Terrific Wind and Rain Storm Causes Enormous Loss in Crops and Property

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40-MILE GALE DOES HEAVY DAMAGE IN CITY AND SUBURBS

House Caves in at Briggs and Cowden; Man Burned by Live Wire; Crops Ruined

TREES AND POLES SNAPPED

Corn Suffers Most; Electric Co.'s Lines Down; Many Washouts

In the wake of the forty-mile-an-hour gale which swept over the city from the East for two hours early this morning, lie thousands of feet of twisted and tangled wires, broken poles, shattered trees and badly damaged crops.

As a result of the storm, one of the severest midsummer disturbances ever recorded at the local weather bureau, one man is in a serious condition at the Harrisburg Hospital. John Plank, a huckster, of Sixth and Calder streets, was badly shocked and burned when he picked up a live wire in Capital street near Forster. The man was on his way to market when he stumbled over the wire which was tangled with branches on the sidewalk. The electricity jumped from his hand to his body and caused severe burns.

Weakened by the rain two sides of the foundation of the new hall of the United Order of Odd Fellows at Briggs and Cowden streets, collapsed during the height of the gale, taking with it an entire corner of the three story brick structure.

Studding had been placed in the interior and the lower floor was being placed. Much of the timber was broken by the falling bricks and will have to be rebuilt. The work is in charge of W. E. Bushey of Lemoyne. D. S. Eshelman, of Lemoyne, had contracted for the brick work.

No part of the city and suburbs was exempt from the wind. Awnings, shutters and unhooked screen doors were blown from their fastenings. Many trees were uprooted and branches and twigs littered the streets this morning. Capitol Park and all the city parks suffered extensively. Tops of many trees were blown down and very few escaped without the loss of some branches. At Mulberry and Crescent streets a poplar, more than two feet through, was snapped off clean. A big tree which took a light pole with it, fell at Second and South streets and blocked traffic for a time. Trees and shrubbery in Reservoir Park and the valley leading to Linglestown suffered heavy damage.

Forty-mile Wind

From the instruments at the Weather Bureau, Forecaster Demain determined that the gale which lasted from 3 to 5 o'clock blew at the rate of forty miles an hour. During the night one and two-fifths inches of rain fell. The wind and rain forced the temperature to sixty degrees which is twenty below normal for this period of the month. At 8 o'clock this morning, the mercury had ascended to 66.

According to Washington, D. C., the present brand of unsummery weather is at the end of its rope. Generally fair weather is predicted for the remainder of the week, with moderate temperatures prevailing for at least four or five days.

Crops Suffer Heavily

The corn and oats crop suffered the brunt of the storm. Practically all the nearby farmers have their oats cut and in shork. The wind back of the rain forced it through the caps and as a result the sheaves will have

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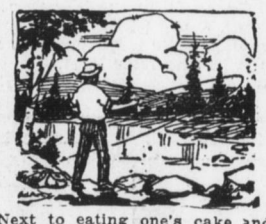

Next to eating one's cake and sharing it, too, is going on a vacation and knowing all about what is going on at home. For six cents a week the Harrisburg Telegraph will keep you in touch with all the doings.

Call the Circulation Department. The next issue will meet you no matter where you go.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Thursday; moderate temperature.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Generally fair to-night and Thursday; moderate southwest to west winds.

River

The North and West branches and the main river will continue to rise. Only moderately high stages are indicated. A stage of about 5.6 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning.

General Conditions

The storm covers an extensive area extending from the Middle Atlantic coast northwestward through the Ohio Valley and Lake Region into Canada. It has caused general, and in some places heavy rains, in the last twenty-four hours east of the Mississippi river. The greatest amount reported, 5.26 inches, fell at Raleigh, North Carolina. Amounts ranging from 1.28 to 2.74 inches fell in Eastern Pennsylvania, Eastern New York, New Jersey. A further fall of 2 to 12 degrees in temperature occurred over the greater part of the eastern half of the country.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 66; 2 p. m., 85.
Sun: Rises, 5:06 a. m.; sets, 7:16 p. m.
Moon: New moon, August 10, 5:52 p. m.
River Stage: 4.6 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather
Highest temperature, 74.
Lowest temperature, 71.
Mean temperature, 72.
Normal temperature, 74.

