

FIERCE MARCH GALES

Many States Suffer Loss of Life and Property.

HEAVY DAMAGE CAUSED IN CHICAGO.

Telephone and Telegraph Lines Badly Crippled Throughout the Middle West—Tornado Cuts Wide Swath in Texas.

CHICAGO, March 11.—One of the worst windstorms of the season struck Chicago early yesterday and during the two hours that it was at its height damaged property throughout the city to the extent of \$175,000.

The storm is believed to have been most severe in southern Wisconsin. Along a short stretch of the Milwaukee road in southern Wisconsin 500 telegraph poles are down.

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At the life saving station at the mouth of the Chicago river it was considered the worst gale which has struck Chicago harbor since 1894.

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DETROIT, March 11.—Over 10,000 telephones were rendered useless yesterday by the rain which fell and froze during the entire morning.

ROCHESTER, March 11.—A severe thunder and lightning storm passed over Rochester between 9 and 10 o'clock last night.

Little Rock, March 11.—The heavy rain, wind and thunder storms which swept over Arkansas did great damage.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The hard rainfall which began about 8 o'clock Sunday night and continued until nearly noon yesterday served to relieve Manhattan from the prospect of a water famine.

ANNAPOLIS, March 13.—The bill to amend the election laws so as to prevent illiterate from voting passed the house shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

OSWEGO, N. Y., March 13.—A weekly newspaper, non-partisan politically and called The Pathfinder, has been started here with it is said, a large financial backing.

HARRISON DYING

End Expected at Any Time—All Hopes Abandoned.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 13.—The latest bulletin says that the condition of General Harrison remained practically unchanged, with the exception that he was resting a little easier.

Dr. Jameson reports the condition of General Harrison as extremely critical. It is impossible at this time to accurately state how long the patient will be able to withstand the deepening of the congestion.

Late last night Dr. Jameson gave out the following statement: "General Harrison is growing weaker. The congestion is spreading, which is



BENJAMIN HARRISON.

alarming. He may live 35 or 40 hours, but I fear the end is now near.

The increase in the number of respirations is an alarming sign to myself and the other physicians. It indicates that the inflammation is deepening and spreading. The present situation shows that General Harrison is battling for recovery with all the force and strength of a magnificent constitution and assisted by the vigor of a life lived according to the rules of hygiene, but battling unsuccessfully. He is gradually growing worse.

ALL TO CHARITY. Eccentric Woman Left \$300,000 to Various Societies.

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A ONE SIDED FIGHT.

German Troops Still Killing Chinamen.

ACTIVITY NEAR THE GREAT WALL.

Berlin Authorities Puzzled to Know the Reason For the Movement of Chinese Troops at That Point.

BERLIN, March 13.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Count von Waldersee, dated Peking, March 11:

"In the fight west of Suling pass we had only one slightly wounded. The Chinese left 250 dead on the field.

"Our cavalry, with four quickfiring, pursued the Chinese 20 miles. A battalion remains at Fen-ping and westward from the great wall in order to prevent a return of the Chinese troops."

Official circles in Berlin declare that it is impossible to judge how exactly what leads to the Chinese activity around the great wall. The Russian papers are spreading reports that the movement there is engineered by General Tung Fu Hsiang and Prince Tuan for the reconquest of Manchuria.

The statement that Russia insists upon China's signature to the Manchurian convention rests upon Chinese authority, but Germany has no reason to suppress such information, and the fact remains that the agreement has not yet been signed.

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TREATY REJECTED.

Amended Hay-Pauncefote Document Spurned by England.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador, appeared at the state department yesterday and handed Secretary Hay a memorandum embracing an instruction from Lord Lansdowne, the British minister for foreign affairs, in regard to the Hay Pauncefote treaty.

The memorandum explains Great Britain's reasons for not accepting the senate amendment to the treaty and expresses regret that the negotiations should have been brought to such a conclusion.

There is nothing in the British answer to suggest that a reopening of negotiations for a new treaty would be welcomed by Great Britain; in fact, the answer indicates that the Salisbury cabinet regards the question of arranging a convention to take the place of the Bulwer-Clayton treaty as ended.

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