

Domestic

Three bandits executed a daring holdup on the Rocky Mountain Limited, of the Rock Island Railroad, going through the chair car and passenger coaches, taking all the passengers' valuables at the points of revolvers.

Dr. Edward Glasco, a prominent young physician, of Brazil, Ind., is dead, and his wife though slightly wounded in the breast, was placed under arrest following a mysterious shooting on a lonely road.

The federal grand jury at Jamestown, N. Y., has returned additional indictments against the Pennsylvania and New York Central Railroads and the Standard Oil Company.

District Attorney Jerome has asked for a special grand jury, presumably to consider the destruction of books previous to the merger of New York's street railways.

Burton Plummer, aged 19 years, confesses that he set fire to the Normandie Hotel, at Columbus, O., because he was jealous of the attentions of a clerk to a waitress.

William Sumner Lapworth, son of a wealthy Massachusetts manufacturer, has married a loom girl, the daughter of a farm laborer, employed in his father's plant.

The Chicago office of the Postal Telegraph Company has sued the Telegraphers' Union for alleged non-payment for messages filed by strikers.

The date for the beginning of the trial of United States Senator Borah at Boise, Idaho, has been fixed for September 23. He is accused of conspiring to defraud the government by securing illegal entry of timber lands.

At Scott Haven and Suterville, on the Pittsburgh Division of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, an attempt was made to wreck the New York express by drawing spikes from the tracks. A fast freight train was derailed.

The cruiser Flygia, with Prince William on board, sailed at dawn from Boston for Sweden. The Prince and Lieutenant Commander de Klerker arrived just after midnight from Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

In New York the directors of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent. on capital stock and an extra dividend of 6 per cent.

The State Board of Railroad Commissioners of Kansas issued an order for the establishment of a flat two-cent-a-mile passenger fare in that state.

At Little Rock the Farmer's National Co-operative and Educational Union fixed the minimum price for middling cotton at 15c. a pound.

Charles H. Deeve, millionaire plow manufacturer, is in a private hospital in Chicago. His malady is said to be fatal.

City Engineer McNulty, of Salisbury, N. C., was convicted of manslaughter for the murder of Robert Owens.

A great-granddaughter of President Zachary Taylor is confined in a New York insane asylum.

The first shipload of immigrants to Savannah will arrive about the middle of October.

Instead of leaving Oyster Bay for Canton, O., on the 29th, the President will depart September 25 and go from there to Washington, where he will remain until September 29.

Alfred H. Smith, vice president and general manager of the New York Central Railroad, must stand trial for a wreck on the road in which 21 persons were killed.

George Bosworth, a Bowdoin College student, who was working as a railway brakeman, got funds for his education, was killed in jumping from a train.

Three Black Hand Italians were captured in the act of taking money from a New Yorker whose life they had threatened.

Foreign

The Peruvian Chamber of Deputies approved the contract of Alfred McCune, of New York, for the construction of the Cerro de Pasco, Nuacho and Ucayali River Railroads.

France and Spain will occupy the littoral ports of Morocco with their own forces and establish police organizations of native Moors, in order to establish order.

A large force of reserves is digging in the snow in an effort to save 50 persons buried under the snow avalanche in Chile.

The Prussian health officers announced that a raftsmen from Russia who descended the Vistula died of cholera.

Emperor Nicholas has given Premier Stolypin permission to wear the Japanese Order of the Sun of Paulownia.

Dr. Maurice F. Egan, new American minister to Denmark, presented his credentials to King Frederick.

An account of the success of Professor Koch in treating sufferers in Central Africa for the sleeping sickness was received in Berlin.

An unfounded rumor that an attempt had been made on the life of Emperor Francis Joseph caused a stir in Vienna.

King Edward decorated M. Iawolsky, the Russian Foreign Minister, with the Grand Cross of the Vatican Order.

The German finance ministry announced a surplus, an unusual experience for the imperial government.

A doctor declared Mrs. Amy Root, of Rochester, N. Y., who created a scene in Paris, to be insane.

Germany is watching events in Morocco, and will prevent the Egyptianization of that country.

A Russian emigrant died suddenly on a train near Thorn, Germany, possibly from cholera.

The anti-Jewish disorders, after being in progress for several days, were finally stopped.

