



STORM CLAIMS 228 DEAD; 696 INJURED

Cyclone Hits in Many Corn Belt Centers.

19 TOWNS REPORT VICTIMS

Extent of Disaster Still Unrealized, Is Belief.

1500 PROBABLY HOMELESS

Second Gale Follows in Path of Tornado and Now Fury Is Being Spent Across Great Lakes, Due to Strike Atlantic.

IN 16 CITIES AND TOWNS 228 ARE REPORTED DEAD; 696 HURT.

| Name | Dead | Infd. |
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| Omaha and suburbs | 122 | 250 |
| Terre Haute, Ind. | 18 | 250 |
| Chicago | 3 | 49 |
| Yutan, Neb. | 18 | ... |
| Berlin, Neb. | 7 | 17 |
| Council Bluffs, Ia. | 12 | 13 |
| Hartlett, Ia. | 2 | 2 |
| Weston, Ia. | 2 | 2 |
| Neola, Ia. | 2 | 2 |
| Greenwood, Ia. | 2 | 2 |
| Beale, Ia. | 2 | 2 |
| Malver, Ia. | 2 | 2 |
| Walton, Ia. | 1 | 4 |
| sterling, Ill. | 1 | 1 |
| Traverse City, Mich. | 1 | 1 |
| Perth, Ind. | 1 | 1 |
| Desota, Neb. | 1 | 1 |
| Nehawka, Neb. | 1 | 1 |
| Rock Bluff, Neb. | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 228 | 696 |

CHICAGO, March 24.—Two hundred and twenty-five persons lost their lives in the tornado which swept the Middle West last night and early this morning. The list of injured is placed at 696, but as reports come in the latter list is gradually being increased.

The greatest loss of life was at Omaha, where 122 persons were killed and between 250 and 300 injured. The storm spread over Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin and, at latest reports, is now sweeping on over the Great Lakes toward the St. Lawrence River, whence it is predicted, it will descend with full force tomorrow night on the Atlantic seaboard.

By far the greatest damage was done in and near Omaha, Neb., through part of which a tornado swept Sunday evening, throwing down many substantial buildings, ripping off roofs and sliding off hundreds of houses, slaying men and women and children by the score.

Storm's Secret Held Hours.
No great number was killed in any one place. The wind swept along, taking its toll here and there. The tornado even jumped over portions of the city in its path, swooping down again and dashed obstructions to earth.

The gale left Omaha only to sweep on to towns in Iowa in the same destructive manner that it had attacked villages in Nebraska before reaching Omaha. The rage of the elements even extended in a somewhat abated form to points far to the east in Iowa and Illinois.

Second Gale Follows.
No sooner had the great wind passed than a second violent gale swept over much the same territory, but with lessened fury.

What seems to have been a separate storm swept portions of Indiana, this tornado did the greatest damage in and near Terre Haute. There nearly a score of persons were slain and hundreds were hurt. Other places in Indiana report less damage.

The sleet and wind storms of the last few days had reduced the telegraph and telephone companies to sore straits, as hundreds of poles and thousands of miles of wire were carried down in a tangle. The Easter tornado added to the havoc to the west of Chicago, although wires were repaired to the East. In many cases large regions were unable to use commercial telegraphic facilities, and news associations were compelled to send reports in the most crude ways in order to reach the newspapers.

Wisconsin Has Floods.
Floods swept through several Wisconsin cities, damaging many thousands of dollars worth of goods in basements. Dams were washed out in many places and the released waters swept over the fields below.

In Chicago all the elements seemed to meet shortly after Easter Sunday had closed. Wind blew a violent gale, snow flew before it in some places, hail crushed windows under its propelling power in other parts of the city.

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HYMN OF VICTORY PRECEDES DEATH

"STRIFE O'ER," SINGS TENOR BEFORE GALE STRIKES.

Omaha Church Wrecked and Songster Killed—Man Clings to Door and Saves His Life.

