

ESTABLISHED IN 1869.

FIFTY ARE DEAD

And Two Hundred Persons Injured by Louisiana Tornado.

MANY HURT WILL DIE.

The Tornado Destroyed Three Towns and Left Many Wrecked Homes and Ruined Crops in a Path a Mile Wide and About Fifty Miles in Length.

A dispatch from Shreveport, La., says thirty dead, and 200 injured is a conservative estimate of the fatalities caused by the tornado which swept through northwest Louisiana Thursday evening, destroying three small towns and leaving wrecked homes and ruined crops in a path a mile wide and 50 miles long.

The dead at Gilliam, which had about 200 inhabitants, number 15, while at Bolinger the known death list is six. These two towns are about 15 miles apart and nothing has been learned of the work of the storm in the country between.

At Elmore, a small town near Gilliam, several houses were destroyed and it is not known how many people perished. Several of the dead were brought to Shreveport on the relief train from Gilliam Friday morning and the hospitals and sanitariums are crowded with injured, several of whom will die.

The dead at Gilliam are: Mrs. Henry Godfrey, Mrs. John Gardner, A. Haggood, John Simpson, nine negroes.

A Lampkin, a farmer living in the country near Gilliam, was killed, together with his wife and 4 children.

At Bolinger the dead are: Mrs. Ray, Mrs. Marshall Davis and four negroes.

The injured at Bolinger numbers about forty persons. Of these, it is believed that not more than three or four will die.

Only two houses were left at Gilliam where the force of the storm was greatest. Of the seven members of the Gardner family, none escaped without injury.

Mrs. Gardner was killed by the falling timbers of her home and the other members of the family were buried under the debris, but were extracted. A flood of rain following the tornado made the work of rescue very difficult, in the darkness.

A relief train was sent to Gilliam from Shreveport Thursday night and returned Friday morning at daylight bringing several of the dead and many wounded.

Another train was fitted out Friday and reached the stricken town this afternoon, but has not yet returned. Prompt steps have been taken to succor all who are in need.

Fifty Persons Killed. A dispatch Friday night says the final count of the persons who met death in the tornado will reach fifty. The number at present known to have been killed is 44. Eight were added to the death list Friday at Red Bayou. All were negroes.

Relief headquarters have been established in a box car and left in charge of Gilliam citizens, whose appeals for help have been liberally answered. Several dozen tents were shipped from Shreveport.

Shreveport negroes have held a mass meeting and raised several hundred dollars to use to help their race. Mrs. E. L. Houston, John Godfrey, W. M. Saur and John Gardner's child, all white, who were injured, are in a serious condition at a Shreveport sanitarium.

NINE CHILDREN BITTEN

By a Mad Dog and Sent to Atlanta for Treatment.

Nine children and a colored nurse were bitten in Greenville on Thursday by a mad dog, and they have been sent to Atlanta for treatment. The head of the dog was sent to the Pasteur Institute at Atlanta and it was pronounced that of a mad dog. Several weeks ago another child was bitten and as a result of the examination the offending dog was declared rabid. The child was treated at the Pasteur Institute and no ill effects have appeared. The dog that did the biting was apparently a harmless little Collie puppy.

LOST HER WAY

And Died From Exposure and Hunger in Kona.

Mrs. T. Snow Miller, sister of the Countess Robels, wife of the British field marshal, died last week of exposure and hunger in the forest of Kona, on the west side of the island of Hawaii. Mrs. Miller, who was elderly, had been visiting on the shore of the Kialskakua Bay, near the place where Captain Cook was murdered. She started out for a walk and lost her way. Her body was found on a trail only a short distance from the house.

Terrible Crime.

A dispatch from Fairfield, W. Va., yesterday says Rev. F. F. Coffman, aged 50 years, and one of the best known Methodist-Episcopalian ministers in this district, killed his wife early that morning, while suffering from a fit of insanity.

SENATOR TILLMAN

SAILED FOR EUROPE FROM BOSTON ON SATURDAY.

Says We Have the Republicans Beaten and that Bryan Will Be Elected in November.

