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TERMINIC TORNADO FATAL TO THOUSANDS

PITIFUL SCENES ENACTED; RESCUE WORK STARTED

Morgues Crowded With Infant Dead—Red Cross Starts Relief Work at Once—Estimate of Dead Ranges From 700 to 1000—Thousands Injured.

Summary of Destruction by Tornado

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) Dead estimated at 500 to 1,000. Injured estimated at 2500 to 3,000. Homeless estimated at 8,000 to 10,000.

A mid-afternoon tornado, the worst hour to strike when children were packed in schools and workers in stores and shops, yesterday's storm in five mid-western states still held many victims buried and unreported this afternoon.

It flattened heavily constructed schools and business buildings with worse results than the casualty in lighter dwellings. Babies in homes were special sufferers.

Fires still raging or smoldering and millions of dollars' worth of wreckage delayed counts of the larger death lists, the hardest hit places were the small cities in Southern Illinois—West Frankfort, Murphysboro and Carbondale.

Next to Illinois, the worst sufferers were in Indiana and Missouri with fatal echoes of the twister coming from Tennessee and Kentucky.

Red Cross, state guardsmen, army aviation forces, railroad resources piled into many special trains and private relief from two of the nation's largest cities, Chicago and St. Louis, with a host of contributions from smaller cities, concentrated on Southern Illinois.

Two towns in the wake of the tornado were reported to have been virtually erased from the map while a large section of another was laid to ruins. But one home and a school house were the remaining structures in the village of Parrish in Franklin county, Illinois.

The four dwellings left standing at Griffin, Posey county, Indiana, a town of 750 people, were badly damaged. One hundred city blocks at Murphysboro were practically flattened. Seventy blocks in the residential section were swept by flames.

Setting a record for swift legislation the members of the Illinois legislature and those in the Missouri assembly respectively pushed forward measures appropriating \$500,000 and \$25,000 for relief in their devastated sections. Governor Small of Illinois and a staff left for the storm area.

In the stricken district in Southern Illinois, the storm took its toll in several places in less than five minutes. A brakeman on an Illinois Central train who witnessed the tragedy at DeSoto, pictured it thus: "A crash of thunder, preceded by two blinding flashes of lightning, after which there was nothing left of the town."

In a mine near West Frankfort, eight hundred men were underground. They felt a concussion and fearing disaster flocked to the lifts. None of the cages could be operated.

When they were able to reach the surface, they found a tornado had passed over them. One of the interesting features was reported from this same locality where a rescue worker noticed a baby's head protruding from the debris of a miner's home, grasped it, to find Becky Reed under the wreckage. She was unhurt.

still virtually isolated from the outside world as far as wire communication was concerned. The tornado which skipped and hopped from town to town, spurning the uninhabited countryside left in its wake damage so great that people of the community where it occurred could scarcely believe the reports.

With ruthless hand the storm laid the town flat and today the bodies of 30 school children from there lay in Carbondale morgues while stricken parents hurried from one scene of death to another in fear of what they might find.

In Carbondale morgues bodies lay row upon row upon improvised benches while a steady stream of people filed past in an effort to identify the victims. Baby twins lay side by side and a stricken mother was taken away after she had seen her babies and fainted.

Murphysboro, probably hardest hit by the tornado suffered a property damage of upwards of \$3,000,000 from wind and fire. At noon twelve fires were still burning in various parts of the town. Upward of fifty city blocks in the town of 15,000 were laid waste and many bodies were burned beyond identification. Two square miles were laid waste. Two buildings were dynamited in an effort to check the spread of the flames.

The Mobile and Ohio shops employing 1400 men, were destroyed by fire, an \$85,000 Baptist church was in ruins and a \$267,000 addition to the high school was two thirds destroyed. Yesterday when the tornado broke Joe Boston, chief of police rushed to the school building to help take out the children. The first lot he found was his own. She was dead.

Valiant efforts were being made to give care to the injured. Carbondale hospital, lodges and homes were thrown open to the injured from De Soto and other nearby towns.

Coolidge Takes Action WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—President Coolidge, who is president of the American Red Cross today suggested to Chairman John Barton Payne that all of the facilities of the organization be put into operation to relieve storm sufferers in the middle west.

"Information has reached me," said in a communication made public by the Red Cross headquarters, "of the disaster that has overtaken a portion of Missouri, Illinois and Indiana.

