

# CHANDLER DESTROYED.

## Four Buildings Left Standing as a Relic.

### LOSS WILL AGGREGATE \$500,000.

#### Many Burned to Death in the Ruins Before Help Could Reach Them.

People Slow to Recover from the Shock of the Calamity.

GUTHRIE, O. T., April 1.—Chandler, an interior boom town, 60 miles from Guthrie, is a mass of ruins, caused by the cyclone.

Of the 1,500 inhabitants, 35 were killed outright or burned to death, and 170 were injured. Of the latter, it is thought 14 will die, and 90 others are in a dangerous condition. The population is homeless.

The Presbyterian church, Mitchell's hotel and two other buildings are the only ones standing, and these have been turned into hospitals.

The property loss will aggregate \$500,000.

There are not half coffins enough to bury the dead.

The storm came from the southwest, almost without a moment's warning, and sweeping across the town first demolished the business district, then laid down the residence portion, and passing on spent itself in the open prairie.

Many of the wrecked buildings took fire. Several of those injured and buried in the ruins were burned to death before help could arrive.

The fire broke out first in the ruins of the New York store and the Lincoln bank, and spread to the adjoining buildings, making it necessary to fight the flames as well as rescue the injured.

The people were slow to recover from the shock of the calamity, and it was some time before anything like system prevailed in the work of relief.

Familial wars are still smoldering. Some one working telephone wire out of Chandler, 45,000 telegraph wire from Guthrie, the town is practically cut off from the outside world.

The storm broke upon the city suddenly, a mass of dark clouds gathered in the southwest and whirled north. They soon developed into a whirl of rain and sleet.

As the storm touched the ground, the roar was deafening. The funnel split as it struck the southern border of Chandler, which is situated on a hill, and one-half went through the town and the other went northward. Buildings were crushed or lifted high into the air and tossed in every direction.

Chief Justice Dale of the Oklahoma supreme court was holding court in the courthouse, which was crowded. He ran, with his wife, to a hollow, and the two, protected by a bullock, escaped unhurt.

A woman named the Justice left the courthouse as it was falling and fell into the street a complete wreck. One of the occupants was killed outright and a dozen others injured. Further down Main street the Lincoln County bank building was toppled over. It was soon enveloped in flames. Here, before aid could reach them, five persons were burned to death while pinioned down by heavy timbers.

Still further down the street three children were killed. In the residence district the cyclone toppled over dwelling after dwelling, tumbling houses on their sides and made the streets unrecognizable.

A five-year-old baby was carried four blocks west and injured, while the mother was crushed in her bed.

With the first realization of their predicament, the uninjured found themselves, from fright and confusion, well nigh helpless to render aid. Finally, when an effort to sound for aid was made, it was found that all wire communication with the outside world had been cut off, the telephone office being among the buildings destroyed. It was several hours before communication with Guthrie was established.

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### DEPEW'S COTTON MILL.

Will Employ Four Hundred Persons.

Will Operate This Year.

BUFFALO, April 1.—Joseph McCreery of Fall River, Mass., the expert who is to select the site for the new cotton mill to be erected at Depew, N. Y., and who will have the supervision of the mill when it is ready for operation, has arrived in the city.

In an interview he said that the mill will employ 400 men and women, and will cost \$1,000,000.

### SELECTING A COURSE.

#### Poughkeepsie Will Probably Witness the Great Boat Race.

NEW YORK, March 31.—A member of the international regatta committee, in talking of the conference in this city in respect to the selection of a course said that the offer of New London was far more liberal than that of Poughkeepsie, he added:

"Upon the merits of those two offers, if the regatta committee had not known of the superiority of the Poughkeepsie course, the decision would have been reached at once in favor of New London, but the details of the New London course are so well known to boating men that it was deemed best to seek further for suitable arrangements at Poughkeepsie before a final decision was made."

"The Poughkeepsie committee was in formed that their proposition was wholly unsatisfactory and they were advised as to the requirements that must be complied with if their course was to be selected." It is understood that the position taken by the Cornell, Pennsylvania and Columbia committees on the subject was also approved by the committee representing the Cornell, Yale and Harvard races.

### THREE LIVES LOST.

#### Women and Children Panic Stricken by the Fire.

NEW YORK, March 31.—An up-town 5-story apartment house caught fire in the basement. The stairs, a few minutes later, were ablaze.

