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152 KILLED; 400 HURT BY TORNADO

DAMAGE IN OMAHA IS ESTIMATED AT TEN MILLIONS

STORM RAZES 1,200 BUILDINGS

Authorities of Stricken City Bend Efforts Trying to Care for Thousands Made Homeless by Disaster

OMAHA, Neb., March 24.—With the death toll probably aggregating 152 and the list of injured all of 400, Omaha and the surrounding territory in Nebraska and Iowa tonight faced the problem of housing the thousands rendered homeless by last night's tornado.

The number of buildings destroyed was placed in the neighborhood of 1,200 and the property damage at several million dollars. Belated reports coming to Omaha tended to increase the estimate of the havoc wrought and indicated that a much wider territory had been in the path of the storm than was at first shown.

The hospitals in Omaha tonight are full of injured, many of whom have not been identified, apparently because their friends are either dead or among the injured.

Thought the stricken section of Omaha is patrolled by government troops from Fort Omaha and the state militia. Governor McPherson himself has taken personal charge of the state troops. There has been little or no looting. The business men are cooperating in every way. The Omaha hotels have thrown open their doors for the injured. Every train into Omaha today brought scores of physicians from nearby towns who have friends and relatives here and they made up the continual stream of visitors to the morgues and hospitals.

The storm appeared to have started at Fifty-fourth and Center Streets. From there it traveled north, veering slightly to the east to Leavenworth Street. Then it took a northerly course to Fortieth and Farman Streets, sweeping its way through overhanging hills traveling a little east of north. It covered a course from Forty-third Street east to Thirty-fourth Street, a distance of six blocks.

Widow women and children are housed in undertaking rooms, seeking machine relatives, and the scenes being enacted are the most pathetic Omaha has ever witnessed.

The police believe that looting was carried on all through the night, and a number of adults were arrested. The police station is crowded with nightworkers, who tell of robberies perpetrated while the panic reigned after the storm.

It is impossible to estimate the damage done by fire following the storm. The Idlewild Club building at Twenty-fourth and Lake Streets was wrecked by the cyclone and then burned.

The Aquarium and the Y. M. C. A. buildings were opened to refugees in the afternoon.

A thorough investigation confirmed the report that the damage to property here would reach \$10,000,000. The storm area here was six blocks wide and nearly every house in its path was razed or badly damaged.

Bodies of victims were found today hundreds of yards from where the wind struck. The cries of injured persons drew rescuers in many different points simultaneously.

The cyclone caused many freak phenomena. Some houses were unscathed while others adjoining were crumpled like spaghetti. In one section of the city the lower story of a house was demolished, the upper part settling in its place. Trees were uprooted by the roots and driven through brick buildings.

After the storm throngs of people stood on the streets and wept as they watched women and police bearing out corpses of relatives from the debris. In one part of the city four members of one family were buried in burning wreckage but all were saved by the firemen.

A heavy rain which followed the cyclone saved many buildings threatened with destruction by fire.

A canvass of every tornado insurance company here leads to the belief that the \$10,000,000 loss is covered by only \$500,000 insurance. This is partly due to the Indian prophecy that Omaha was immune from cyclones. The residents of the city had placed great confidence in this prediction, and carried but little insurance. The city has frequently been visited by high winds, but never before suffered serious damage.

More than 100,000 grief-stricken and hysterical persons assailed every source of information today for assurances that relatives and friends are safe.

200 LOSE LIVES IN INDIANA FLOOD

INDIANAPOLIS, March 25.—A statewide flood, appalling in its immensity and terrifying in its swiftness, claimed certainly more than 200 lives, caused nearly 200,000 homeless and has done property damage of more than \$20,000,000 in Indiana today and tonight.

The rush of waters caught the state unprepared, and the following desperate fight to save property and life seemed futile.

From Peru came a sudden message that the town was overwhelmed and hundreds drowned before they knew their full peril.

\$473,076 TAXES COLLECTED TO DATE

Sheriff Mass announced Monday that \$473,076.47 of the 1912 taxroll of \$658,790 had been collected. This is a remarkable record, considering that several of the largest taxpayers have held back to await a decision as to the legality of the new law regarding the special road taxes.