TABULATED LIST OF INJURED AND DEAD IN STORM

Table with columns for location, injured, and dead. Includes entries for Illinois (Murphysboro, De Soto, Parrish, Gorcham, McLeansboro, Logan, Benton, Enfield, Hurst, Thomsonville, Bush, Carmi, Crossville), Kentucky (Glasgow, Scottville, Springfield, Lexington), Missouri (Cape Girardeau, Biehle, Annapolis, Altenburg), Tennessee (Witham), Indiana (Griffin, Princeton, Owensville, Elizabeth, Poseyville), and Totals (708 injured, 2072 dead).

error of Illinois that you will do so."

Find 100 Bodies CHICAGO, Mar. 19.—The Chicago Daily News published a special dispatch today from West Frankfort saying that one hundred bodies of storm victims had been found in West Frankfort, Ill., and immediate vicinity.

The dead in Franklin county was estimated at 150. The dispatch added: "The bodies of 18 babies were placed side by side in one morgue. The landscape, as far as the eye can reach, is a mass of debris. Houses, wires and poles were mingled. Here a house had been moved from its foundation, there a side had been ripped off, leaving bedroom furniture in sight.

One woman with blood streaming down her cheeks, talking in a foreign tongue, had her shrieks of grief turned to cries of joy when a man approached her carrying a baby. The baby had come through unscathed."

Injured Beyond Count MURPHYSBORO, Ill., Mar. 19.—As the aftermath of a spring tornado which wrecked this city, Murphysboro today counted 105 dead in morgues, accounted for 50 others dead but not yet brought to the improvised receiving rooms and searched for an estimated 150 to 250 buried in the debris of one thousand homes and 100 down town buildings.

Injured persons were beyond count, but various hospitals, hastily improvised first aid stations and homes reported hundred suffering. Of that number it was feared many would die.

A dozen or more fires still burned this afternoon in the wreckage of what had been one of Southern Illinois' most prosperous smaller cities. The city proper with its 15,000 inhabitants, covered five and one-half square miles. Today more than two square miles was littered only with charred debris.

The electric light and gas plants here were destroyed. Heart rending scenes were enacted as the dead were taken to morgues and injured to relief stations.

Virtually every one of the one hundred and six bodies counted was torn and battered. In many instances huge splinters and pieces of planks had been driven through them. Hardly a body lay in the long lines in the morgues but what had broken and twisted limbs. In some instances nearly every bone in the body would be broken, indicating the tornado had picked up the body and hurled it through space.

Indiana Dead 150 INDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 19.—The dead in Indiana from the tornado probably will exceed 150, according to figures obtained over damaged telephone and telegraph wires.

Use Sleeping Cars CHICAGO, Mar. 19.—Women and children made homeless by the tornado will be provided with sleeping cars as temporary shelters and sent to Murphysboro, Ill., at once by the Pullman company.

Sixteen standard sleeping cars with bunks were ordered out of Chicago 2 p. m., and a similar number from St. Louis due in Murphysboro at 8 p. m.

Evacuating Bodies WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., Mar. 19.—One hundred and two bodies have been extricated from the ruins of the buildings wrecked in

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ENTOMBED MINERS NOT YET RESCUED.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) FAIRMONT, W. Va., Mar. 19.—Fire in the wrecked workings of mine 41 of the Becklesheim Mines corporation today continued to hamper the work of rescue crews in their efforts to determine the fate of 34 miners entombed by an explosion Tuesday night.

Hope has been virtually abandoned that any of the miners are alive.

COUNTRESS IS ON STAND IN SCANDAL CASE

Dennistoun Trial Resumed Today With Countess Carnarvon Testifying.

HAS FAINTING SPELL Smelling Salts Used to Revive Witness Who Swoons Away During Trial This Morning.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) LONDON, March 19.—The Dowager Countess Carnarvon today took the stand in the sensational Dennistoun trial. Once during the evidence she nearly fainted, but recovered with the help of smelling salts.

The increasing bitterness with which the Dennistoun case is being fought was noticeable during the continuation of cross examination of the defendant today and there were a number of heated exchanges between Lieutenant Colonel Dennistoun and Sir Ellis Hume Williams.

Dennistoun asserted that the introduction of money matters into the case was "pure invention on the part of his former wife, not only to show me but to show up my wife, the Dowager Countess Carnarvon."

Sir Ellis persisted in attempts to get the witness to admit that he had borrowed various sums of money from his former wife after the divorce, while admitting he had received sums of money from her, declared she sent them "out of generosity on her part," and not as loans.