The house was occupied by 10 families but not a man was in the building at the time.

The women and children were in a panic and few of them got out by way of the stairs.

The flames were sucked up the stairway and through a great chimney.

It is estimated that the position taken by the Cornell, Pennsylvania and Columbia committees on the subject was also approved by the committee representing the Cornell, Yale and Harvard races.

The dead are: Mrs. Elizabeth French, 33 years old; Mrs. French's 6-year-old child; Miss Ellen Morrissey of Albany.

Miss Morrissey was visiting Mrs. Alice Ryan and her sister, Miss Cassidy, who lived on the top floor.

All the bodies were slightly burned.

### DISLOGGED THE TURKS.

#### Greeks Attack Fort Issedin—Capture of a Vessel.

CANRA, March 31.—The Greeks attacked Fort Issedin, which dominates Suda Bay. The foreign ironclads bombarded the attacking force in support of the Turkish garrison, which had 12 cannon and one ultrathunder.

Finally detachments of the foreign troops occupied the fortress.

There was sharp fighting at Spinalonga. The Greeks succeeded in dislodging the Turks and seized a vessel which was leading ammunition for them.

Fighting continues at Heraklion and Keleiko.

Several shots have been fired at the foreign occupying forces at Buzanisia. The French commander has obtained reinforcements to replace the Turkish outposts, which are said to be absolutely unreliable.

The fighting at Spinalonga lasted 45 hours. The Turkish garrison met with heavy loss. A French warship has been dispatched to render them such assistance as may now be practicable.

Constantine Assumes Command.

ATHENS, March 31.—Crown Prince Constantine has formally assumed command of the Greek forces on the frontiers of Thrace.

Russia Will Not Join the Blockade.

ATKINS, March 31.—It is rumored here that Russia has intimated that she will not participate in a blockade of Greek ports.

Continues the Landing of Arms.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Senator Quezada of the Cuban legion states that he has received official notification of the landing of a filibustering party near Banes, Cuba. The expedition was under the command of General Carlos Roloff.

Senator Quezada said that with General Roloff was a party of 50 men, many of whom served in the 10 years' war.

The cargo consisted of 6,000 rifles of improved pattern, 8,000 cartridges, one Colt machine gun, one dynamite gun, two 12-pounders and four tons of dynamite and bombs.

This expedition was landed by the famous filibustering steamer Laurada.

Opening of the Canal.

ALBANY, March 30.—The chief superintendent of public works, George W. Aldridge, has sent out notice to the contractors on the canal improvements that they must have their work in such shape by April 20 that the canal may be opened immediately after that date. It is the intention of the superintendent to open the canal on May 1, or early in the following week.

Asylum Custodians Confirmed.

ALBANY, March 30.—In the senate last night Governor Black endorsed the nomination of Earl S. Bachelder of Glens Falls, Homer T. Fowler of Buffalo and William H. Ober, Jr., of Utica, as managers of the Home Custodial asylum, and at the request of Senator Coggeshall the nominations were confirmed without reference.

Attempt to Destroy Altoona.

ALTOONA, Pa., March 31.—An attempt was made to destroy Altoona, Pa., by incendiary fires being kindled in different places in the city. Prompt work by the firemen alone saved the town from possible destruction. The entire loss, however, will aggregate between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

Albert Jones Found Guilty.

LITTLE VALLEY, N. Y., March 30.—The jury in the trial of Albert Jones for the murder of Leon H. Pitts of Olean brought in a verdict of guilty of manslaughter in the second degree. Judge Spring sentenced Jones to 18 years and 9 months in Auburn prison.

Large Landing of Immigrants.

NEW YORK, March 29.—About 1,900 immigrants were landed at Ellis Island Sunday, the largest number in a long time. On the Furness liner Clive came 1,100 Italians; the Touraine of the French line carried 519 and the Umbria 255.

Sherman Attacked by Rhetoric.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Secretary of State Sherman is confined to his room with an attack of rheumatism. It is not regarded as serious and the secretary is expected soon to be out again.

Capital Punishment Abolished.

DENVER, March 30.—Governor Adams signed the bill abolishing capital punishment in Colorado.

# GEN. RIVERA CAPTURED.

## Cubans Attacked by Spaniards at Perico Pozo.

### INSURGENTS PUT TO FLIGHT.

#### Rebels Lost Ten Men Killed, Arms and Ammunition—Rivera Now Quietly Retreating Behind Spanish Barrs—says He Is Well Treated.