A special dispatch from Boston to the Charleston Post says Senator Tillman, in an interview just before he stepped aboard the Canopic with Mrs. Tillman for a European trip, Saturday morning said, referring to the presidential election, "We have them licked. The other fellows are in a broken and disgruntled state."

Regarding the outlook for the coming Presidential election the Senator said: "I am going to Europe for two reasons. One is to escape the Presidential campaign, and the other is to have a rest and a good time. I am tired and am going away to get back my health. I am going to Spain to see if I can cook garlic the way I like it. No poking around for curiosities or beautiful paintings for mine."

Mr. Tillman also in the course of the interview likened President Roosevelt to Caesar. "While the President may be the wisest man in the United States today, I am not willing to acknowledge it," he declared. "I think there is no fear of Mr. Roosevelt's being the next President. William Jennings Bryan is the man who will next occupy the White House."

Accompanying the Senator is his physician, Dr. J. W. Babcock, of Columbia.

KILLED HIMSELF.

Convicted Cashier Found Dead When Sought for by an Officer.

When he finally succeeded in effecting an entrance to the barricaded residence of John W. H. Geiger, for whose arrest and incarceration in jail he had an order of the United States district court, United States Marshal Langhammer found Geiger dead. Later Coroner Caruthers found a bullet wound in the roof of Geiger's mouth, and a 32-calibre pistol lay beside the body.

Geiger was the central figure of one of the most sensational cases that has ever been tried in a Baltimore court. He had been cashier of the Canton National bank, but resigned the position in January of last year. As a result of investigations of National Bank Examiner Hanna, he was arrested on February 22, 1907, and his indictment by the United States grand jury on 109 counts preceded his trial. Of the extensive misuse of the funds of the bank he was convicted on five of the 47 counts. He was sentenced by Judge Morris to serve five years in jail.

Geiger's counsel appealed the case to the United States district court of appeals, which, about a week ago, sitting in Richmond, decided against him. Appeal was taken to the United States supreme court, but Judge Morris decided that pending the court's decision Geiger must begin to serve his sentence. Accordingly, Marshal Langhammer Friday went to the Geiger residence, only to find Geiger dead by his own hand.

TROUBLE AT PEEDEE

Another Sensational Hold up and Robbery Near the Junction.