When Sir Ellis asked if the countess of Carnarvon had given Colonel Dennistoun 100,000 pounds upon their marriage and the witness replied "yes sir," Sir Ellis flashed back "do you think that after you had accepted 20,000 pounds and a flat from another man's wife you had much dignity to preserve?"

Colonel Dennistoun who had testified that Countess Carnarvon gave him this amount in 1922, which was before the Earl of Carnarvon died, turned to the court protesting "my Lord, this is black-mail."

The court however, ruled that the question was permissible. "You think what you like and the jury may think what it likes," Colonel Dennistoun finally answered.

Questioned regarding an unnamed woman with whom he had admitted misconduct in Paris, Colonel Dennistoun said that she was (Continued on page 3.)

Shepherd Awaits Trial in Cell Once Occupied by Leopold; Germ-Sellers Are Being Rounded Up

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) CHICAGO, March 19.—William D. Shepherd, foster father of William McClintock, orphan millionaire, today occupied the same county jail cell in which Nathan Leopold, Jr., awaited trial nine months ago for killing Robert Franks, while prosecutors investigated a theory that the typhoid germ he is accused of giving McClintock to kill him may have come from the city health department.

They established a connection between two health department employes and the National University of Sciences, whose head, Charles C. Falman, named with

Shepherd in the indictment, charging McClintock's murder, said he gave the germs to Shepherd for administering to McClintock.

Included in the list of the faculty of the Falman school, were the names of Winfield S. Hoerger, a health inspector, and Dr. Harry Raad, formerly in the bureau of diphtheria control. Until a month ago, prosecutor's said, Hoerger's duties had been to receive typhoid and other germ cultures at the city laboratory.

He denied being a faculty member of the school and said he was only a student there. Dr. Raad was listed as the medical director of Falman's school.

PALM BEACH, FLA., HOTELS RAZED BY DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) PALM BEACH, Fla., March 19.—More than four million dollars worth of property lay in ruins here today after the fire last night, which swept through the Breakers and Palm Beach hotels, destroying several shops and cottages and for a time threatening the destruction of that entire section of the city. Smoldering ashes was all that remained of two noted hotels of the playground of millionaires, as steps were made to check the damage to property and verify the rumors that there had been a loss of life.

No confirmation had come early today of the rumor that an elderly man and woman had lost their lives in the Breakers.

PALM BEACH, Fla., Mar. 19.—Estimates of the loss here last night, when the Breakers Hotel and the Palm Beach Hotel were destroyed by fire with damage to other property, was placed at \$7,000,000 today by Fire Chief Schultz of the Palm Beach department.

Previously the loss had been estimated at \$4,000,000.

PALM BEACH, Fla., Mar. 19.—A check-up of hotel registers, almost completed today, failed to reveal that any lives were lost in the fire which last night destroyed two hotels and other buildings here.

Authorities continued to investigate rumors that the Breakers Hotel, the first building to be attacked by the flames was set afire as a part of a plot to loot the hotel rooms of jewelry and money. Police have arrested a score of persons caught looting.

SPRING WHEAT WILL CONSUME BIG ACREAGE (Associated Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, March 19.—American farmers intend to plant 12.9 per cent more spring wheat and 2.3 per cent more corn this spring than the acreage harvested last year, the department of agriculture announced today after a canvass just completed.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—A tendency toward expansion of farm crop acreages in 1925 was shown today in an intention to plant report issued by the department of agriculture.

Intentions to plant other spring crops as compared with last year's harvested acreages were announced as follows: Oats 2.6 per cent more; barley 23.0 per cent more; white potatoes four per cent less; sweet potatoes 29.5 per cent more; flax seed 3.3 per cent less. Tame hay the same acreage as last year.

RICKARD CASE TRIED (Associated Press Leased Wire.) TRENTON, N. J., Mar. 19.—Federal Judge Bodine gave the case of George L. (Tex) Rickard and five others charged with conspiracy to violate the law against interstate transportation of fight motion pictures to the jury this afternoon.

EDWARDS WRESTLES YOKEL TO A DRAW.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) PORTLAND, Ore., March 19.—Mike Yokel, Salt Lake, and Bill Edwards, of Kansas City, both light heavyweights, wrestled to a two hour draw here last night. Each grappler won one fall.