HAVANA, March 30.—General Hernandez Velasco left San Cristobal under escort orders at noon last Saturday with the Cañales Reina battalions and two field pieces. He pitched his camp amid the Brujito hills. The insurgents attacked the regulars at the very outset of the advance. Sunday the Spanish column marched upon Perico Pozo, where General Ruiz Rivera awaited them in a strongly entrenched position.

Rivera opened fire immediately on seeing the head of the column. Lieutenant Colonel Jose Hoyo advanced with the extreme vanguard and Major Sanchez Ber-

nal leading another division under the protection which shelled the trenches held by Rivera, who was already wounded in the thigh.

One company of the Reina cavalry galloped forward, capturing the trenches and seizing as prisoners five men who lay severely mutilated by the shells.

Colonel Bacallao, on learning that Rivera had been wounded, hurried to the trenches and begged the soldiers not to kill him.

Rivera and Colonel Bacallao were taken into the presence of General Velasco, who shook hands with Rivera and introduced him to the officer in charge, giving instructions that the first thing to be done was to give him surgical relief.

Castilla battalion secured important documents, as well as the arms and money of General Rivera.

General Rivera remains quietly in prison. He says the troops treated him with the greatest consideration.

### DEATH OF CROSBY.

Correspondent of Chicago Record Killed at Juan Criollo.

HAVANA, March 30.—A correspondent of the Chicago Record, reached Havana on Jan. 30.

He took the field on Feb. 18, going through Canjanuit Villas. On March 3 he reached the camp of General Gomez and the same day was killed at Juan Criollo, near Arroyo Blanco.

An engagement was in progress, and Mr. Crosby was hit by a bullet in the forehead. His death was instantaneous.

His clothing, watch and money are now in the possession of General Gomez, who gave the body an honorable burial.

### OPENING OF NAVIGATION.

City of Buffalo Expected from Cleveland This Week.

BUFFALO, March 30.—There are indications of a very early opening of navigation as this port.

The ice on the lake extends as far as the eye can reach, but it is very rotten and the tug Grace Danforth had no difficulty in cutting through several miles of it Monday.

The big passenger boat City of Buffalo of the Cleveland and Buffalo line, is expected to arrive here the latter part of this week. Lake men say they will have no difficulty in getting through the ice.

Amenendment to Tariff Law.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The Republican members of the ways and means committee were in session several hours considering amendments to the pending tariff bill. A number of amendments were agreed on unanimously by the majority and will be presented in the house by Mr. Dingkey. The changes made were simply in the schedules already reported and none of them of great importance. Probably the most important amendment agreed on was to make the rates on nursery stock, specifically by a thousand cuttings, instead of uniform cuttings, as they are now in the bill. The present rate in the bill is 30 percent ad valorem and the change made is a specific rate that will equal the ad valorem duty.

Eight Hours a Day's Work.

BUFFALO, March 31.—The Mason Contractors' association adopted a resolution to the effect that on and after March 15 eight hours shall constitute a day's work, and that wages shall be computed by the hour at the same rate which has previously prevailed. Two thousand workmen are affected.

Child Sealed to Death.

BUFFALO, March 30.—A 5-year-old son of Anthony Jurdanowski died from the effects of a severe scalding received a week ago. The child fell into a tub of water while its mother was absent from the house.

Wealthy Man Shoots Himself.

SYRACUSE, March 31.—A special from Geneva says: Charles F. Houghton, the principal owner of the Corning Glass company, reputed to be worth \$500,000, shot and killed himself at that place.

Fined For Game Laws Violation.

LEONARD, N. Y., March 30.—John S. Piore of Niagara Falls was fined \$10 by Justice Buck for violating the game laws by sending woodcock and partridge to Buffalo for sale.

Star's India Famine Fund.

MONTREAL, March 30.—The fund at the office of The Star for the India famine has turned \$50,000.

### DINGLEY TARIFF BILL.

#### Passed the House by a Party Vote of 205 to 123.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—This morning the duties imposed by the Dingley tariff bill will be in force, and the present law will cease to operate, provided the last amendment attached to the bill before its passage in the house, fixing April 1 as the day on which its provisions shall go into effect, be in the bill when it is finally enacted.