ROCK ISLAND FLYER'S ENGINE JUMPS TRACK

Twelve People Killed and Seven Severely Injured.

WAS TRYING TO MAKE UP LOST TIME.

The Baggage and Mail Cars Telescoped and the Smoking Car Demolished—All the Dead Taken From the Smoker—Passengers in Other Cars Shaken Up.

Waterloo, Ia. (Special).—Twelve persons were killed and 12 others injured in the wreck of an express train on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad at Norris, Ia. The express train, northbound, jumped the track while going at full speed and crashed into a freight train standing on the siding.

All of the dead and injured were in the smoking car, which was immediately behind the baggage and mail car. The smoking car was demolished.

The north-bound express was 10 minutes late at Norris, where the freight train was awaiting. The express came along at terrific speed in an effort to make up time. Just as the locomotive of the passenger train was about to pass the freight locomotives the trucks of the former left the track and the moving engine crashed into the engine of the freight, wrecking both locomotive and telescoping the baggage and the mail cars and demolishing the smoking car. The passengers in the two day coaches following the smoking car escaped with a violent shaking up. Rescuers were immediately at hand to care for the injured and to take the dead from the wreckage.

IN MEMORY OF MCKINLEY.

The Shaft To Martyr-President Unveiled In Drenching Rain.

Buffalo, N. Y. (Special).—In a heavy downpour of rain and before a vast multitude, the McKinley monument on Niagara Square was dedicated this afternoon and formally turned over to the State of New York through Gov. Charles E. Hughes.

Great anxiety was caused by anarchist circulars recently distributed, threatening to kill Governor Hughes as President McKinley had been killed.

There was no intimation that there would be a slaughter of all who took part in the ceremonies. These circulars were printed. They were handed to the authorities yesterday by the recipients. All of the city officials were, therefore, keenly alert.

Four Pinkerton detectives guarded the Governor closely all day and city detectives practically surrounded his carriage all along the line of march. No one at all suspicious was allowed to approach it. No attempt was made and the police breathed easier when the exercises were over.

The Governor was not informed of the matter, and every effort was made to keep it from the public.

The ceremonies were brief, but none the less impressive. Assembled on the stand near the monument with Governor Hughes were men prominent in the State and nation, and also from the Dominion of Canada. Back of the speakers' platform was a grandstand filled with business and professional men of Buffalo, and Western New York, with their wives and daughters. Another large body, consisting of the Grand Army Veterans, who always halted President McKinley as "Comrade," formed in a circle in front of the speaker's stand, and on the steps of the monument.

Interspersed with them in striking contrast to their plain blue uniforms and battle flags were the scarlet-coated Canadian troopers.

But by far the mightiest part of the assemblage was the multitude which banked Niagara Square and the approaching streets as far as the eye could see. Tops of houses and the roofs of nearby skyscrapers in the business section were used as vantage points from which to view the monument and its surroundings.

It was before just such a crowd that President McKinley, six years ago, delivered his last memorable address, which breathed a spirit of amity for the Nations of the Western Hemisphere, and spoke for an extension of Pan-Americanism in its broadest sense.

PLAGUE BEYOND CONTROL.

San Francisco Appeals To The President.

Washington (Special).—Bubonic plague in San Francisco has admittedly got beyond the control of the city authorities. The Acting Mayor of the city appealed to President Roosevelt to have the Federal Government assume entire charge of all measures for coping with the plague.

In consequence President Roosevelt communicated with Surgeon-General Walter Wyman, in charge of the Public Health and Marine Service, and the Federal authorities are now in full charge in the afflicted city.

Dr. Wyman believes that the disease can be eradicated in San Francisco, and its spread prevented. He has been giving it very close attention for some time past, and had already been co-operating with the local authorities.

Boy Gets Life Sentence.

Bath, Me. (Special).—Life imprisonment at hard labor in state prison was the sentence imposed by Judge Whitehouse in the Supreme Court upon Sidney K. Preble, the 15-year-old boy who was found guilty by a jury of the murder of his companion, Norris Wheaton. When the sentence was pronounced Preble bowed two or three times to the clerk and, looking around the courtroom, smiled for the first time during his trial.

CARTER WOMAN ACQUITTED

Bank Teller's Friend May Also Get \$7,400 Reward.