PACKED HOUSE GREET'S ANNUAL FASHION SHOW

Antlers Theatre Crowded for Style Review Held Last Night.

COSTUMES GORGEOUS Local Establishments Present Beautiful Showing of New Spring Styles.

The first annual spring fashion review with the merchants of Roseburg co-operating took place at the Antlers theatre last night before an audience that packed the theatre and extended to the sidewalk where eager people vied for a place of advantage from which to catch a glimpse of the graceful models as they appeared.

The style show was arranged and presented by L. A. Goux, manager of the theatre, and was participated in by a majority of the leading establishments in Roseburg. It is Mr. Goux's plan to make the show an event of each spring and fall season, and he has already announced a more elaborate affair for early fall.

The details were carried out with a metropolitan manner and perfection that pleased the audience and left with them a keen desire for more such events.

As each mannequin appeared in the spotlight on a dais before a heavy velvet curtain, a description of the costume and coiffure was read by Mr. Goux. A daintily attired maid stood ready to assist them with wraps, hats and scarfs.

The attractive stage setting of flowers and softly glowing lights added to the charming picture.

Appearing for Abraham's Silk Store were Miss Jean Singleton, Miss Mildred Sinniger and Miss Dorothy Gordon. Miss Singleton wore a tailored ensemble suit of log cabin brown in Loraine fabric, with correct hose, hat, gloves and slippers; Miss Sinniger also wore a Loraine ensemble in highway with correct accessories; Miss Gordon's street dress of satin faced canton crepe in fallow tan had insets of contrasting material, with can sleeves of the same.

Miss Evelyn Nolan for Bellows Store wore a complete evening toilette. Her frock of pale pink embroidered net was over a deep pink satin slip with pink hose and silver slippers. A head band of pink satin and ribbons completed the effect. Miss Clarice Harpster, also for Bellows, wore a coat of Flanore cloth with a band of foxette fur, and Miss Lorriene Conlee an ensemble suit of henna satin, with a large henna satin hat.

Two ensemble suits were shown by Fisher's store. Miss Adelle Demis wore a sport ensemble with a printed silk crepe frock, and deep coral flannel coat. The suit shown by Miss Thelma Olmstead was developed in two shades of brown charmeen, a lighter shade forming the dress. Miss Beulah Jewett modeled a beaded black dinner gown, with a Gloria Swanson hat and scarf of French blue.

The Hat Shop showed three Irene Castle sport dresses of green Wales coat. Miss Vivian Williams wore an Irene Castle ensemble in snuff color, and also a street dress in black and flesh. Mrs. Ward's Irene Castle sport dress of green was embroidered over with gold thread, and she later donned a gray tailored coat.

Afternoon gowns in shades of rose and coral flat crepe with large matching hats, and filmy scarfs were shown by Miss Katharine Stata, and Miss Clementine Reynolds for the J. C. Penney Co. Miss Ruth Brown, also for the Penney Co. was attired in a sport ensemble of green and black stripe flannel, with a small matching hat.

Mrs. George Wharton for the (Continued on page 3.)

LIST OF WORST TORNADOES IN U. S. SINCE 1884

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Mar. 19.—Yesterday's tornado in Southern Illinois and parts of Missouri and Indiana was the nineteenth such disaster including the great storm which swept the southern states in 1884.

Following is a list of the worst tornadoes in the middle west and south since that of 1884:

February 18, 1884—Six hundred killed in southern states.

April 1892—Forty killed in Kansas City.

June 14, 1892—Fifty killed in Minnesota.

June 20, 1893—Sixteen killed in Kansas river valley.

September, 1894—Seventy five killed in Iowa and Minnesota.

March 30 1907—Three fourths of the town of Chadler, Okla., destroyed.

May 9, 1905—Thirty killed at Marquette, Kan.

May 11, 1905—One hundred and thirty killed at Snyder, Okla.

March 2, 1906—Twenty five killed at Meridian, Miss.

April 25, 1908—Five hundred in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama storms.

June 5, 1908—Twenty seven killed in southern Nebraska and northern Kansas.

March 13, 1923—Heavy damage and loss of life in Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee, Louisiana and Texas.

April 25, 1923—Nearly 100 killed in Oklahoma.

July 1923—Sixty three killed, Pomeroy, Iowa.

The most recent storm disaster was at Lorain, Ohio, on June 28, 1924, when 67 persons were killed and scores injured during a heavy wind which swept the southern shore of Lake Erie.

