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FREAK STORMS, HEAT AND RABIES CLAIM VICTIMS

Two Deaths in Chicago and Eight Prostrations, With Maximum Temperature of 91 Degrees

INCH OF RAIN FALLS IN CHICO SECTION

Storm at Los Angeles Breaks Record of Thirty-five Years

(Special Dispatch to The Call) CHICAGO, June 26.—Two deaths, eight serious prostrations and 12 persons bitten by rabid dogs marked the continued heat in Chicago today. The maximum was 91 degrees, tempered by a 16 mile southwest wind, which helped dispel the humidity.

Forecasters say there is some hope of a thunder storm early tomorrow, which will clear the atmosphere, but the heat wave will continue as long as the wind is blowing from the gulf region.

Dispatches from other cities tell of much suffering, more especially from stifling humidity than from extreme heat. In the country regions crops are making rapidly, and the only complaint, aside from great personal discomfort and injury to livestock, is the scarcity of water and the unusual plagues of mosquitoes.

FREAKISH CONDITIONS The weather map shows some freakish conditions. St. Louis, with a maximum of 92, has the same temperature as Milwaukee, Oklahoma City and Denver.

RAINS REPORTED Rains are reported tonight in Massachusetts, lower Texas, lower Florida, northern Louisiana, generally over Michigan, generally over Canada and in scattered points in South Dakota, Minnesota and Montana.

Heat Causes Accident MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 26.—One man was killed and another probably fatally injured while seeking relief from the heat today.

Ample Ice Shipments CINCINNATI, June 26.—Ample shipments of ice from outside points and a free distribution by small dealers prevented suffering today, which was one of the hottest days of the summer.

Storm Sweeps Kasota KASOTA, Minn., June 26.—A wind storm which almost reached the proportions of a tornado swept over this place today, doing more than \$150,000 damage to property.

Southern Records Broken LOS ANGELES, June 26.—It rained here today, breaking an official record of 25 years. In three and a half hours six-hundredths of an inch of water was registered in the government weather office.

SUPERVISORS ORDER STREET IMPROVEMENT Works Board is Ordered to Begin Work Provided in the New Budget

Important improvements to streets for which funds are provided in the new budget were recommended by the supervisors' street committee yesterday.

Directions were given the board of works to prepare plans and specifications and hurry the work, which includes the following:

Table with 2 columns: Project Name and Amount. Includes items like Ocean Avenue, First Avenue, and various streets.

Natives Give Benefit For Homeless Children

Miss Anita Peters, who produced "California, I Love You," at N. S. G. W. and N. D. G. W. benefit.



Photoplay, "The Cliff House Baby," Illustrates Charitable Work of Two Organizations

Augmented by several professional vaudeville acts, the initial performance of "The Cliff House Baby" was given under the auspices of the N. S. G. W. and N. D. G. W. central committee on homeless children at the Valencia theater last night.

RAY'S CASE LIKE THAT OF DREYFUS

Army Officer Declared by Friends to Have Been Unfairly Treated

(Special Dispatch to The Call) CHICAGO, June 26.—The American Dreyfus' was the characterization applied today to Major Beecher B. Ray of the United States army headquarters in Chicago, by friends of the officer, who declared President Wilson's attitude in refusing to promote Major Ray to the rank of lieutenant colonel "because of his record" to be due to ill founded charges and star chamber hearings.

Major Ray, when seen at his office in the federal building today, declined to discuss the quoted statement of the president, that he declined to promote him "because the record of the officer had been such as to indicate that he is disqualified for promotion."

COMMITTEE MAKES PLANS TO ENTERTAIN Ways and Means Committee of Exposition Discusses Best Policies to Be Pursued

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the ways and means committee of 200 of the Panama-Pacific International exposition held for the purpose of discussing the best policies to pursue in entertaining visitors to San Francisco in the traditional hospitable way.

President C. C. Moore, F. W. Dohrmann and R. B. Hale addressed the meeting. Mr. Dohrmann was elected chairman of the committee and empowered to call a meeting of the committee in the near future to promote the securing of larger attendance at receptions and other functions given by the exposition.

COL. MERRILL SUED FOR FIVE TRONA FIRM SHARES Dolbear's Assignee Seeking to Recover \$5,000 Stock. Charges Note Securities Are Withheld

Suit to recover \$5,000 worth of stock, consisting of 5 shares in the California Trona company, from Colonel E. H. Merrill was filed yesterday in the superior court by Edmund H. Parry, assignee for C. E. Dolbear, one of the original locators of the Seearie lake salts deposits.

FINGER PRINTS ELIMINATED BY BROKER'S SLAYER

Investigation Into Murder of C. E. Pendell Only Tends to Increase Confusion of Circumstances

LOS ANGELES, June 26.—Investigation today into the murder of Charles E. Pendell, the money lender, only tended to increase the confusion of circumstances surrounding the case.

Examination of the safety deposit boxes in two banks where the real estate dealer and money lender kept his valuables and papers also failed to prove that anything was missing which might have a connection with the murder.

Nothing was left in the room except possessions of the murdered man.

DAVID PARTEN, a hanger-on in a private detective's office next door to Pendell's, was released late today. His examination produced nothing.

Scores Senator Works Backs Man in Bribe Net

Kansas City Lawyer Rebukes Prosecution of Poor Carpenter

(Special Dispatch to The Call) SANTA BARBARA, June 26.—C. H. Ercanbrack, the Santa Barbara carpenter, who leaped into national notoriety two weeks ago, when he was arrested for offering a \$1,000 bribe to United States Senator Works as payment for the Santa Barbara postmastership, has found a friend in a Kansas City attorney and broker, H. B. Kelley, who has written Senator Works a caustic letter of disapproval of the arrest.

Here is Mr. Kelley's opinion of the case, as expressed to Senator Works: "Dear Sir: It hardly seems probable that you contemplate appearing as complaining witness against one who has passed a life of toil, who does not belong in the class of politicians, scholars or statesmen, a stranger to every phase of the life which you are familiar, your senior, perhaps, 15 years, but your junior in experience, in acquaintance with the higher life, with public officials, education and intelligence."

ST. LOUIS, June 26.—Mrs. E. D. Wicks of Pueblo, Colo., and Mrs. A. C. Jewell of Port Arthur, Tex., were injured when three Pullman cars and a day coach on a Vandallia train, west bound from New York, overturned 11 miles east of St. Louis today.

CHURCH MINORITY APPEALS TO STATE BODY OF BAPTISTS

Ousted Members of Doctor Kelly's Flock Refuse to Accept Discipline Meted to Them

(Special Dispatch to The Call) SAN JOSE, June 26.—That they will not accept the discipline meted out to them by the controlling faction in the First Baptist church was the assertion today of members whose ousting without a hearing for "creating strife and dissension" resulted last night in the application of some of the most prominent members for letters of withdrawal.

TORNADO IN NEBRASKA; HAIL INJURES CROPS Ice in Wake of Twister Causes Damage Estimated at \$100,000; Kenesaw Is Struck

LINCOLN, Neb., June 26.—A tornado, accompanied by a terrific hail and rain storm, swept over central Nebraska last night, damaging crops and tearing its way through the village of Kenesaw, 100 miles west of Lincoln, where several farm buildings were demolished, but no lives lost. The hail pounded the crops into the ground.

Damage was estimated at \$100,000. The storm was followed by general rains over southern Nebraska.

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