New York (Special).—Mrs. Laura M. Carter, who has been on trial for a week on a charge of receiving stolen money, was acquitted by the jury. She was accused of having received from Chester B. Runyan, the defaulting teller of the Windsor Trust Company, \$5,000 of the \$82,000 he stole from the bank.

One of the jurors said after the verdict had been returned that the jurors agreed that the testimony of Runyan, who was the principal witness against Mrs. Carter, be entirely ignored on the ground that Runyan was a self-confessed thief.

Runyan testified that he first met Mrs. Carter in the street and that he arranged with her to conceal him. This was before his sensational departure from the bank with \$82,000 in bills concealed in his suit case. He testified that he told her he was short in his accounts.

After taking all his money in his custody, he testified, he went to live in a flat with Mrs. Carter in Harlem. He said he gave her \$5,000 at once and that a day or two later she demanded \$10,000 more, saying that if she did not get it she would betray him. This sum, he said, he also gave her.

Mrs. Carter admitted getting \$5,000, but said that as soon as she knew it had been stolen she returned it to him and then betrayed him to the police. She denied absolutely that she demanded or received the additional \$10,000, as Runyan testified.

Immediately after the verdict Mrs. Carter was released from custody. She said she had not decided whether she would demand the reward offered for Runyan's capture, which amounted to \$7,400.

BANKER'S WIDOW HELD

Had Said Burglar Killed Her Husband.

Cleveland, O. (Special).—Developments in the investigation into the death of John J. Phillips, coal operator, broker, banker and clubman, came thick and fast Wednesday, and took a sensational turn late in the afternoon, when Mrs. Phillips, widow of the deceased, was taken into custody by Chief of Police Stamberger, of the aristocratic suburb, East Cleveland. Mrs. Phillips has been in a highly nervous state since the tragedy, early Monday morning, after which announcement was made that her husband had been shot and mortally wounded by a burglar. Wednesday afternoon she collapsed, and was not able to attend the funeral, which took place from the house, with only immediate relatives present. It was shortly following this that Chief Stamberger, of East Cleveland, announced that, after a conference with Deputy Coroner Houck and others, he had taken the widow into custody, and that four deputies would guard her in her home until she recovers sufficiently to be taken before a justice of the peace.

The police are reticent in the case, and whether they really believe Mrs. Phillips culpable in the murder or whether they merely believe that she can give facts concerning the tragedy which would solve the mystery surrounding it does not appear at this time.

The inquest into the death of Phillips was resumed by Deputy Coroner Houck. Dr. C. L. Richardson, the first witness, testified he had not been summoned until 4 A. M., more than three hours after Phillips was shot. He had been called by telephone, Mrs. Phillips admitted him to the house. She exclaimed:

"Oh, Doctor, something dreadful has happened! Mr. Phillips has been shot by a burglar."

He found the wounded man in bed. He called Dr. Rhodes. After they reached the house Phillips asked them to leave the bedroom a minute as he wished to talk with his wife. Husband and wife were together alone for, perhaps, two minutes. He said there was a trace of blood on the stairway. The bed in which Phillips was found was much stained by blood. When the physicians reached Phillips they realized immediately, Dr. Richardson said, he could not live but a short time. He had told them both he wanted as little publicity as possible connected with the affair.

While the funeral arrangements were in progress in the Phillips' home the police ransacked the house in search for the revolver or other evidence in connection with the case, but, as far as is known, no revolver was found.

Phillips' secretary reiterated his belief that, with the life insurance policies left by him, the estate would pay off all of Phillips' debts, and possibly leave something for the family. The policies, however, have not been found.

IN THE FINANCIAL WORLD.

Another \$500,000 gold was engaged for export to Germany.

There was a decline of 6 points in Pittsburgh Coal preferred.

The "Iron Trade Review" says: "All centers report further weakening of pig iron prices. Blowing out of several Eastern furnaces is scheduled for next few weeks, which is expected to have stimulating effect on market."

The interest on New York's \$40,000,000 of 4 1/2 per cent. bonds will amount to about \$90,000,000 in the 50 years during which they run. Bankers comment adversely on such expensive financing.

Erie Railroad directors finally took action on the first and second preferred stock dividends. Cash dividends are suspended, but scrip dividends are paid on both classes of stock.

Great Northern Ore certificates advanced 5 points, accompanied by rumors that a large extra dividend will be paid this year.