During the spring and summer of 1924 the south was visited by two devastating storms, on April 30, 1924 persons met death in Alabama, South Carolina and Georgia. On May 28 and 27 forty persons were killed in Mississippi and Alabama.

MANY TO ATTEND ROTARY CONVENTION A large number of the members of the local Rotary club are making plans to attend the District Rotary convention to be held in Portland the first three days of next week. Practically the entire club will be represented, only a few of the members being unable to go because of business reasons.

Among those who will make the trip are W. J. Weaver and wife, C. S. McElhinny and wife, F. H. Churchill, O. C. Baker, W. P. Chapman, C. Brennan, A. T. Lawrence, W. E. Ott and wife, A. J. Hochradel, John Runyan, G. C. Finlay and wife, M. S. Hamm, J. H. Slinger, W. H. Fisher and wife, H. W. Bates, Dexter Rice, wife and daughter, J. B. Booth and wife, A. B. Crawford, Oscar Berrie, Joe Dent, Joe Murphy, C. A. Lockwood, M. F. Rice, James T. Goodman, A. C. Seely and wife, A. J. Lilburn and wife, James Hutchings and wife, Foster Butner and wife.

PROBE WHEAT MARKET (Associated Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—Instructions to examine the books and trading records of all grain exchanges in the country and those of a number of large brokers were sent today by Secretary Jardine to field agents of the grain futures administration.

The action constituted the agriculture department's first step in its investigation of the causes of recent violent fluctuations in the price of wheat.

The orders went to Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and other points.

The names of the brokers whose books will be inspected were not disclosed.

The examination will cover trading accounts since the price decline began a few days ago.

The ultimate extent of the scrutiny will depend on the nature of its preliminary findings.

Records of the exchanges and brokers are expected to show plainly whether buying or selling was the result of abuse of trading privileges.

FIRE FOLLOWS IN WAKE MONSTER TWISTER

Southern Illinois Presents Tableau of Death and Destruction.

DEATH TOLL HEAVY Towns in Rich Illinois Coal Fields Suffer Heaviest Loss of Life and Property.

CHICAGO, March 19.—If the present reports of the casualties stand up, yesterday's disaster will show the largest death toll of any tornado in this country.

The previous high records were: 1884—600 dead in Southern States; 1896—500 dead in St. Louis; 1908—500 dead in southern states.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) MURPHYSBORO, Ill., March 19.—Southern Illinois early today presented a vast tableau of death and destruction and its horror-stricken inhabitants waited anxiously for more definite reports on the toll of lives taken by yesterday's tornado, which swept clear across the central-southern part of the state.

With the stricken towns almost completely isolated, definite reports as to loss of life were lacking, but estimates placed the number well above the 1,000 mark, with many more injured, some of whom were dying. The amount of the property damage also lacked definite figures, but was believed to have amounted to over several million dollars.

Sweeping across the Mississippi from the lower section of Illinois, the hurricane invaded Missouri at Gorham on the Mississippi and wended its way in an almost straight easterly direction into Indiana, laying waste towns and farms in an area over several hundred square miles.

Murphysboro, West Frankfort, Parrish and De Soto, all situated in Illinois' rich coal fields, appeared to have suffered the heaviest loss of life and the biggest property damage. Smoke still poured from the debris of Murphysboro's smoldering ruins, while its citizens still searched the ruins for other dead. Rescue work was greatly hampered by the fire and it was said that many of the injured were cremated in the blazing debris.

This city early today was burning in many places. The main business section was virtually wrecked and streets were filled with poles and debris and wrecked automobiles.

Many doctors had nurses, who arrived from all points, were taken to the basement of the Presbyterian Church, which was not destroyed.

Hert Seoby, an undertaker from Marion, Illinois, who came through West Frankfort enroute here, estimated that one undertaker here had sixty or seventy bodies and another undertaker probably had the same amount.

"The whole Northwest corner of West Frankfort is razed and conditions there are as bad as they are here," Seoby said. "Three school buildings were virtually destroyed. The tornado scooped out the center of the high school, turned houses over and devastated block after block."

"The wind carried automobiles great distances," he said. "It turned one house almost at right angle to its foundation."

The number of persons burned in their homes after being crushed is undetermined, according to Major Robert Davis. An Associated Press correspondent made tour of the city at 3 a. m., and counted 55 wrecked houses.

Fires everywhere still glowed (Continued on page 4.)

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