The Republican victory was complete. They presented an unbroken front to the opposition. All the rumors that dissatisfaction with particular schedules of the bill might lead some of them to break over the party traces proved unfounded. On the other hand, five Democrats, one more than was anticipated, gave the bill the approval of their votes.

These five Democrats are interested particularly in the sugar schedule. Three came from Louisiana and two from Texas. One Populist, Mr. Howard of Alabama, voted for the bill. Twenty-one other members, of what is denominated "the opposition," consisting of Populists, Fusionists and Silverites, declined to record themselves either for or against the measure.

The vote on the final passage of the bill stood—yeas, 205, nays, 123; present and not voting, 21, a majority of 83.

### RAMSBAY'S RELEASE REFUSED.

Pera Refuses to Accede to Demands of the United States.

LIMA, March 31.—The issue raised between Peru and the United States with respect to the imprisonment of Ramsbay, an American sailor, is becoming a serious matter.

The Peruvian government refuses to accede to the demand of the United States minister, Mr. McKenzale, to set him immediately at liberty.

Ramsbay was a member of the crew of the Cambrian Monarch. He was arrested by the Peruvian authorities at Callao about three months ago for alleged disorderly conduct. He was thrown into jail and now has been condemned to a year's imprisonment, though without the slightest formality of a trial.

This action by Peru is in direct conflict with the provisions of article 15 of the treaty between Peru and the United States.

At the time Ramsbay was arrested an English officer was arrested on a similar charge. He has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment in a similar arbitrary fashion.

### MANY YEARS OLD.

Abraham Elmer Claiming to Be the Oldest Living Man.

ROME, N. Y., April 1.—Adam Adams, one of Chicago, who recently celebrated his 115th birthday anniversary, claims that he is the oldest man in the United States.

Utica has a still older man, Abraham Ephraim Elmer, who was born in the town of Warren, Herkimer county, N. Y., Jan. 26, 1778, and is therefore 115 years old.

Although he is totally blind except to the bright rays of the sun, he is hearty and enjoys very good health.

He was one of the pioneers of the town of New Hartford and was an eye witness of the erection of the first house built in the city of Utica, which now stands as an old landmark on Whitesboro street.

Mr. Elmer was a soldier of the war of 1812, serving in the Fourth regiment, commanded by Colonel Bellingier, stationed at Sackett's Harbor.

Mr. Elmer has an excellent memory and enjoys life in his humble way.

### MILLER'S DEAD BODY FOUND.

Had Been Missing a Week—Probable Murder—Post-mortem Made.

LEBANON, Pa., March 29.—The body of Thomas Miller, a prominent farmer of North Annapolis township, who disappeared Tuesday last, was found on a pile of stones in Joseph H. Kreider's quarry, about one and a half miles northeast of Ansville.

There was a wound back of the right ear and every indication that the man had been murdered and his body placed there.

An Air Ship Seen at Omaha.

OMAHA, March 30.—A mysterious air ship was seen last night by people in all parts of the city. The air ship came into view in the southeastern portion of the horizon. It was in the shape of a big bright light, big for a balloon, and glowed steadily. It sailed over the city to the northwest and there disappeared behind the high bluffs. It moved slowly and seemed to be guided near the earth. Nothing but the light was visible.

Damaged by Canal Overflows.

ALBANY, April 1.—Mary E. Abrams of Brutus, Cayuga county, filed against the state a claim for \$375.00 for damage to land by canal overflows. James S. Glenside of Eldridge, Oneida county, filed a claim for \$600 based on similar grounds.

WATERBURY, N. Y., March 29.—At Governor Henry Shannon's bedside he became insensible, attempted suicide by jumping from a window. He is the father of James Shannon, now confined in Madison hospital, who, a year ago, tried to kill his keeper.

Shot Himself After the Quarrel.

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., April 1.—Phoebe Stutth, 18 years old, and granddaughter of ex-Sheriff Stutth, shot herself in the right temple after having quarreled with her lover. Little hopes of her recovery are entertained.

Hale Appointed Librarian.

ALBANY, April 1.—Frank H. Hale of Washington has been appointed editor and librarian at the New York agricultural experiment station at Geneva at a salary of \$150 per month.

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# CRISP NEWS BREVITIES.

## A Condensed History of the Week's Events.

### BULKY DETAILS BOILED DOWN.

Interesting and Important News From All Parts of the Globe—Press Dispatches Shorn of Superfluous Words For the Benefit of the Busy Public.