The Southern Pacific Company and other corporations are among those that have refused to pay the special road tax. They tendered checks for all taxes but the special road taxes, and the sheriff, upon advice of counsel, declined them. Sheriff Mass turned over to Treasurer Tufts prior to March 18, \$251,531.37 and Monday turned over \$162,101.90. He will turn over today \$59,443.19. The collection of taxes was begun February 3. At this time last year \$495,759.57, which included payment by corporations which are holding back on account of the special road tax payments, had been collected. Had they paid this year the collection would have been \$39,000 of \$40,000 larger.

3,000 ARE DEAD; \$100,000,000 LOSS

FIRE ADDS TO DAYTON FLOOD HORROR, MANY PERISHING IN FLAMES

INDIANA HAS BIG DEATH ROLL

Towns Devastated Cut Off From Outside Communication—Railway Loss Runs Into Millions

CHICAGO, March 26.—Three thousand people perished in the deluge that swept the northern half of the Ohio River valley today. Probably 500,000 people were made homeless by the floods in Indiana and Ohio, and property damage in both states will be at least \$100,000,000.

These figures were compiled late today from reports received here from various points in the stricken section. Following are revised figures of the dead: Ohio—Dayton, 3000; Piqua, 400; Delaware, 100; Middletown, 100; Sidney, 50; Hamilton, 15; Tiptonville, 3; Tiffin, 50; Fremont, 11; scattering 200; total, 3666.

Indiana—Peru, 150; Newcastle, 3; Lafayette, 2; Indianapolis, 14; Noblesville, 2; scattering, 25; total, 196.

Grand total, 3862.

It was rumored in Indianapolis early today that 300 persons were drowned in West Indianapolis, but this number was later reduced to 14, though it was estimated early tonight that more than that had died.

South of Indianapolis the flood is said to have caused death in several small towns and villages.

Fire at Dayton added to the financial loss caused by the flood. Early estimates placing the damage in Ohio and Indiana at \$50,000,000 were revised tonight to show double that amount. Railroad officials were authorized for the statement that lines converging in Indianapolis would have to stand a loss of \$25,000,000 in that city and vicinity.

Railroad were chief sufferers from property damage. It was said tonight by engineers and construction bosses programs repair trains for the flooded districts that strips of railroad more than half-a-mile long had been washed away in several places. In Indiana, concrete and iron bridges their supports undermined, crumbled before the strength of the torrents hurled against them.

The loss through cessation of traffic cannot be estimated. Only two roads, the Michigan Central and the Lake Shore, maintained communication with New York over their lines, those farther south finding mile after mile of their right of way under a fathom of water.

Men and material are being rushed by the railroads to every accessible point where damage has been reported and active work will begin as soon as the floods recede.

Telegraph and telephone lines all over the stricken district were down. Long distance telephone service to Ohio was cut off, with the exception of Toledo and Cleveland. Wires through Indiana were down in many places and many of the devastated towns were cut off from communication.

MARSHALL, BABCOCK AND BECKWITH TIPPED

SALEM, Or., March 22.—The prediction was made here today that Governor West will name W. A. Marshall and Harvey Beckwith, of Portland, and C. D. Babcock, of this city, as members of the Workmen's Compensation Commission. There is a possibility that the Governor may place either T. A. Rinehart, agent of the State Land Board, or R. A. Harris, state printing expert, on the commission.

Marshall was formerly editor of the Labor Press. Beckwith until recently was connected with the Wells-Fargo Express Company in Portland. Babcock is corporation clerk in the office of the Secretary of State, and was a candidate for Corporation Commissioner to which position the Governor elevated his private secretary, Ralph W. Watson.

45 DEAD IN STORM; PROPERTY LOSS BIG

CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN STATES ARE SWEEPED BY CYCLONE

27 PERSONS KILLED IN ONE TOWN

Gale Demoralizes Wire and Train Service—Hotel, Razed, Falls on Other Buildings, Adding to Death List

CHICAGO, March 21.—Spring arrived in the Central West and South today on the wings of the most destructive storm of the year. Snow, sleet and gales of wind—which in some sections became cyclones—brought a heavy loss of life, wrecked buildings, sunk vessels on the lakes and brought the telephone and telegraph poles to the ground. The toll of death is estimated at 45, with every hour adding to the list of fatalities. Storm conditions were general in Central and Southern states.