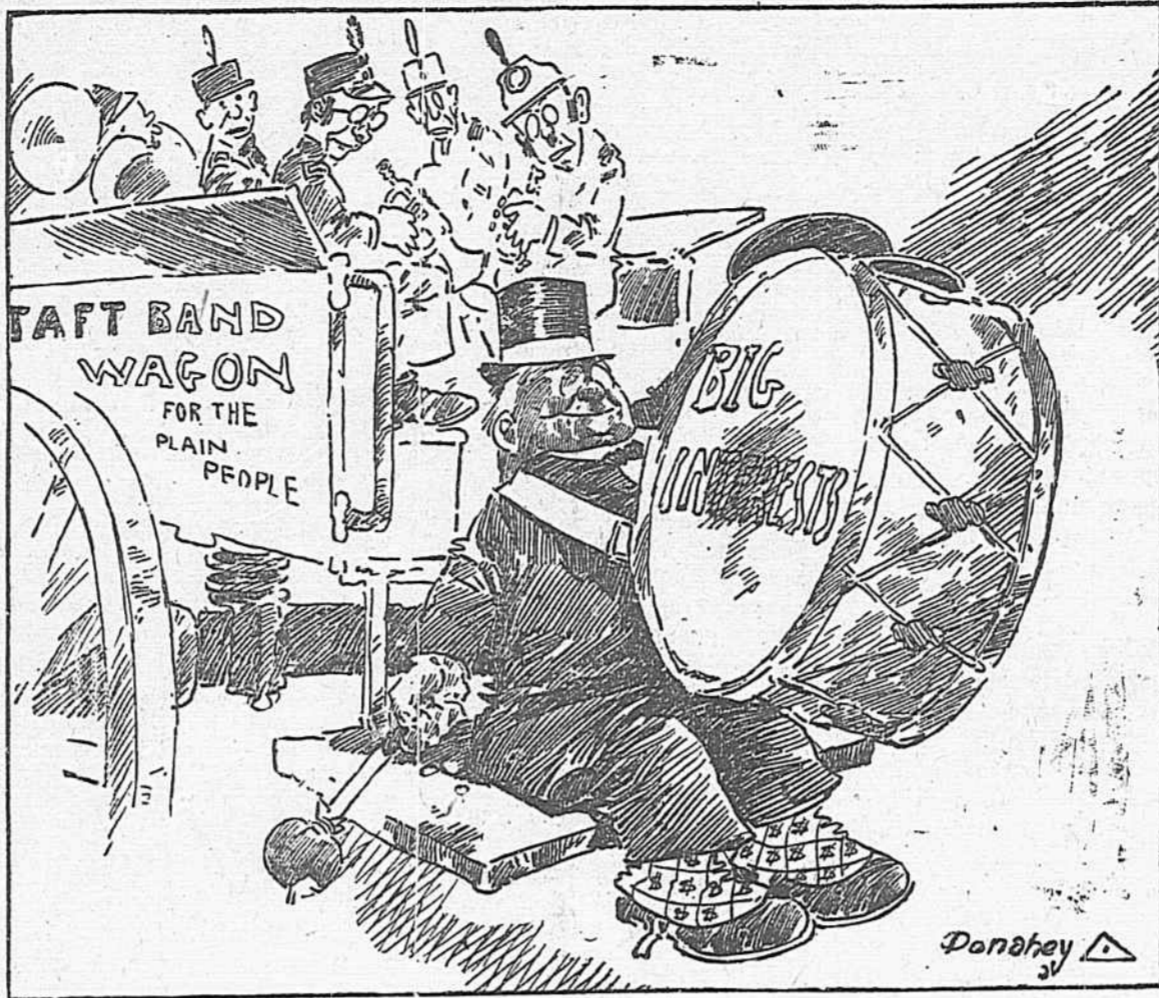
The Florence Times says: Blake W. Godbold, station daypumper for A. C. L., was assaulted and robbed about a mile from Pee Dee last Friday p. m. at 5 o'clock. Godbold was on the Dillon road attending to his lamps when he was jerked backward over the track choked. Only a few hours before, he had drawn a month's wages, \$30.00, which the assailant got. He is described as being a tall, powerfully built negro, a scar on his forehead and supposed to be named Westphalen, a former workman of the Marion County Lumber Company. Three negroes were within a hundred yards of Godbold but neither went to his assistance. It afterwards developed that there was another negro implicated who was hiding in the bushes. Pursuit was given by the railroad men, Capt. B. E. Waley, of the trestle force taking the lead. The negro has not been found yet, though he is supposed to be still hiding near Pee Dee. A suspicious looking negro was held for identity but Godbold said he was not the robber. He was freed and told to leave Pee Dee at once. Afterwards it was discovered that he was the man hiding in the bushes. A plan was also on foot to rob S. J. White; the night watchman, but a little boy told White in time for him to thwart them. This recalls the mysterious case of C. E. Kale, former night watchman whose body was found almost lifeless on the railroad track last December.

KILLED WITH BROOM STICK.

That Is the Weapon Used by Woman on Husband.

Sarah Lawrence, a negro woman about 22 years old, struck her husband, Scipio Lawrence, across the head with a broomstick on April 29. He died from the wound inflicted on May 2 at his home at Adams Run. It seems that Lawrence came home drunk on Saturday and was beating his wife, and she caught up a broom to defend herself.

THE NEW VOLUNTEER.



—Donahay in Cleveland Plain Dealer.

BRYAN STRONG.

Captures One After Another of Supposedly Hostile States.

MASSES ARE FOR HIM

Polls Taken by New York Herald and Other Papers Indicate Overwhelming Majority Among Democrats Favorable to His Nomination—Big States for Bryan—How They Stand.