UNCLE SAM WILL NOT BE CAUGHT NAPPING

Government Preparing For a Clash With Japan.

ALL READY FOR THE BIG FLEET.

Extensive Arrangements on the Pacific Coast for the Care and Equipment of the Warships That Are to Be Sent There—A Strategic Move of Vast Significance.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Admiral Cowles, chief of the Bureau of Equipment of the Navy Department, and Admiral Capps, chief of the Construction Bureau of the same department, have just returned from the Pacific coast, where they have been making arrangements for the care and equipment of the big battleship fleet when it arrives on the Pacific coast after its cruise of 14,000 miles from ocean to ocean.

Admiral Cowles, who has charge of the bureau of the department which is looking after the coal supply for the great fleet on its long cruise, paid special attention while on the Pacific coast to arranging for a sufficient amount of coal to fill the empty bunkers of the big ships when they arrive at the end of their journey.

Admiral Capps paid special attention to the condition of the various naval stations and drydocks, especially those at San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Cal., and Bremerton, in Washington state. He found that at all these places the officers in charge were making good progress in carrying out the instructions already received from Washington, and that everything would be ready for the systematic docking of the vessels and making such repairs as will be necessary when the fleet arrives on the Pacific coast.

In fact, both the naval officers reported to the department that everything would be ready for the fleet and for its care, whether the ships make a short or a long stay on the Pacific coast. The only trouble anticipated was the present difficulty in procuring labor on the Pacific coast, but even despite this the officers found all the naval stations to be in satisfactory condition.

While the Navy Department has been preparing for the arrival of the fleet in the Pacific, the War Department has not been neglectful, and while the officials all scout the idea of any trouble with Japan or other foreign nations, the officials have made preparations for an inspection of the fortifications and defenses of the ports in the Philippines.

An order was issued to Lieutenant Colonel Frederick V. Abbott, Corps of Engineers, and Capt. Stanley B. Embick, Coast Artillery Corps, to proceed at the earliest practicable date to the Philippine Islands for the purpose of carrying out instructions pertaining to the construction of fortifications at Manila and Subic Bays. As these officers will arrive in Manila when Secretary of War Taft is in the Philippines, their inspection of the fortifications and the starting of the construction of such work at Manila and elsewhere will no doubt be done under his personal supervision.

The United States has leased, according to statements from Shanghai, a coaling station in Novik Bay, south of Vladivostok, for a term of five years, and from the same source comes the report that this government had leased the floating drydock at Vladivostok for the coming winter.

The officials at the department took especial occasion to deny that any such transaction had taken place, but as one officers significantly remarked, that Secretary Taft was coming home from the Philippines via Vladivostok, and that on his arrival at that place it would not be difficult for him to stop there long enough to inspect the coaling station and the drydock. Furthermore, the United States cruiser Chattanooga had recently visited Vladivostok and her officers had a doubt inspected the port and reported its availability to this government for a naval station.

Despite the perfunctory denials at the department in Washington that the visit of the battleship fleet to the Pacific means anything but a cruise for instruction and experience, the feeling is gradually growing in Washington that it is a strategic move on the part of the administration, which while it does not indicate any of immediate hostilities, is a move to prevent any such in the near future.

Lightning Strikes Boat.

New Orleans (Special).—At the height of a storm on Lake Pontchartrain the oyster patrol boat Majestic was struck by lightning and destroyed by fire. The crew had narrow escapes, getting away in lifeboats in heavy seas. The Majestic, which is an auxiliary schooner, was owned by the State of Louisiana and used to regulate the oyster industry.

Lightning Kills Five.

Raleigh, N. C. (Special).—Lightning struck the power-house of the electric plant at Buckhorn, killing five men and injuring between 20 and 25 others. Owing to the wires being down it is impossible to obtain the names of those killed and injured. The extent of damage to the property has not been learned.

Ex-Consul A Suicide.

Washington (Special).—Dr. William H. Abercrombie, who was formerly American Consul at Nagasaki, Japan, committed suicide at the fashionable Stoneleigh Court Apartment House, on Connecticut Avenue, by inhaling illuminating gas. None of his friends know of any motive for his act. His body was discovered shortly after 8 A. M., when a colored maid detected the odor of gas and notified the clerk.

The Nation's Capital

Some Interesting Happenings Briefly Told.