The Sultan of Morocco has prohibited the annual pilgrimage of Molesims & Mecca for the present year, on the ground that the existing prevalence of plague along the usual line of route would render it dangerous. This is the first time such a prohibition has been issued in the history of Morocco.

Keeney Bros' paper mill, one of the largest in the state, located in Talcoville, Conn., was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$50,000; total insurance, \$50,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

George Kober, a shoemaker, was found hanging in a stall in the horserack at the Bath Driving park. His body was frozen stiff and apparently had been there two or three days. A note was found in his pocket reading: "Don't ask me who I am. I have no work."

Woodward Warwick, a prominent glass manufacturer, died at his home in Glassboro, N. J.

It has become known that on March 1 Miss Harriet P. Pachir, a Grecian lady, who, with her maid, has been stopping at the Buckingham hotel in New York, was robbed of between \$4,000 and \$5,000 worth of diamonds, while she was absent from her apartments in the hotel. No clue has been found.

The Keene (N. H.) Saving bank, which suspended business some time ago, has resumed business. The institution is making loans on Eastern securities, but will make none in the West at present.

Joseph Stockley of Bath, N. Y., filed against the state a claim for \$10,000 for the death of his son, who was killed in May, 1893, by a rifle ball from the Bennetts-wooly rifle range at Bath.

Watson Bates, the oldest farmer in East Aurora, N. Y., died, aged 95. He settled there in 1814. He was an uncle of Governor Bates of Iowa.

The supreme court has refused to grant a new trial for Dr. J. C. Moore of Manchester, N. H., who was convicted of fraudulently over issuing stock of the Union Publishing company of that city.

The St. Croix cotton mills of Calais, Me., shut down and will, hereafter, be run alternate weeks until June 1. Nearly 500 hands are affected. The unemployment due to the poor demand for goods and the general unsatisfactory condition of the market.

Michael Gibbons, 44 years of age, as attempted to cross the Erie tracks ahead of a Rochester-bound train near Avon, N. Y. His carriage was struck and wrecked, and Gibbons was horribly mangled. He was dead when picked up.

Detective Albert Book of Chicago left Rochester with Peter Bunde, who is wanted in Chicago on the charge of highway robbery and being implicated in several hold-ups in saloons in Chicago.

Chairman Albert Mott of the League of American Wheelmen racing board announced the indefinite suspension from all League of American Wheelmen racing tracks of James Michael, the Welsh racing crack.

Six children of John McGrath, a farmer residing in the northwestern part of Nemaha county, Kansas, were drowned near their home while attempting to ford Pole creek.

A sloop, owned by John Constantine of St. Andrew's Bay, capsized in a squall a few miles off Ponce de Leon, Fla., and eight lives were lost.

The West End Coal company's breaker at Moonanza, Pa., was burned to the ground. Loss \$50,000.

It is believed shoemaker Charley Hastings has founded in Long Island sound and that her crew, consisting of six men, has been drowned. The schooner left Newtown Creek last Wednesday and should have arrived at Orient on Friday. Thus far nothing has been heard from her.

Among the appointments to the naval academy announced is that of Langdon Moore of Buffalo.

Jessie H. Lees, 24 years old, was found dead in bed in the Hotel De France in New York.

Superintendent of Insurance Pryn announced the appointment of Louis Newgas, chairman of the Republican county committee of Cayuga county, as a confidential examiner in his department at a salary of \$2,500.

Rev. George E. Varney, who for some time past has been supplying the pulpit of the Baptist church at Lima, N. Y., received a call to the Walnut Hill Baptist church of Cincinnati.

William Gallagher and Antoine Heinrich, two inmates of the Auburn prison, have been declared insane and were taken to the insane asylum for insane criminals at Westmoreland, N. Y.

Asahel Bell, an old miser, was found hanging in the Hudson river off Peekskill. Bell was 83 years of age and for 40 years had been living a parricidal life, shooting his wife, Nov. 17 was the day on which Bell was last seen alive.

Samuel Warren, a farmer, aged 66 years, was found hanging in his barn at Glen Park, a suburb of Waterbury, N. Y. It was a case of suicide. His wife discovered his body.

The Dominion government has decided to send 50 mounted policemen to the Yukon territory. They will leave for the Northwest in a couple of weeks.

William Dewey of Orange town, Rockland county, N. Y., was appointed sheriff of that county by Governor Black.