OMAHA, March 24.—"The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won," sang Cassius Shimer, a tenor, at the Easter service in McCabe Methodist Church Sunday morning.

Mr. Shimer was killed when the tornado destroyed his home. The church in which he had sung was badly wrecked. Many of the congregation afterward remarked that it was the best Mr. Shimer had ever sung; that he had put sentiment and earnestness into the song.

"The powers of death have done their worst," "But Christ their legions hath outburat,"

ran the second verse. Oscar Carlson, night cashier of a restaurant, residing at Forty-fifth and Leavenworth streets, had his life saved in a peculiar way. When the storm approached and the wind began to blow a hurricane, he attempted to lock an outside door and, in resisting a sudden gust, he clung tenaciously to the door.

The next thing he knew he was out in the back yard, with the door on top of him. When he arose and looked around there was not a house in sight as far as he could see in the semi-darkness. Aside from a few bruises he was unhurt.

"FATHER" FLYNN HONORED

Ninety-Sixth Birthday Celebrated by Large Party of Friends.

"Father" John Flynn, dean of Portland's Methodist Episcopal clergymen, was honored yesterday when his 95th birthday was celebrated by 39 ministers of the denomination and their wives, who went to St. Johns for their regular association meeting instead of holding it at the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

The venerable preacher went with the party, enjoying the ride in a trolley car and showing no signs of fatigue. A month ago "Father" Flynn fell down his cellar stairs and though he was ill for a while, he fully recovered. Yesterday he made an address at the business meeting.

The following officers were elected at the meeting: President, Rev. B. J. Larsen; vice-president, Rev. E. K. Hawkins; secretary-treasurer, Rev. C. P. Hopkins. The women of the church served a luncheon.

LIPTON NOT TO GET RACE

New York Yacht Club Refuses to Let Sportsman Dictate Terms.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The New York Yacht Club is unwilling to meet Sir Thomas Lipton in a match for the America's cup so long as Sir Thomas insists on limiting the size of the defending yacht to that of the challenger. This announcement was made this afternoon on behalf of Secretary Cormack of the club. A copy of the reply of the cup committee of the New York Yacht Club to the Royal Ulster Yacht Club's request for a reconsideration of its recently declined challenge on behalf of Sir Thomas Lipton was also made public.

The club's members maintain it would be in violation of the deed of gift under which the New York Yacht Club holds the America's cup as trustee, to permit the limitation of the defender to that of the challenger.

FIREMEN GET 22,000 NAMES

Most Extensively Signed Petition to Ask Vote to Aid Injured.

The most extensively signed initiative petition ever filed with the City Auditor in Portland will be the firemen's relief fund petition, which was completed yesterday and will be filed today.

The petition, which asks that the people vote on the question of establishing a fund for the relief of injured or aged firemen, has more than 22,000 signatures, all of which have been secured by the firemen themselves in about a month's time. Each member of the department has had a copy of the general petition and has made a personal canvass for names during the lunch hour and on days off. No soliciting has been done during working hours.

GRAVES TO HOLD GOOD JOB

Position of Chief Forester, Paying \$5000, Put in Civil Service.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—One of the best jobs at the disposal of the Wilson Administration has been placed under the civil service. It is the position of Chief Forester, which pays \$5000.

The position is held by Professor Henry S. Graves, who succeeded Gifford Pinchot. Under new conditions the position will become vacant only on the voluntary resignation of Mr. Graves or his removal for future failure to carry out properly the duties of his office.

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The Pope is much depressed by the death on Saturday of Cardinal Peter Respighi, the Vicar-General.

152 DEAD; 400 HURT IN OMAHA'S RUINS

Damage Estimate Five to 12 Millions.

1200 BUILDINGS ARE LEVELED

Troops Patrol Stricken City as Order Is Restored.

MANY FAMILIES LOSE ALL

Public Structures and Hotels House Victims—Trains Bringing Aid Forced to Crawl Along—Toll in Nearby Towns Grows.