The greatest loss of life is reported from Lower Peach Trees, Ala., where a cyclone which struck last place this morning demolished the town and killed 27 persons. Seventeen of the dead are white persons. Thirty-two were hurt, some fatally, by the twister, which did property damage estimated at \$150,000 and then swept on to Dalton, Ala., where 50 persons were injured, but none killed.

The storm swept with great fury over a dozen states, left in its wake a long train of death. At Poplar Bluff, Mo., five persons were killed and 50 injured in the crash of falling buildings, while at Hoxie, Ark., one was killed and 63 persons injured and the town virtually wiped out.

A big hotel in the course of construction was blown down and the roof was thrown on another building, crushing it and injuring a dozen occupants. The railway station was destroyed and an adjacent brick building flattened. Three stores were blown down and the school building wrecked. When the cyclone had departed it left a path half a mile wide, where virtually clean through the center of the town.

At Saline, La., another was killed and heavy damage done, not only in Saline, but in Gibbstead, a town in the same parish.

More telephone poles are down than in any storm in recent years and several days will probably elapse before wire connections will be normal.

Groups of men, aided and encouraged by women and children, labored incessantly today among the ruins of homes and other buildings in the section of this city which was practically annihilated by a tornado Sunday, in search for living or dead that had been buried beneath the tons of debris. Added to last night's death list of 127 were 16 more bodies recovered before 9 o'clock from under the brick and iron beams of the Idlewild Club Hall.

A thorough search in the wreckage of the Diamond moving picture theatre failed to reveal any bodies, and it is the opinion of searchers that all who were trapped in the building by the panic that ensued immediately upon the rush of the terrific wind have been found. Sixteen bodies already have been removed from the ruins of this building.

Since last night the total number of missing persons has materially increased. Relatives of persons living within the area stricken by the cyclone began to arrive in Omaha last night, and the influx of anxious ones continued late today.

From many of them came reports of missing friends and relatives. This, it is believed, will swell Omaha's death list to a larger degree than had been expected.

The heavy snow which had fallen since midnight and still is falling made rescue work particularly slow and difficult. As quickly as bodies are found, they are being rushed to morgues which have been established in various parts of the city affected, claiming most of the bodies, but some remain unidentified. None of these are being buried, the corner delay-ment until possibility of identification becomes more remote.

Funerals and burials of the dead whose families have claimed the bodies are being held from all the churches and many homes.

Scenes in hospitals and public buildings which have been converted into hospitals beggar description. Nurses have been on duty, many of them since Monday night. Not only do they have to administer to the injuries of their patients, but give much of their time in consoling desperate and anxious relatives of those who lie upon the cots in the many wards. Equally untiring are the physicians. Many of the patients began to show such marked improvement today that they have been dismissed from the hospitals.

Storm sufferers are being fed in churches and lodge halls. The city is furnishing food for them, and will continue to do so until order is restored within the stricken districts.

Martial law still is being strictly enforced throughout the storm area. The city health department is making every effort to place the district in a sanitary condition as rapidly as possible. The water supply remains unimpaired and the city health officers will remain through chautauquas.

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20 DROWNED AND MANY HURT IN FLOOD

CLEVELAND, O., March 25.—Twenty persons are known to have been drowned and others may have been lost in the flood that is sweeping Delaware, 25 miles from Columbus today. Governor Cox received a telegram this morning which was sent from a railroad town near Delaware asking for aid for Delaware, O., flood sufferers. The dispatch said that the state troops would probably be necessary, but did not give the number of casualties.

R. V. Lets, Mayor of Delaware, which is a town of 10,000 inhabitants 25 miles north of here, is reported to be completely flooded by the Scioto River, which has left its banks. Just before the telephone centrals left their switchboards, they reported that all inhabitants were fleeing to the hills.

The washing out of several bridges across the Scioto River in and near Columbus caused a suspension of railroad traffic out of that city today.

The West Side levee has overflowed a large area in the western part of the city and hundreds of persons were driven from their homes.

LOSS OF LIFE IN TORNADO GROWS

MORE THAN 200 PERSONS ARE KILLED IN OMAHA DISASTER

WOMEN AND CHILDREN GO TO AID

Heavy Snowfall Makes Work Slow—Bodies are Rushed to Morgues by Scoops

OMAHA, March 25.—Today, for the first time since the disastrous tornado of Easter Sunday, the people of Omaha began to count the cost, both in lives and dollars. When a resume was made it apparently was more appalling than those who had studied the result were willing to admit.