TAYLOR DECLARES FOR 9-MILL TAX RATE AND ALL MOTOR APPARATUS

Principal Planks in Park Commissioner's Campaign For Re-election to City Council

ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY TODAY

Briefly Reviews Work and Says People May Judge as to Whether He Should Serve Again

City Commissioner M. Harvey Taylor, superintendent of parks and public property, to-day formally announced his candidacy for re-election to Council.

The continuance of the 9-mill tax rate for 1916, if further reduction be impossible, and the complete motorization of the city's fire apparatus are the principal planks Commissioner Taylor declares for in his campaign platform.

Mr. Taylor, with City Commissioners Lynch and Bowman, were entirely responsible for the reduction of the mill rate from 9½ to 9 mills for the present year, although it was pointed out by the other two commissioners, Messrs. Gorgas and Royal, that the half mill would have to be added in 1916.

Mr. Taylor's Announcement

Commissioner Taylor's formal announcement to-day definitely settled the reports as to whether or not he would run again, as it had been generally known that he was considering a definite offer to return to private business activities.

In making known his intention to let the people of the city decide as to whether or not he should be a commissioner for another two years Mr. Taylor issued this statement:

I have decided to be a candidate for re-election as City Councilman. The public must review my work of the past and fitness for re-election should be measured by my record. Let the people judge.

When elected I sacrificed my private business to devote my entire time to public duties and have performed these duties honestly and to the very best of my ability.

Many Improvements

I feel that not only in my councilmanic business but in my departmental work, I have made considerable progress, and many permanent and valuable improvements have been accomplished for the city. Whatever work has been accomplished in this department under the circumstances of the past two years, can, I feel sure, be very much improved upon under normal conditions. The experience and knowledge gained would be of great value if the people should decide to permit me to continue the work entrusted to my care.

That the motorizing of Harrisburg's entire fire department will be one of the goals at which he aims was indicated by Mr. Taylor when asked as to the probable time of the arrival of the additional motor-driven apparatus already ordered for the city. Greater efficiency and greater economy combine to make the motorizing of the fire department superior to the horse-drawn method, the commissioner pointed out.

More Motor Apparatus

"Within the next ten days," said he, "we will have seven pieces of motor-driven apparatus and a comparative statement for June shows that the horse-drawn combination wagon cost the city $38, while the Friendship motor-driven combination cost but $1.10 and the Good Will but $1.19. That is the reason why, if I'm reelected," said the fire commissioner, "I will advocate and work for the complete motorizing of all of Harrisburg's fire apparatus."

Throughout his administration Mr. Taylor has worked consistently with Messrs. Bowman and Lynch for the improvement of the city, while in his own department he has accomplished an extensive program of permanent improvements costing approximately $9,000 in the past year, the money for these, by the way, was paid for by saving from the previous year's maintenance. This estimate was the same, practically, as the year previous.

Under his jurisdiction the ground was obtained through which the city's great encircling park driveway is being constructed. Of this 23.55 acres was secured by gift and 35.33 was purchased at an average cost of $285 per acre. This includes the section from the present terminus of Cameron parkway to Reservoir. This week the commissioner will begin negotiations to acquire what is needed to continue the roadway through to Wildwood and Reservoir.

Is This Progress?

Thousands of yards of new park along the river front have been reclaimed by filling out and permanently treating and planting the slope ramps have been built to afford easy access to the river front walk, preliminary steps incident to the construction of the roadway from the end of the lower River Front park to Cameron's have been taken, permanent lighting has been installed on the city-owned Twelfth street playgrounds and on the lower River Front park, the new Sycamore street and the Emerald street playgrounds have been bought for the city, a new shelter at Reservoir, tennis and golf clubhouses in the same park have been erected, the tennis courts have been reconstructed, new bridges, both concrete and rustic, have been built in Wildwood, and a new concrete and rubble masonry bridge has been constructed in Cameron parkway, thus eliminating the dangerous curve caused by the old frame viaduct.

Mr. Taylor, with Messrs. Lynch and Bowman, has consistently advocated and urged the completion of the river wall gap at Market street.