The pleas of the fourth-class midshipmen that their sentences of dismissal from the Naval Academy be reduced have been denied by Acting Secretary Newberry.

The White House has been newly painted, while 14 tons of old paint have been scraped and burned from the exterior of the mansion.

Richard Gregory, colored, confessed having murdered William Garner at Rock Creek Park, four miles from Georgetown.

Action upon the project to remove the Constitution from the Boston Navy Yard has been indefinitely postponed.

All the Cabinet officers are expected to be at their desks in Washington by the latter part of September.

Charges of land frauds in New Mexico are being investigated by the Department of Justice.

Miss May Grace Quackenbos, member of the New York bar, has been given the title of assistant district attorney, and is doing special work for the government in New Orleans.

The Navy Department stated authoritatively that President Roosevelt does not intend to create two battleship fleets.

Central American ministers have held several conferences over President Roosevelt's invitation for a peace congress.

The Treasury Department received a certificate of deposit for \$50,000 from the Jamestown Exposition managers.

All records for work on the Panama Canal were broken during the month of August.

Two new cases of yellow fever in Cuba were reported to the War Department.

The new 20,000-ton battleship will be designated as the New York.

Congressman Burton's decision to be a candidate for mayor of Cleveland is regarded as the beginning of a fight to a finish between President Roosevelt and Senator Foraker.

Two of the four Annapolis naval cadets recommended for dismissal for infractions of the rules have sent appeals to the Acting Secretary of the Navy.

The commission of Capt. Edwin C. Pendleton to be a rear admiral was signed by Acting Secretary of the Navy Newberry.

The War Department has just issued a new edition of the regulations for the uniform of the United States Army.

Richard H. Pollon has been designated as superintendent of the Revenue Cutter Service in Santo Domingo.

The Commissioner of Fisheries denies that there would be an oyster famine this winter.

The Navy Department was advised that the cruiser squadron, consisting of the West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Colorado, arrived at Honolulu from Japan.

Bids were opened at the Navy Department for the construction of five torpedo-boat destroyers.

Admiral Evans has taken his big battleship fleet on a cruise northward from Hampton Roads.

SEVEN WERE KILLED.

Havoc Wrought By A Stroke Of Lightning.

Raleigh, N. C. (Special).—Details of the disastrous effect of a lightning stroke at Buckhorn Falls, in Chatham County, show that seven men were killed and ten injured.

A heavy storm had forced 50 to 70 men to seek shelter in the cement house of the Buckhorn Falls power plant. Lightning struck a large tree back of the house, and the tree splitting, fell over on the building, instantly killing two whites and five negroes and injuring three whites and seven negroes, all of them residents of this vicinity. All of the victims were employees of the Phoenix Construction Company, which has charge of the plant.

David Pepper, Jr., and the S. Morgan Smith Company, of New York, are interested in the contract work at the plant.

Torn To Pieces By Train.

Kankakee, Ill. (Special).—A man whose body was found scattered for three miles along the track of the Illinois Central Railroad, near Clifton, was identified by Superintendent Greene, of the State Insane Asylum, as Alfred B. Steinmaier, 23 years old, who had been an inmate of the asylum for 12 years. He was an epileptic, and it is believed that he fell in a fit on the railroad track.

Indictments Stand.

San Francisco (Special).—The motion made by the attorney representing Patrick Calhoun, Thornwell Mullaly, Terry L. Ford, William Abbott, E. E. Schmits, Abraham Reuf, Frank Drum, Eugene DeSabra, John Martin and Louis Glass, to set aside and dismiss the various bribery indictments against them was denied by Superior Judge Lawlor.

50 Buried By Avalanche.

Santiago, Chile (By Cable).—Fifty persons are said to have been buried alive by a vast avalanche of snow that has rolled down the mountain side and obliterated the Chilean Custom House at Juncal. This station is on the Argentine frontier, high up in the Andes.

Sheppard Made U. S. Judge.

Oyster Bay, N. Y. (Special).—The President appointed William B. Sheppard United States district judge for the Northern district of Florida.

COURTED WOMEN ONLY TO ROB THEM

Dead Burglar Proves to Be Second Johann Hoch.

A STRONG CHAIN OF EVIDENCE.