The New York Herald of Monday says: In his contest for control of the National Democratic Convention, which meets at Denver July 7, William J. Bryan continues to distance all competitors. The Herald's impartial summary of the progress of delegate getting for the week and its estimate of conditions in various States shows that the twice defeated candidate is surpassing even the expectations of his friends.

Sympathy must be expressed for the Eastern Democratic leaders and the gold Democrats who have been dreaming of defeating Mr. Bryan. They desire some other candidate intensely and they say they are still hopeful, but there is little ground for hope unless conditions change.

Mr. Bryan is rapidly subjugating the "enemy's country." The Massachusetts Democratic State Committee declared against him, but he swept the primaries and the State convention this week instructed the delegates to vote for him.

The Connecticut Democratic State Convention refused to instruct the delegates for him, but when the smoke of battle cleared away Mr. Bryan was found to control at least ten of the fourteen delegates, and had his old and devoted friend Col. Alexander Troupe as the head of the delegation.

New York was supposed to be hostile to him, yet nothing is plainer than that Charles F. Murphy will have to vote for Mr. Bryan or run the risk of having the McCarran contesting delegates from Kings county seated at Denver.

Vermont was classed against Bryan, and is still so classed, because the Bryan men are not prepared to claim it; but an inquiry from an excellent and unprejudiced authority on Vermont politics brought the reply:—"Vermont will not instruct, but the delegates will unquestionably be for Mr. Bryan."

Pennsylvania is classed against Mr. Bryan by all the opposition, yet at least fifty-four of the district delegates were elected at primaries by the Bryan league and against Col. J. M. Guffey, the "boss" of the State, and a majority of them are instructed. The signs indicate that Col. Guffey is beaten in the State convention and that he will surrender at discretion.

Alabama was claimed for Johnson. The Johnson manager telegraphed the Alabama members of Congress. "We are going to carry this State for Johnson and want to know where you stand." The Alabama members met and wired back that it was "too late" for Johnson, and it was too late.

These are a few of the signs of the times. As the chronicler of unbiased political news and the promoter of no booms, The Herald gives the facts for what they are worth.

Coming down to figures, it is shown that Mr. Bryan already has 300 delegates instructed for him. He also stands to win 426 delegates in States where conventions or direct primaries are yet to be held. The uninstructed delegates number 142. If they were all against Mr. Bryan there might be some encouragement

for the opposition. But it is estimated that about one hundred of these delegates will vote for Mr. Bryan. In this calculation he is not given the four delegates elected in Maine, the ten who may be for him in Pennsylvania or the eight bound by the unit rule in New Jersey.

One of the most impressive events of the week was the Ohio State Convention. It should be remembered that this is the home State of Judson Harmon. Mr. Harmon is a Cleveland Democrat. He was also one of the three men being boomed for the Presidential nomination against Mr. Bryan. The past tense is used advisedly here. When the convention met there was no opposition to Mr. Bryan. The delegates to Denver were instructed for him.

Then the Democracy of the State proceeded to annex Mr. Harmon as a good Bryan asset and nominated him for Governor. Thus the Democracy of the "Buckeye State" has put its best foot forward at a time when the Republicans seem to have gone mad and are doing all in their power to lose the Governor of Ohio as well as the twenty-three electoral votes of the State.

Mr. Bryan is being aided by a considerable revulsion of sentiment. Somehow the notion is getting abroad that he may not be such a weak candidate after all. Indeed the action of Judge Gray in apparently spurning the nomination has injured his chances to get support in the East, and there is a feeling that if Governor Johnson should win at Denver he would have to face the troublesome statement that he was nominated because he could poll the Scandinavian vote in a mass, which might not be a strong card to play in this country, where race prejudices of other imported races are easy to arouse. Mr. Bryan himself believes he can defeat Taft.

There has been an interesting test of the Bryan strength throughout the country this week. The Chicago Tribune has been making a secret poll of Democratic preference throughout the country. The thirteen Northeast States voted: Bryan, 371; J. A. Johnson, 162; George Gray, 75. The solid South voted: Bryan, 1,363; J. A. Johnson, 173; George Gray, 59. The Central West voted: Bryan, 1,200; J. A. Johnson, 160; George Gray, 26. The mountain States voted: Bryan 351; J. A. Johnson, 34 and George Gray 8.