AUTO STRIKES BRIDGE

Special to The Telegraph

Gettysburg, Pa., Aug. 4.—Two Robinson brothers on their way to this place from Philadelphia, had their automobile badly damaged when they crashed into a concrete bridge that spans Brush run a few miles east of Gettysburg. Neither of the occupants

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE COLORED ODD FELLOWS' BUILDING AT BRIGGS AND COWDEN STREETS DURING LAST NIGHT'S STORM

RUSSIANS RESISTING ASSAULTS OF GERMANS

Kaiser's Forces in Poland Have Been Reinforced by Soldiers Brought From France

LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES HEAVY

German Admiralty Without Reports on Sinking of Iberian and Leelanaw

A Russian official statement from Petrograd claims continued and successful resistance to the efforts of the German armies to cut off Warsaw. There has been severe fighting and very heavy losses on both sides. The Germans in Poland have been reinforced with troops brought from France.

This report refers to the "enormous efforts" of the Germans to dislodge the Russians from their positions on the Narew river north of Warsaw. On the Pissa and Skwa rivers, further to the northwest, the Russians have been attacked by the "entire German army" reinforced with men brought from France. The Germans, however, met defeat in this sector. The battle for the crossing of the Narew near Novogord has not yet even begun.

This official statement then relates a Russian success near the mouth of the Skwa. The Germans brought up further reinforcements, but all their efforts to make progress in this section failed. They are at present endeavoring to break through northeast of Ostrolenka.

The German losses are described as

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CITY OFFICIALS ARE SHOWN PAXTON CREEK

Big Inspection Party, Including Mayor Royal, Travel Over Great Concrete Gutter

REASONS FOR ADDED COST

Indefinite Lines, Treatment of Retaining Walls, Contractors' Delays, All Are Expensive

Paxton creeek of to-day—the 3-mile stretch of great concrete gutter that extends from Maclay street to Iron alley—was formally inspected this morning by city officials preparatory to settling with the contractor who finished the splendid improvement.

More than a week ago City Commissioner William H. Lynch arranged to-day's inspection trip and the time was particularly well chosen to-day in view of the question that had been raised as to a possible small deficit in the Paxton creek fund.

Just what is needed will be shown by Commissioner Lynch in his statement to Council on all the improvement work at next Tuesday's session. In the party to-day there were Mayor John K. Royal and City Commissioner M. Harvey Taylor, E. C. Thompson, of the Board of Public Works, William Jennings, formerly president of the Board and one of the prime movers in Harrisburg's public improvement movement, and J. D. Justin, principal engineer of the Board of Public Works who had charge of the construction of the great drain.

Delays occasioned by the failure of

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BLOCKADE JUST SAYS GREY IN NEW NOTES

Declares Action of British Is in Accordance With International Law

ONLY EFFECTIVE MEANS

Replies of Great Britain Made Public in Washington and London Last Night

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—Great Britain's replies to the latest American representations against interferences with neutral commerce reject entirely the contention that the Orders in Council are illegal and justify the British course as being wholly within international law.

"Unsustainable either in point of law or upon principles of international equity," is the British reply to the American protest against the blockade of neutral ports, with an invitation to submit to international arbitration any cases in which the United States is dissatisfied with the action of British prize courts.

Great Britain's reply, embodied in two notes, one supplemental, was made public here last night and in London simultaneously by agreement between the two governments. With the notes was made public also the correspondence over the American steamship Neches, seizes by the British while en route from Rotterdam to the United States with goods of German origin.

These notes—four in all—together with the "caveat" note against the

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AMBASSADOR PAGE'S DAUGHTER A BRIDE

Miss Katherine Alice Page and Charles Greeley Loring, of Boston, Wed in London

By Associated Press

London, Aug. 4. — Miss Katherine Alice Page, daughter of the American Ambassador to Great Britain and Mrs. Walter Hines Page, was married at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon at the Chapel Royal, St. James Palace, to Charles Greeley Loring, son of General Charles Loring, of Boston. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Boyd Carpenter, subdean of Westminster Abbey, assisted by the Rev. Edgar D. Sheppard, subdean of the Chapel Royal. The bride was given away by her father and her brother, Frank Page, was Mr. Loring's best man.

The wedding was very simple because the ambassador's family desired

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Liner Torn From Her Moorings at Baltimore

By Associated Press

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 4. — One of the fiercest storms that ever visited this section swept over the Chesapeake Bay last night causing damage which will run into thousands of dollars. Heavy damage was reported to the corn and fruit crops in Baltimore and Howard counties.