Not fewer than 200 lives were snuffed out within the vicinity of the city proper and not fewer than 50 persons in surrounding towns lost their lives. Nearly 500 were injured and eight of these have died in hospitals during the day.

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PRESIDENT ASKS CURRENCY ACTION

WILSON WANTS QUESTION CONSIDERED IMMEDIATELY AFTER TARIFF

EXTRA SESSION WORK TO BE BIG

Recess Appointments Will Be Made At Meeting of Cabinet Today—Adee Now Bryan's First Aide

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Encouraged by the rapid progress already made in the preparation of a tariff revision bill, close friends of the President predicted tonight that currency reform measures would be brought before the extra session of Congress.

The President talked informally with some of his callers about the prospect for currency legislation. They went away convinced that while the President would devote himself first and foremost to tariff revision, he now hoped that at least a start on monetary reform, if not actual legislation, would be possible in the extra session.

From the first, the President has believed in the necessity for immediate currency reform and though desirous that Congress should focus its attention and that of the Nation on the tariff question, he never has given up the idea of getting a currency measure before the country within a few months. Some of his friends said today that they were particularly hopeful for currency reform because of the attitude of the Democratic leaders in Congress toward expeditionary action on the tariff.

Senator Simmons, chairman of the finance committee, is reported to have said that the tariff could be disposed of within three months. Like the tariff, the currency bill when drawn will be presented as a party measure, carefully worked out by Congressional committees in co-operation with the President. It will not be made public, it is said, until it has been studied closely by members of the cabinet recognized authorities on currency questions, and some of the leading business men of the country in whose judgment the Administration has confidence.

The President intends to stay in Washington throughout the extra session, giving every attention to legislative questions. He has every day declined invitations to make speeches outside of the city.

The Cabinet will meet tomorrow, when the question of recess appointments will be discussed. The resignation today of Huntington Wilson as Assistant Secretary of State leaves the State Department under charge of Alva Adams, second assistant secretary of state. It is probable, however, that there will be a recess appointment of John H. Moore as counselor to the State Department tomorrow so that he can co-operate with Mr. Adams in running the department. The President telegraphed Secretary Bryan that he need not cut short his vacation on account of Huntington Wilson's withdrawal.

TEACHERS TO HAVE TRAINING SCHOOL

SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCES PROPOSITION WINS BY BIG VOTE

BALLOTS TO BE CANVASSED APRIL 4

Arrangements Being Made to Have Classes at Gladstone Park Three Weeks Before Chautauqua

The teachers of Clackamas County, by an overwhelming majority, have voted to substitute a teachers' training course annually for the annual institute. The vote was taken by T. J. Gary, superintendent of the county schools, in conformity with a bill passed at the last session of the legislature authorizing the various counties to obtain the sentiment of the teachers on the subject. Mr. Gary announced Wednesday that he and the members of the county court would canvass the ballots April 4.

All but a few teachers of the county voted. Mr. Gary, who will have charge of the training school, plans to have it at Gladstone Park three weeks before the beginning of chautauquas. The association has tendered the free use of the grounds and buildings and tents will be offered for rent for \$2 for the three weeks, the same price that is charged for two weeks at the chautauqua.

"I also expect to establish a cooperative boarding house," said Mr. Gary. "This will enable the teachers to live at the smallest cost, and insure a large attendance. The big feature of the school will be the training of teachers for one room schools. The best instructors will be engaged and the school will be of great benefit to the teachers. It is expected that many of the teachers will remain through chautauquas."

CANBY YOUTH HELD ON CHARGE OF GIRL

PORTLAND, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—Arthur Knight, a well known young man of Canby, was arrested Tuesday night by Patrolman Coulter on a charge of assault and battery, on complaint of Miss Ruby Caldwell, a registered nurse.

It recites that Knight attacked her Tuesday evening at 514 East Market Street. Knight says he became involved in an argument with Miss Caldwell, and was compelled to hold her to keep from being struck by the woman.

In the scuffle the young woman seized his necktie, drawing it so tightly around his throat that companions had to go to his assistance. After learning of the warrant, Knight went to Canby. His relatives there sought to protect him from arrest.

M. J. Lee, brother-in-law and Mrs. M. V. Brondt, sister, signed bonds of \$1000 upon his arrival in Portland.

Couple Gets License

A license to marry was issued Saturday to Rose Z. Mulkey and J. L. Pope, of Jameson, Or.

