

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY \$10,000,000

Dead in Omaha Is
Over 200 Souls

BIG AREA HIT

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA, IS LOS-
ER OF LIVES AND RALSTON
RAZED.

SOUTH HAS DEATH QUOTA

Actual Details of the Number of Dead
Will Not Be Known for Some
Time Is Belief.

**SOME OF THE FATALITIES
IN YESTERDAY'S STORM**

- Omaha, Neb. 200 killed.
- Council Bluffs, Mo. 8 killed.
- Terre Haute, Ind. 20 killed.
- Flag Springs, Mo. 5 killed.
- Yutan, Neb. 15 killed.
- Bonifay, Fla. 5 killed.
- Berlin, Neb. 8 killed.

Total 261 killed.

One hundred killed in middle-
west and south two weeks ago
by storms and tornado, and 100
killed last week in same terri-
tory. Approximate total in three
weeks 500.

Omaha, March 24.—Two hundred killed and a total property loss of \$10,000,000 in Omaha alone is the estimate of last night's tornado toll in this city that Mayor Dahlman, Governor Moorhead and Police Commissioner Ryder issued at 11 o'clock this morning. The prediction is made by these three officials who have toured the devastated section in automobiles. It is admitted these figures might be increased later in the day when better reports are obtained. Council Bluffs reports four dead bodies have been taken from homes in the storm swept district, and these have not been added in the totals above. As the path of the storm is being run down it is found that the tornado went further east than first reported. At 8:45 this morning the United Press leased wire was the only one in working order out of Omaha.

Indian Prophecy Misleading.
A canvass of the tornado district led by a tornado insurance company leads to the belief that \$10,000,000 loss will be covered by only a half of that through insurance. This is partly due to the Indian prophecy that Omaha was immune from cyclones. Residents in the city placed great confidence in this prediction and carried but little insurance.

More than 100,000 grief stricken and hysterical persons assailed every source of information for assurances about relatives and friends.

City Lined by Conflagration.
Decatur and Franklin streets are filled with debris. These streets were lined with blazing homes for a quarter of a mile following the storm. Refugees rushed to the hill tops of both streets and watched their homes burn. The fires raged the city for more than three hours.

Havoc Is Widespread.
Reports from outlying towns tell stories of the havoc wrought. Fears are expressed that residents of Gretna, Ashland, Louisville and other little towns which lay in the path of the cyclone, are also razed.

Militia and the police are keeping the crowds back from the morgues by sheer force alone.

Terre Haute Is Sufferer.
Terre Haute, Ind., March 24.—Twenty were killed and 150 injured

Terrible Havoc Created by Cyclone and Fire That Devastated Six-Block Path Through City of Omaha, Neb.

Omaha, March 24.—Nebraska is in mourning today. The worst storm that has ever hit the state laid waste a large portion of the prosperous city of Omaha this morning, killing a large number of people, the exact proportions of which are not and may never be known. Early this morning sixty-nine bodies had been found. The tornado swept through the city a strip five miles long being almost laid completely waste. The storm hit the South and Northern sections. Four were killed at Ralston where the storm seemed to originate. From Ralston the storm hit Omaha coming from Ralston, in the Southwest corner. Ralston was destroyed. The storm swept past the county hospital and travelled in a northeasterly direction sweeping everything before it, and then changed its course traveling east to the Missouri river where it disappeared in the Iowa cliffs. Buildings were picked up and twisted and hurled with terrific force against the smaller structures. The wind treated the rich and poor alike, razing buildings of the most aristocratic section of the city as well as the tenement district. Some of the most costly houses in the city are demolished.

Torrential rains followed the storm but this proved a decided aid as fires had broken out in various parts of the city simultaneously and at least 25 homes were destroyed by the flames, the fire department being unable to even commence to fight the conditions. The rains stopped the spread of the conflagrations.

The city was in darkness for hours for the electric light plant failed. Lanterns were used in the search for dead bodies.

WOODSMAN KILLED BY HIS TEAM OF HORSES ON EASTER MORNING

Easter morn brought grief to a mountaineer home when F. W. Lloyd, a well known timber man hauling wood from the J. A. Russell ranch on Fox hill, was fatally mutilated and mangled under the feet of his own horses. Arising early Sunday morning Mr. Lloyd asked his wife to prepare breakfast while he got his team in readiness for a day's work in the woods. Mrs. Peterson did this, and growing alarmed at the prolonged absence of her husband, went to inquire of his delay. She found him under the horses, dead, his head crushed and his body cut and slit by

the corks on the horses' shoes. With the aid of a neighbor, Mr. Heuston, the body was dragged from under the horses, and authorities at La Grande were notified. During the afternoon the remains were brought, by sled, to the snowline and there relayed by wagon to the city. The grief-stricken wife is in the city today preparing for the funeral. A son in Wallowa, and a son and daughter in Pendleton, survive the deceased. He was about 50 years of age.