Remarkable Discoveries Concerning Henry Hoffman, Who Was Killed While Trying to Rob the Flat of Charles Varrell, in New York—The Police Were Waiting for Him.

New York (Special).—A second Johann Hoch, the police believe, has been discovered in Henry Hoffmann, the burglar who was killed while attempting to rob Charles Varrell's flat.

The police on Saturday declared that Hoffmann was the murderer of Sophy Heckler, a servant girl found dead August 3, and Tuesday they announced the belief that he also murdered Mrs. Lena Schum, who was killed in Brooklyn, August 26.

The detective who has been at work on the Schum case is positive that Hoffmann killed the woman. Among the jewelry found in the room Hoffmann had occupied for some time before he was killed, were a pair of ear rings, which were positively identified by Miss Minnie Springer, a young woman who formerly lived with Mrs. Schum, as Mrs. Schum's property. The young woman described the ear rings minutely, saying that they were brought from Bavaria by Mrs. Schum.

She also made a sketch of them and when a number of similar pieces were shown her, she hesitatingly picked out those found in Hoffmann's room.

A peculiar ring of gold, set with a small red stone, which was found in Hoffmann's room, was also identified by Miss Springer as the property of Mrs. Schum. The jewelry was later identified by Mrs. John Schum, the murdered woman's sister-in-law.

Miss Springer also picked from a bunch of keys one found in Hoffmann's room which she said was the key to Mrs. Schum's flat and that she had often used it. The key fitted the lock of the door exactly, when tried later by the police.

Samuel Weinberg, a tailor, whose shop is one the ground floor of the building in which Hoffmann roomed after the killing of Sophy Heckler, identified Hoffmann's body as that of a man who went to his shop on August 21, the day after Mrs. Schum was killed, with a coat which he wanted cleaned. The coat, Weinberg said, was badly blood stained. Hoffmann explained these stains by saying that he had been in a fight the night before and had been badly battered up, although he showed no signs of it, according to Weinberg.

Hoffmann's method, like that of Hoch, the police say, was to make the acquaintance of women of his own nationality and by pretending a desire to marry them, secure the opportunity of robbing, and if necessary killing, them.

Miss Springer stated that during the long time she had lived with Mrs. Schum the latter had no men callers and no love affairs. The woman was killed after returning from a Bavarian picnic. It was the fact that Hoffmann was a Bavarian that first led the police to suspect that he might have been the murderer of Mrs. Schum.

Sophy Heckler was killed August 2 in the home of her employer, Leo Mack, in Sixty-second Street. At the same time the house was robbed. The police secured a description of the man who had been several times seen with the girl, and with a chance remark which a neighbor overheard, finally decided that Hoffmann was the man they wanted.

The police located him as living under an assumed name in a rooming-house and searched his belongings, discovering the articles stolen from the Mack house. They took a room in the house and waited there for him. He had told his landlady that he would return on Saturday, but Friday morning he was killed. Jewelry and trinkets found in Hoffmann's room were identified by Mack as having been stolen from his house the day Sophy Heckler was killed.

Hoffmann entered the Varrell flat early last Friday morning and attempted to kill the entire Varrell family by turning on the gas. When this was discovered and the family had retired again, he once more entered the flat and turned on the gas. A short time after the second attempt was discovered Varrell saw Hoffmann in the flat and shot and killed him.

Released After 16 Years.

Madison, Wis. (Special).—With every indication that she was not guilty of the murder for which she has already served 16 years, Wilhelmina Bache was released from Waupun prison. Her life sentence for the murder of Michael Sell, of Shawano County, was commuted by Governor Davidson. She went to the penitentiary when 17 years old.

Eleven Perish In Hotel Fire.

Tacoma, Wash. (Special).—Fire destroyed the Webb Hotel, at Shelton, 20 miles from Tacoma. Eleven persons are known to be dead. All but three of the victims were killed by jumping from windows. Eight persons are reported unaccounted for. The hotel was a three-story frame building, with front and side stairs, but no elevator.

Cyclone At Fort Gaines, Ga.

Montgomery, Ala. (Special).—It is reported here that a tornado struck Fort Gaines, Ga., a town of 1,000 people, 100 miles southeast of Montgomery. All communication by wire to that section has been cut off. Efforts to reach neighboring towns by telephone are futile. The railroad operators report that all telegraph wires east of Union Springs are down.