Along the bay and river shores hundreds of small craft, mainly pleasure boats, were torn from their moorings and cast ashore. So far as learned there was no loss of life.

The Hamburg-American liner Bulgaria which has been tied up at this port ever since the European war began, broke her lines and was carried into a Pennsylvania Raiload pier adjoining her dock, demolishing about sixty feet of the concrete retaining wall. The Bulgaria apparently was not damaged.

Says Crazy Husband Gave $10,000 to Conscience Fund

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—The Secret Service is investigating an effort made by a man and woman to get from the Treasury $10,000, recently added to the "conscience fund." The following letter, signed by an apparently fictitious name and mailed on the train between Sterling and Peoria, Ill., has been received at the office of the Secretary of the Terasury:

"My crazy husband, nearly dead, sent you $10,000 a few days ago — three $1000 bills and eight $500 bills and 30 $100 bills.

"He is now dying. Please return the money to me. No sound mind would do the thing he did."

The writer gave her address as Rochester, N. Y. The Treasury Department has since learned that the writer then wrote to the postmaster at Rochester and asked him if a valuable letter came for her, to forward it to Van Patten, Ill. At the same time her husband wrote to the postmaster at Van Patten and asked him if a letter came for his wife to forward it to a railroad brakeman at Nelson, Ill.

Rome Paper Comments on London Statement

By Associated Press

Rome, Aug. 3, 9 P. M., via Paris, Aug. 4, 5.45 A. M.—The Osservatore Romano in an editorial which is considered to have been inspired replies to comments and criticisms in the world's press on the pope's appeal for peace.

"We see in some British newspapers," the vatican organ says, "a wrong appreciation. They see a connection between the pontifical document and recent events in Russian Poland. The letter was due to the spontaneous initiative of the pontiff. He was led to write it only by the anniversary of the war and his solicitude as the vicar of Christ at the spectacle of misery and anguish wrought to his children by the year of war.

"It was addressed to all indiscriminately and without consideration as to who are in fault. It was the father of a great Christian family who spoke.

"Allusions to peace while the conflict still is raging now are infrequent or remote. Thus we salute with joy the messages of Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, and William II, or all words which do not vibrate with hatred and revenge. They show the first rays of a bright dawn."

TO PUT FOUNTAIN AT PLAZA WALK

Commissioner Bowman to Provide Pure, Filtered Water For Thirsty Thousands

City Commissioner Bowman, who is responsible for the beautiful plaza in the rear of the pumping station at North street, is going to provide a rough river stone fountain convenient to the walk so that the thousands of people who pass up and down the river front may get a cool drink of pure filtered water.

Mr. Bowman would also like to provide a public comfort station on the north side of the enginehouse which would be concealed by shrubbery, but he cannot do so without special legislation. He feels, however, that such a station is greatly needed and must be provided in some way inasmuch as the facilities at the pumping station are not adequate for public uses.

The filling of the space behind the plaza wall will be completed this week and the continuation of the walk along the top of the slope along the wall will then be started. Meanwhile plans for the planting are about completed and this will go forward without delay so that everything will be in good shape for the September celebration.

HERE ARE A FEW IMPORTANT DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

August 24—Final day for filing primary petitions for State offices with Secretary of Commonwealth.
August 26, 31 and September 11 — City registration days.
August 31—Final day to file primary petitions for county and city offices with County Commissioners.
September 1—Final day to be assessed for November election.
September 2—Return day for registration lists to County Commissioners.
September 21—Final day to pay poll taxes for primary election.
September 23—Fall primaries.
October 2—Final day for out-of-town voters to pay taxes in order to vote at Fall elections.
November 2—General elections.

DEATH LIST IN ERIE MAY GO TO FIFTY IS BELIEF

Loss Is Estimated at More Than $3,000,000; Police and Firemen Work Throughout Night in Inundated Business Section of City Searching For Victims; Dam Breaks and Sends Wall of Water Five Feet High Through Central District; Many Buildings Swept Away; Traffic Paralyzed; Members of Rescue Party Injured

Erie, Pa., Aug. 4.—Coroner D. S. Hanley, shortly before noon to-day estimated that fifty persons perished in last night's flood. Mayor Stern at 10 o'clock said the number probably would not exceed 25, but after a survey of the debris, and looking over a list of missing, Coroner Hanley raised the estimate to fifty.