In all the polls Johnson led strongly for second choice. But in only one State did Johnson lead Bryan for first choice. This was Minnesota, showing that the demand for the cashing Governor is local.

STATION AGENT FOUND DEAD.

Alleged Mystery Surrounds Death of Young Man in Georgia.

J. T. Glover, Jr., agent for the Augusta South Railway Company at Spread, Ga., was found dead in his bed Friday morning and announcement was made later of sensational developments as a result of investigation of the fire Thursday, which destroyed the freight depot and cotton warehouse of the railroad. It is stated that young Glover, who is 27 years old, was short in his accounts and expected the road's auditor Friday to check his accounts. He was seen wandering about the burning buildings, apparently in a dazed or intoxicated condition. He is said to have purchased a bottle of laudanum and when found next morning it was reported that he committed suicide. Authorities of the road disputed this theory and say they believe he died from natural causes.

Negro Legally Hanged.

Porter Cooper, a negro, was hanged at Sparta, Ga., Friday for the murder of his wife last March. Cooper killed his wife with an axe, cut the body in three pieces and then buried the remains nearby. He afterwards set fire to the house, which was entirely destroyed.

CONFERENCE OF GOVERNORS

At Washington Came to an End on Last Friday.

The first conference of the Governors of the States of the American Union ended at Washington on Friday. The final accomplishment of the Conference which had been in progress at the White House for three days, cannot be foretold with mathematical precision. That its immediate results are more than ample is the expression of the President and the Governors who have participated.

Hon. William Jennings Bryan was one of five citizens invited by President to take part in the conference. All of the five were present except Ex-President Cleveland. The conference issued a declaration as to things in general and about the welfare of the country. President Roosevelt presided at the last meeting of the conference and took an active part in its proceedings. At the close of the conference he introduced Mr. Bryan, who was most enthusiastically received by the Governors.

Mr. Bryan acknowledged his obligations to President Roosevelt for the opportunity to participate in an historic event of the first magnitude. The discussion already had, he said, would help define the sphere of national and State control. He said he was jealous of any encroachment upon the rights of the State, but it was entirely consistent with his theory to believe that it was just as imperative that the General Government should discharge the duties delegated to it as it was that the States should exercise the powers reserved to them. "There will be no 'twilight zone' between the nation and the State," continued Mr. Bryan, "in which exploiting interests can take refuge from both, and my observation is that most of the contentions over the line between nation and State are traceable to predatory corporations, which are trying to shield themselves from deserved punishment or endeavoring to prevent needed restraining legislation."

MANY LOSE LIVES.

Death and Destruction Wrought in the Yang Tse Kiang.

News of one of the greatest disasters China has ever known, a sudden tidal bore in the Yang Tse Kiang, which involved a loss of nearly 10,000 lives at Hankow, was brought by the steamer Titan.

A bore twenty-six feet in height, flooded without warning down the river overturning thousands of junks, sampans and small boats and wrecking some large river steamers.

Some 3,000 Chinese were sleeping in the sampans and small craft and mat sheds and huts by the riverside at Hankow and they were enveloped by the great wave.

The scenes for many days after the disaster were horrible, the river being strewn with the dead and the debris of the wrecked craft for many miles.

KILLED HIS NEIGHBOR

In a Dispute Over Use of Mule Has Fatal Result.

At Edison, Calhoun county, Ga., Thursday afternoon, Clarence C. Weaver, a well-known citizen, shot and killed Benjamin Duke, a farmer. The tragedy occurred on Duke's farm and followed a difficulty over a mule belonging to Weaver, which, it is alleged, Duke took without the owners permission. The dead man leaves a widow and four children and Weaver is also a man of family. Duke was about 60 years old. It is said he drew a knife upon Weaver.

Tornado in Iowa.

A tonado in Southwestern Iowa destroyed many far mhouses in Fremont and Page counties, and killed Mrs. Will Finley, of Northboro, in Fremont county.

GUINNESS VICTIMS.