PROBE WELCOMED BY COUNTY OFFICIALS

A mass meeting of taxpayers of the county to investigate the county court and other county offices has been called through petition for April 5. The petition has been signed by several hundred voters. Charges of mismanagement of public funds in the purchase of county bridges have been made. It also is urged that an investigation of the contract with Mr. Nease for croning the timber of the county be made. The refusal of the county and circuit judges of the use of the court rooms to the Farmers' Society of Equity for its meetings will be discussed.

County Judge Beattie and other members of the court said Friday that the fullest investigation was desired. At the last term of the county court an expert was employed to expert the books of the various county offices. He was at the time employed elsewhere. It also was urged that the books not be examined until after the first Monday in April when the biggest part of the taxes will have been received.

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OREGON CITY VETERANS ATTEND BIG MEETING

Among the Oregon City veterans of the Spanish-American war, who attended the banquet of that organization Tuesday night were Captain L. L. Pickens, E. L. McFarland and Christian Munnell. The banquet was given in the Oregon Hotel, by Scout Young Camp No. 2, Spanish War Veterans. The affair celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Malaban. Among the speakers of the evening were Chaplain Gilbert, Judge Gantenbein, Jap Upton and T. L. Perkins. More than 300 were present. April 15 and 16 the Baker Stock Company will produce "The Girl I Left Behind Me," the benefits of which will go into the relief fund of the company. This form of entertainment will be used this year instead of the customary minstrel show.

FREEZE DOES NO DAMAGE IN COUNTY

Despite the fact that the mercury at some places in and near Oregon City registered as low a degree of temperature as at any time during the winter, Oregon City and vicinity did not suffer greatly from the heavy frost which occurred Tuesday morning. In some localities the mercury dropped as low as 24 and 25 degrees. This temperature only lasted for a few hours, however, as the sun came out bright and warm a little later and the thermometer registered 53 degrees Thursday afternoon. Little damage was done because it is thought that fruit blossoms and vegetables are hardly far enough advanced to be affected by a slight freeze.

TRAPPER BRINGS BIG COUGAR TO CITY

Probably the largest cougar live ever brought to this city was one on which B. C. Palmer, of Molalla, collected a bounty of \$10 Monday. The hide was eight feet, nine inches long and the color was especially fine. The animal was trapped about two weeks ago about 100 yards from a barn belonging to Albert Engle. While collecting the bounty Mr. Palmer received several offers for the skin and finally sold it for \$20. There is little doubt that he could have obtained twice that amount for it in Eastern cities.

GRIFFITH LAUDS CLACKAMAS R. R.

PORTLAND LAWYER DECLARES LINE WILL PAY HANDSOMELY FROM START

P. R. L. & P. CO. PROMISES TO AID

Stockholders Taken on Trip to Newell Canyon and Then Given Banquet at Masonic Temple

Optimism was the keynote of the great meeting of the stockholders of the Clackamas Southern Railway in the banquet hall of the Masonic Temple Thursday night. More than 50 stockholders of the company and friends were present, and it was the unanimous verdict that the road would be in operation to Molalla by Fall. The object of the banquet was to obtain advice of friends of the project regarding the work to be done the coming summer.

Those present had been taken on a special car over the route beyond Newell Creek in the afternoon, and all expressed themselves as being astonished at what had been accomplished. Franklin T. Griffith, general counsel of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, declared that the road would be a paying one from the start.

He said that the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company would cooperate with the new line in every way and furnish cars if they were wanted, the company realizing that the Clackamas Southern would be one of its best feeders. E. D. Hunt, traffic manager of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, was as enthusiastic as Mr. Griffith over the prospects for the new line. J. W. Moffatt declared that the engineer of the Clackamas Southern had accomplished better results with the capital he had been given than any engineer he had ever known. Mr. Moffatt declared that the part of the line completed was first class in every particular. He has had an experience of more than 30 years in building railways. Others who spoke were B. T. McElin, C. H. Dye, W. S. U'ren and H. E. Cross. Mr. U'ren declared that the road should be completed at once and said if the public spirited citizens of this city and county realized what an advantage it would be to them they would subscribe liberally for stock in the railway. S. M. Ramsay said the bridge at Newell Canyon was one of the best railway bridges in the country. The women of the Episcopal Church furnished the dinner.

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