reports received by the war office, there is still an ample supply of ammunition and provisions there. While it is realized that the Japanese probably outnumber the defenders six or sevenfold, the great strength of the fortifications, it is believed, will do much to make up for the disparity in numbers.

Must Fight to the Death.

Upon one point there is absolute unanimity here—namely, that if the fortress falls the fleet will not fall into the hands of the Japanese. On this point the admiralty's instructions are of the most imperative character. Vice Admiral Prince Ouktomsky has been ordered, should the worst come, to sally forth for a death struggle, and there is no question here that these instructions will be carried out, both in letter and in spirit, but if for any reason a final sortie proves to be impossible the admiral is to destroy his ships and make sure that their wrecks shall be absolutely irreparable.

Baltic Fleet Ready to Sail.

In the meantime Vice Admiral Rojdestvensky's Baltic squadron, including the battleship Orsk, is standing on Cronstadt with steam up. It is popularly expected that the squadron will sail at any hour and it is quite true that it is ready for almost immediate departure, but regarding the question of sailing there is a difference of opinion among the naval authorities. It is held on the one hand that the immediate sailing of the squadron would be the best policy, on the theory that should it arrive within two months it would find Vice Admiral Togo's fleet in an infinitely worse condition than if the Japanese were allowed the whole winter to repair and refit the ships. The advocates of an immediate sailing hold that the port of Vladivostok is capable of receiving the squadron, even should entrance to Port Arthur prove to be impracticable and they wish to treat the Port Arthur squadron for the present as a negligible quantity, letting the Baltic sea vessels meet the Japanese in the present weakened condition, without relying for any certain assistance from Vice Admiral Ouktomsky or Vice Admiral Skrydloff. Other officials hold that it would be unwise to risk sending the Baltic squadron to the far east until the situation at Port Arthur has been cleared and until it is known what conditions the squadron would be likely to find on its arrival.

Must Disarm or Leave.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Consul General Goodnow has called the state department from St. Paul that the Chinese intol there has reported against the claim of the Russian consul general and decided that the torpedo boat destroyer now at that port must go out or disarm by the 20th inst, and that and that the cruiser must do likewise by the 21st inst.

Sunk by a Mine.

Tokio, Aug. 20.—A Russian gunboat of the Orsk type struck a mine and sank off Laot promontory, the extreme southern point of the Kwang Tung peninsula on which Port Arthur is situated, at eight o'clock Thursday night. The Orskajin is an armored gunboat of 1,500 tons displacement, launched in 1894, and carries one 9-inch gun, one 6-inch gun and ten quick-firing guns. She has two torpedo tubes, has a speed of 15 knots and carries a crew of 142 men.

Japs Seize Steamer at Chefoo.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The state department has received a cablegram from Chefoo, dated Friday, as follows: "This morning several Japanese destroyers entered the harbor of Chefoo. Opposite the entrance they met an unknown steamer entering and took possession of her. There are two cruisers outside." The dispatch is so worded as to leave in doubt one of the most important points connected with the seizure, namely, the exact spot at which it took place, and whether without or within the territorial limits of the Japanese. The harbor of Chefoo state that there are two entrances from opposite directions and it is inferred from the above dispatch that the Japanese squadron approached through one of these entrances to find the unknown steamer referred to coming through the other entrance. The impression here is that consequently the seizure took place within the Chinese territorial waters. The incident is regarded as an evidence of the determination of the Japanese naval officers to disregard treaties in dealing with this question of Chinese neutrality. Coupled with the reported refusal of the Japanese government to release the Ryeshteln, also seized in Chefoo harbor, it is thought that the seizure indicates that while the Japanese may not assert the right of seizure in the international court at Shanghai they will not hesitate to attack and cut out any Russian ships that lie in Chefoo harbor, provided they are not dismantled to the absolute satisfaction of the Japanese naval officers.

Baby Rhino Pet.

The wife of the governor of north Borneo has a pet which few women will envy her. The governor's house is near a jungle, and from it strayed a baby rhinoceros. Captured as a curiosity he at once became tame and refused to return to his native wilds. He consumes 16 quarts of milk a day and on this diet thrives and grows fat. He might be mistaken for a queer sort of hog were it not for the horn in the middle of his face. He is devoted to his mistress and follows her about like a dog.

ATHLETICS AT FAIR.

TREAT FOR LOVERS OF STRENUOUS SPORTS AT ST. LOUIS.