Coroner Bacon investigated the facts in the case and found that no inquest would be necessary.

EASTER WELL OBSERVED.

Churches of City Are Crowded With Easter Sunday Worshipers.

Spasmodic flurries of snow, rain and intermingled streaks of sunshine made up the Easter climatic program yesterday, but for all day, Easter worshippers crowded the churches to the doors. Both morning and evening services were well attended, and the Sunday school records for the day were large everywhere in the city.

The resurrection was the common theme, ably discussed and expounded by the various ministers. Probably never before has there been so much attention paid to Easter music as yesterday and during the services of the day, each church heard exceptionally good music programs.

Desilet-White Wedding Wednesday

Norman Desilet, formerly owner of the Foley Hotel barbership and Ollie Mae White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White, will be married next Wednesday evening at the home of the bride. The ceremony will be witnessed by a few intimate friends and 8 o'clock the bride's parents will keep open house through the evening for the friends of the popular couple and informal receptions will be held. At this open house period friends of both the bride and groom will be welcomed informally and at midnight the "newlyweds" will leave on an extended wedding tour, taking the west-bound train.

Strike on Seattle Elks Hall.

Seattle, March 24.—Failing to reach an agreement after a conference lasting six weeks, a general strike is called by the Building Trades council on the Elks' building now in the course of construction. Pickets have been placed at the building by the structural ironworkers. The Puget Sound Bridge & Construction company, which holds the contract for erection of the building, refuses to employ all union labor on the job.

GOVERNMENT'S AID PROMISED

WILSON ASKS, "CAN WE HELP YOU AT OMAHA?"

Appropriations Set Aside for Immediate Help for Needy.

LA. GRANDERS SHOW INTEREST.

Through bulletins posted by The Observer this morning the news of the Omaha disaster became generally known by nine o'clock. Many local people have relatives and friends in the storm-hit city. George L. Cleaver's mother is in the very heart of the storm center in Omaha, and her fate is as yet unknown. Scores of inquiries as to the nature of the storm came into The Observer office today from local people who have acquaintances and friends and relatives in Omaha and nearby towns.

Washington, March 24.—Governmental aid has been proffered the tornado-swept city of Omaha. The first thing that President Wilson did today was to send the following message to Mayor Dahlman, "Am deeply distressed over the news received from Nebraska. Can we help in any way?"

Secretary of War Garrison early today ordered Colonel Hoyt in charge of the army depot at Chicago; to dispatch Major Jarman and a division of signal corps not stationed near Omaha, to the stricken district.

Cities Offer Aid.
Frantic, grief-stricken relatives of the dead and missing are besieging the rescuers for some word of the cyclone victims.

All states and principal towns in the midwest are offering assistance. Physicians, nurses and a special train are arriving with aid for the sufferers. Forty physicians and 16 nurses arrived at 1:30. Many of the dead have been taken from the ruins.

Reports received here say that eight persons met death in a cyclone which yesterday practically destroyed Berlin, Neb., 50 miles east of here. It is impossible at this time to estimate the damage done by the fire. The Idlewild club building was wrecked and then burned and the auditorium at the Y. M. C. A. were opened to refugees this afternoon.

The bodies of four members of the Daniels family have been recovered.

Press Has All Wires.
New York, March 24.—At 11 o'clock the general commercial superintendent of the American Telephone & Telegraph company issued the following statement: "Although the company has suffered heavily in the tornado, we had one wire working out

STRANGE CYCLONE FEARS LEND HORRORS TO DISASTER

of Omaha since 5:40 this morning to this hour. It seems to be the only wire working out of the stricken city. We have been besieged with requests for even a few moments' use of this wire but have turned it over to the United Press exclusively on the theory that, through its channels, the news will reach every section of the country and the government officials and executives of the adjoining states can take the proper action.

Omaha, March 24.—The city commissioners have appropriated \$25,000 for immediate relief to the sufferers and have sent out a committee to investigate the report that the damage will reach \$7,000,000. The storm area was six blocks wide and nearly every house in that area was razed or damaged.

Lincoln, March 24.—The lower house of the legislature will take a recess and go to Omaha in a body to investigate the havoc wrought.