MURDERERS AND CHILDREN AMONG THE SLAIN.

Many Suitors for the Widow's Hand Found a Grave in the Garden Instead of a Wife.

A dispatch from La Porte, Ind., gives the following as the known dead in the Guinness mystery. They number fourteen in all:

Guinness, Mrs. Belle, the alleged arch-murderess, whose body was found in the ruins of the Guinness home after the fire on April 23.

Soronson, Myrtle, aged 11 years, daughter of Mrs. Guinness, also lost her life in the destruction of the residence.

Soronson, Lucy, aged 9 years, youngest daughter of Mrs. Guinness, who likewise was burned to death in the fire.

Soronson, Philip, aged 5 years, son of Mrs. Guinness, whose burned body was found clasped in the arms of the mother after the destruction of the Guinness home.

Guinness, Annie Olsen, aged 17 years, daughter of Anton Olsen, of Chicago, whom Mrs. Guinness took to raise when eight years old, and whose body is believed to be one of the four found in a hole in the barnyard.

Guinness, Joseph, second husband of the woman, who died at the House of Mystery about four years ago, as a result of skull being fractured with a meat chopper. Wife claimed meat chopper fell from shelf.

Budberg, Ole, Iowa, Wis., suitor of Mrs. Guinness, who came here in March, 1907, and disappeared April 6, 1907.

Helgelein, Andrew, Aberdeen, S. D., suitor of Mrs. Guinness; disappeared last January after lending her \$1,500; body dug up and identified by brother, A. K. Helgelein.

Guinness, Swanhill, two-year-old daughter of Peter S. Guinness, died suddenly, six years ago, after physician had pronounced her suffering from bronchitis; no burial permit ever issued.

Soronson, Mads, first husband of Mrs. Guinness, died suddenly in Chicago, several years ago.

Lindbom, Olaf, 35 years old, of Wisconsin; employed by Mrs. Guinness three years ago; worked on the farm from March to July. When he disappeared Mrs. Guinness gave it out that he had gone to Norway to witness the coronation of the new king.

Gerhall, Eric, 40 years old, of Wisconsin; succeeded Lindbom as handy man on the farm. He worked five months for Mrs. Guinness, when he disappeared Mrs. Guinness said he had left his trunk and overcoat and gone off toward Rolling Prairie. She afterward wore his fur coat.

Moo, John, Elbow Lake, Minn., suitor of Mrs. Guinness. He came to the "House of Mystery" Christmas day, 1906, to "celebrate the holiday," and was never seen afterward.

Berry, George, Tsucola, Ill., came to La Porte two years ago with \$400. He wrote a letter on his arrival at the Guinness home, but has not been heard from since.

AGED MAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

C. C. Martin, Father of O. B. Martin, Jumps Into Pond.

Mr. Thomas C. Martin, father of State Superintendent of Education O. B. Martin and Mr. B. F. Martin, a leading Anderson attorney, made an unsuccessful attempt at suicide by drowning Saturday morning.

He jumped into a small pond on Mrs. Eva Murray's place in Anderson, and was discovered soon after he had jumped. He was dragged to the bank by Mr. Duff Murray, who was attracted to the spot, and medical attention was quickly secured, restorative measures adopted and that he was recovering from the severe shock at the Anderson hospital.

Mr. Martin formerly lived in Pickens County, and for several years has been living in Greenville. Some weeks ago he came to Anderson and has been making his home with his son, Mr. D. F. Martin. He is in his eightieth year, and has been in wretched health for some time, and it is said that his nervous system is almost a wreck. This, it is thought, caused him to make the rash attempt on his life.

STRYCHNINE IN AN EGG.

Poison Intended for Dog Gets Into Marlboro Home.

Mrs. W. H. Peters, of Bennettsville, recently discovered among some eggs which she had bought one which contained strychnine. In breaking the eggs she noticed that it had a little hole in it and she broke it in a separate saucer. Her husband, Mr. W. H. Peters of the Marlboro Drug Co., analyzed the mixture and found that it contained enough strychnine to kill several people. The egg came through the hands of R. D. Rogers & Bro., and had been bought by them from the country. They were, of course, entirely ignorant of the whole matter and thought that the egg was fresh and bought it for such. It is probable that the egg had been fixed by the person who sold it for a dog and that it became mixed up in the number of fresh eggs which were brought to town and sold to R. D. Rogers & Bro. It is fortunate that Mrs. Peters discovered the matter in time, else there might have been a different tale to tell.