Revival of Olympian Games at Exposition Will Present a Series of Contests Lasting from August 29 to September 3.

St. Louis, Aug. 15.—Lovers of the strenuous sports from every part of the world are gathering at St. Louis to take part in or witness the contests of world athletes in the Olympic games series, beginning at the Stadium on the World's Fair grounds on August 29. This is the most important athletic event of the times and the records made here will stand as permanent history.

Athens, the birthplace of these royal sports, revived the Olympic games eight years ago, and later at the Paris Exposition they were restored to their proper dignity as a world event. Upon the latter occasion American brawn and muscle conquered in most of the contests and the victories were brought for the first time to this side of the Atlantic.

On the World's Fair grounds in St. Louis, just as they were waged in the ancient Grecian arena, these games will be played again, Greek pitted against his Roman foe as of old, and Briton challenging the strength and prowess of the American. The Indian, the Japanese, the Filipino and half a dozen other races will be represented in these contests, and the winners of the prizes will be victors indeed.

While these sports are revived from the long ago, they are by no means to be old-fashioned. All of the contests are under the auspices of the American Athletic union, and the officials who have charge of the events were appointed by the union. Modern rules will prevail throughout all of the games.

The programme of the Olympic series follows:

Monday, Aug. 29.—Sixty-meter run; throwing the 16-pound hammer; 400-meter run; 2,500-meter steeplechase; standing broad jump; running high jump.

Tuesday, Aug. 30.—Marathon race, 40 kilometers.

Wednesday, Aug. 31.—Two hundred-meter run; putting the 16-pound shot; lifting bar bell; standing high jump; international tug-of-war (trials); teams of five men each, weight unlimited; 400-meter hurdle race.

Thursday, Sept. 1.—Eight hundred-meter run; throwing 66-pound weight for distance; 200-meter hurdle race; running broad jump; running hop, step and jump; tug-of-war (final); dumb-bell competition, first section.

Saturday, Sept. 3.—One hundred-meter run; throwing the discus; dumb-bell, second section; 1,500-meter run; 110-meter run; pole vault for height; three standing jumps; international team race, each country to start five men.

In connection with the above scratch events for the championship of the world, the following handicap events will be given:

Monday, Aug. 29.—One hundred and twenty-yard hurdle; running broad jump; 880-yard run; putting the 16-pound shot.

Wednesday, Aug. 31.—One mile

100-yard run; high jump; pole vault. Thursday, Sept. 1.—Two hundred



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and twenty-yard run; 220-yard hurdle; throwing the discus; throwing the 56-pound weight for distance.

Saturday, Sept. 3.—Sixty-yard run; 440-yard run; throwing the 16-pound hammer; team race, handicap, one mile, teams of four men, each man to run 440 yards.

All around dumb-bell contest.—Ten sections, divided into two divisions, five out of the ten sections each day, viz.: First day, one, two, five, seven, eight; second day, three, four, six, nine, ten. Section 1—Holding out one dumb-bell in each hand at arm's length, the bells to be started with the arm perpendicular above the head and dropped down from there to straight out at arm's length from the shoulder horizontally.

Section 2—Curling one dumb-bell in one hand. Section 3—Curling one dumb-bell in each hand at the same time. Section 4—Tossing up one dumb-bell from the ground to the shoulder with one hand. Section 5—Tossing up one dumb-bell in one hand from the ground to arm's length above the shoulders in one motion without stopping at the shoulder. Section 6—Pushing up slowly one dumb-bell with one hand from the shoulder to arm's length above the shoulder. Section 7—Jerking up one dumb-bell with one hand from the shoulder to arm's length above the shoulder. Section 8—Pushing up slowly one dumb-bell with one hand from the shoulder to arm's length above the shoulder.

A Resolve.

Cousin Kate—Now that you are well off, Charles, you mustn't let them say of you, "A fool and his money are soon parted."

Cousin Charles—No, you bet I won't. I'll show 'em that I'm an exception to the rule.—N. Y. Life.

Measured by Feet.

"What makes Brown so haughty these days?"

"Why, his secret benevolent association has elected him to an office that has a title seven feet longer than any title there is in Smith's secret society."—Chicago Post.

His Experience.

"Your southern girls," said the northerner, "are so funny. Nearly all of them say, 'Yes, indeedy.'"

"Not all of them," replied the southern youth, dimly, "some of them say 'No, indeedy.'"—Philadelphia Ledger.

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