Although Coroner Henley's lists of missing, many of whom lists of missing, many of whom were later located, he did not lower his estimate as these names came in and other city officials were inclined to accept his estimate as the most accurate yet made.

By Associated Press

Erie, Pa., Aug. 4.—With the coming of daybreak, Erie turned to the task of recovering the bodies of victims of last night's cloudburst and flood, and this afternoon 18 have been placed in the temporary morgue.

The flood caused by the overflow of Mill creek, following the bursting of the Glenwood dam, swept through a section of the city a block in width and a mile long, killing at least 25 persons and causing property loss estimated at $3,000,000.

The identified dead are:

Emma Osborne, 44 years old, of Parade street.
John Donovan, city fireman.
Sweeney Anderson, 60 years old, of East Ninth street.
John Higgins, 40 years old, a printer.
James Higgins, 17 years old, son of John Higgins.
Mrs. John Higgins and infant.
Mrs. Cora Anderson Main, 28 years old, East Seventeenth street.
Katharine E. Carroll.
Thomas Langdon.

Mayor Stern has made a request for a company of the Sixteenth regiment of the Pennsylvania National Guard to patrol the ruined section of the city.

Police and Firemen at Work

The entire police and fire forces of the city worked throughout the night on the ruins, recovering the fourteen bodies from an area that included approximately one-half of the devastated district. The men worked under the direction of Mayor W. J. Stern and the four members of the City Council.

The district swept by the flood extends from Twenty-sixth street and French street in the uptown business section to Tenth and State streets, a distance of about a mile. The release of the water held back by the dam sent a huge wave five feet high toward the city and by the time it reached the first buildings in Twenty-sixth street, it was crested with a mass of debris that acted like a huge battering ram on everything in its path.

After almost an all-day rain a heavy thunderstorm last evening culminated in a cloudburst. For an hour residents along the course of Mill creek through the east center of the city watched the slow rise of the stream due to a rainfall of nearly three inches in six hours.

Glenwood Dam Breaks

At 8.45 the Glenwood dam, three miles above the city, burst and a huge wall of water swept down through the city carrying with it the homes of those who had waited until the last

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INDICTMENTS COMING SOON

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Investigation of the Eastland disaster was practically concluded by the State Grand Jury to-day and it was reported that a number of indictments may be voted before the close of the day but may not be returned in court for several days. The indictments, it is said, will charge manslaughter, criminal carelessness and conspiracy.

FAILS IN ATTEMPT TO ROB BANK

Savannah, Ga., Aug. 4. — James T. Fannan, an 18-year-old boy attempted to hold up H. I. Williams, teller of the Merchants National Bank here shortly after noon to-day, failed and was captured.

REVOLUTIONS IN PORTUGAL

Lisbon, Friday, July 30, via Paris, Aug. 4, 12.20 P. M.—Delayed in transmission. — Sensational and alarming reports are current in the capital of no less than three separate revolutions in Portugal. Riots and assaults are of daily occurrence.

CAPTURE OF DACIA CONFIRMED

Paris, Aug. 4, 4.20 P. M.—A French prize court to-day confirmed the capture of the American cotton ship Dacia.

BOTH GAMES POSTPONED

Buffalo, Aug. 4.—(International)—Harrisburg-Buffalo both games postponed, rain.

LONE BANDIT ROBS BANK

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Aug. 4.—A lone bandit held up and robbed the Cedar Rapids National Bank to-day. He is said to have made his escape with $23,500. Lee Perrin, the bank teller, was discovered bound and gagged an hour later.

WARSAW EVACUATED, SAYS BERLIN

Berlin, Aug. 4.—By Wireless to Sayville.—The Over Seas News Agency to-day says the Russian legation at the Hague, Netherlands, has officially announced the evacuation of Warsaw on account of lack of ammunition. The bridges over the Vistula river, the same advices say, have been ordered blown up. The report has not been verified.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Dragnomir Petrow and Blagaja Nata, Steelton.
William R. Stroup and Estella Morris, Lykens.