DEATH AGENT

Of Mrs. Guinness Has Been Located and Will Soon Be

TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

It is Now Believed That Mrs. Guinness, the Arch-Murderess, is Yet Alive and Every Possible Watch Is Being Kept Up to Prevent Her Escape.

The "Death Agent" employed by Mrs. Belle Guinness to lure victims to her farm, has been located in Warsaw, Ind., and his arrest is expected soon.

The capture of this man is expected to put into the hands of the authorities the real story of the murder syndicate whose operations filled Brookside farm with the bodies of a score of victims.

It is further hoped to discover by this means the present hiding place of the arch-murderess, if, as is now, generally believed, she is in concealment for a chance to escape to Europe with the money she must have accumulated by means of her schemes. It is now considered certain that the death agent is the man who escaped with Mrs. Guinness in an automobile on the night that the farm house was destroyed by fire which consumed the bodies of the woman's three children.

An auto carrying a man and a woman who answered the description of the arch-murderess was seen speeding through Hobart on the morning after the fire. Deputy Sheriff Giff declared the machine was running at a fearful rate, and that it came into Hobart from the direction of La Porte. He is confident that the woman in the machine was Mrs. Guinness. In fact there is little doubt now in the minds of the citizens of Laporte that Mrs. Guinness, the slayer of perhaps a score or more men and women and children, whose body was supposed to have been found on her "murder farm" escaped and there is little doubt that the three children who perished in the flames were not her own, but were adopted as a part of her cunning scheme to herself appear a respectable well-to-do widow who would make a desirable wife.

All La Porte is inclined to believe this man with whom she fled is one of her mysterious conspirators or confederates, and that she is now probably in hiding and waiting her chance to sail for Europe.

On the day the house was burned Mrs. Guinness received a telegram of warning from an accomplice. It is believed that this man, fearful (perhaps) that the woman might be arrested and make a confession of the workings of the whole horrible "murder syndicate," hurried to La Porte early in the night in an automobile. The police say the plan of flight was formulated by Mrs. Guinness.

She easily reconciled herself to the sacrifice of the children since they were only accessories to her game of murder. She induced Ray Lamp here to set fire to the house as the body of a headless woman had been placed so as to convey the impression that Mrs. Guinness herself had perished in the flames. Then she fled.

Mrs. Guinness had several gold-filled teeth and a search of the ashes of the house has been conducted for the purpose of finding these teeth. What was thought to be a gold tooth that was discovered, has turned out not to be a gold tooth at all. A dentist who examined it, declared it was an ordinary tooth, and had never been filled with gold.

MORE TORNADES.

Four Dead and a Dozen Injured by Latest Cyclone.

Reports reached Crawley, La., late Saturday night of four deaths in tornadoes near that place. The dead: A. L. Chatinger, Henry J. Young, a child of Thomas Young, At Plaquemine Ridge, two negroes.

About a dozen persons were injured but none fatally. The tornadoes were small, according to reports, and in some cases their path was scarcely more than the width of a house, aside from the fatalities the tornadoes appear to have done little harm. Crop damage was reported as small, while the destruction of only a score of buildings comprised the total of such disaster.

INSTRUCTS FOR BRYAN.

Wyoming Joins the Triumphant Procession of States.

The Wyoming Democratic State Convention Thursday selected delegates to the national convention instructed for William J. Bryan. Resolutions were adopted favoring the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people, favoring an amendment to the Sherman anti-trust law, excepting labor unions from the effect of its provisions and opposing the forest reserve policy of the present national administration.

Sailed for Europe.

It is now claimed that Mrs. Guinness, the La Porte, Ind., murderess, has sailed for Europe, where we hope she will be arrested and returned to this country.