MISSOURI COUPLE WED.

Fathers and Mothers and They Themselves Are True-Blue Missourians

The bride's father and mother born in Missouri, the groom's father and mother born in Missouri, and the bride and groom themselves born in the same county of Missouri as their respective parents were, make up a Missouri couple that Justice of the Peace Williams wedded Saturday, true-blue Missourians. They gave their address as Missouri. The Missouri groom is Charles Tate and his Missouri bride is Tressie M. Belcher. Yesterday at 10 o'clock in the Foley hotel parlors, B. S. Grogger, a prosperous Elgin farmer and Ora Bell Long, also of Elgin, were quietly married by Justice of the Peace Williams.

SALEM RELATIVE DIES.

T. J. Hedrick's Death at Salem Re-veals Local Family.

T. J. Hedrick died March 18th at Salem from lumbago and nervous prostration. He leaves a wife, and the following other relatives: Oscar Hedrick, Ruby and Eva Hedrick of Salem; Mrs. Edwin Glass of Oregon City; Mrs. J. A. Bugg and Ernest Hedrick of La Grande. All were at his bedside when death came except Ernest and Mrs. Bugg who were sick and unable to attend. The deceased lived in La Grande for 24 years and in Salem.

Baker Man in Trouble.

Portland, March 24.—Dr. H. E. Currey, of Baker, Oregon, was arraigned in the federal district court today on a charge of using the mails for unlawful purposes. Counsel asked for a dismissal and Currey was granted several days in which to perfect a brief.

Patent Monopoly Tightened.

Washington, March 24.—Slightly strengthening the patent monopoly established for patents by a recent decision in the Dick Mimeograph case, the supreme court affirmed today the decision of the Illinois federal court awarding damages for patent infringement on a gas heater. The lower court denied the right of the Fair store in Chicago to sell heaters at a less price than the patentees fix.

Hawthorne Prisonbound.

New York, March 24.—Following conviction on the charge of using the mails to defraud in promotion of mining stock sales, Julian Hawthorne, son of the famous author, and Dr. William J. Morton, a prominent physician are on their way to the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga. Each was sentenced to serve one year and a day.

Fighting in Cananea.

Douglas, Ariz., March 24.—Fighting began in Cananea at daybreak today. No details are obtained.

GREAT FUNNEL PLOWS A PATH THROUGH CITY

Residents See Homes
Burn, But Helpless

RAIN IS RELIEF

MOTHER GIVES BIRTH TO BABE
WITH RAINS BEATING
UPON HER.

CITIZENS HEAR STORM ROAR

Strange Franks Played by Wind —
Two Babies Being Picked up
and Blown Away.

Omaha, March 24.—Last night's terrible storm that has left the nation mourning the terrible affliction that visited Omaha, was first observed just before 6 o'clock last night, coming from the Southwest with the speed of an express train. The roar could be heard long before it struck Omaha. Ahead of the storm was a fan-shaped cloud that grew darker gradually and then narrowed into a funnel, dipping earthward, and wherever it struck it killed, maimed and razed.

People in every section of the city watched the approach of the cyclone, but hoped to see it turn and go around the city.

Streets Filled With Debris.
Then the storm struck and the sequel to the story is told today in the streets of the city where such streets as were in the path of the storm are strewn with debris and dead. Uninjured rushed to the aid of the injured, an every automobile and wagon was pressed into service to care for the injured and dying, the hospitals filling rapidly to overflowing.

Undertakers Are Swamped.
Every undertaking establishment here and in Southern Omaha is taxed to the limit to care for the dead. Homes of fashionable residents and others as well have been thrown open to the thousands of homeless.

Morgues Are Tear Centers.
Hundreds of women and children are massed about the undertaking parlors today seeking missing relatives through tear-dimmed eyes. Pathetic scenes were enacted.

Soldiers Guard the Dead.
A soldier guard at the corner of Twenty-fourth and Lake streets reported that seven corpses had been recovered before his arrival there and from 10 to 15 had been taken away after his arrival, which numbers are not included in the list given by the officials.

Two Children Blown Away.
Two babies were picked up from the Child Saving institute where foundlings are cared for, and their bodies have not been found. It is not known how far they were blown, as this institute was the storm center in that district.

Mrs. G. E. Medlock was about to give birth to a baby when her home on Decatur street was badly damaged by the storm, and her husband seriously cut and two daughters injured, the clothing being torn from their bodies. Mrs. Mrs. Medlock lay for

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