OMAHA, Neb., March 24.—With the death list 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 1200 and the property damage at several million dollars. Belated reports coming to Omaha tended to increase the enormity 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.

Troops Patrol City.
Tonight the stricken section of Omaha is patrolled by Government troops from Fort Omaha and the State Militia.

Governor Morehead himself has taken personal charge of the state troops. There has been little or no looting. The businessmen are co-operating 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.

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WASHINGTON, March 24.—The Supreme Court today took a recess until April 7.
Relief work today showed that hundreds lost everything they owned and (Concluded on Page 6)

TERRE HAUTE HAS 19 DEAD; 250 HURT

Wreckage Believed to Cover Other Bodies.

PROPERTY LOSS \$1,000,000

Rain Adds to Suffering but Puts Out Starting Fires.

HUNDREDS ARE HOMELESS

Freights of Wind Are Many—Sleeping Man Torn From Home, Which Is Crushed, and Dropped Safely on Mattress in Street.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 24.—Nineteen persons are known to have been killed, 250 are seriously injured, 275 homes are destroyed and other property damage, estimated at nearly \$1,000,000, was the toll of the tornado that devastated Terre Haute and vicinity last night. Tonight the officials in charge of the rescue work say the list of dead will be increased as the searchers clear away the debris of wrecked buildings.

Hundreds of homeless tonight are being cared for by charitable institutions and citizens, while the wrecked district is being patrolled by Company B, First Regiment, Indiana National Guard, and the local police force.

Militia Ordered Out.
The militia was ordered out early today by Governor Ralston, who directed the relief measures from Indianapolis.

The dead:
James H. Brown, Sr., Allan McGuire, Mrs. Ida Davis, Bryan Leslie Houts, Claudi Edwards, Miss Hannah Talley, Alexander Rogers, Dr. Ernest L. Moore, Joe Houts, John E. Meyers, Jr., Mrs. Clara King and baby daughter Helen, Moses Carter, wife and child, William Matherly, Gardentown, Mrs. Belle Griffin, Gardentown, Albert Wattle, Chicago, Ill.
Fatally injured:
Fred King, Ollie Higginbotham, James Welles, John Fox, Neal Yeager, Jesse Griffith, Hines.

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FLOODS FOLLOW INDIANA CYCLONE

INDIANAPOLIS LEVEE BREAKS, MENACING PART OF CITY.

Four Are Drowned as Streams Overflow and Boats Remove Inhabitants From Second Stories.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 24.—The worst rain storm in years last night and today followed in the wake of the tornado that carried death and destruction into Southern Indiana. Four persons were drowned today in swollen streams and tonight practically every river and creek in Indiana is overflowing its banks.

At Lafayette the river is rising a foot an hour and the lowlands are inundated.

At Newcastles, Ind., John Hagner was drowned in the Blue River, while at Frankfort, Ray and Rosie Rothenberger and Wallace Garrison were drowned in Big Wildcat Creek, which at nightfall was a mile wide.

At Richmond many homes are under water, the inhabitants being removed in boats through the second-story windows.

Saratoga, on the Missisnewa River, is entirely under water.

Tonight the downpour in nearly all of the state continues unabated. The White River levee at Sixty-fourth street here broke late tonight and it is feared all that part of Indianapolis will be flooded.

LAW'S PENALTY LOWERED
Judge Tazwell Assesses "Costs" on Traffic Ordinance Violators.

That the framers of the city traffic ordinance did not mean to be as severe as their production indicates, is the belief of Municipal Judge Tazwell, who has found a novel means of evading the duty of imposing penalties for its violation. He does so by substituting "costs" for a fine, making the "costs" considerably lower than the minimum fine in the ordinance.

The expedient was applied yesterday in the cases of a number of business men arrested Saturday for leaving their automobiles within the congested district. The lowest fine provided is \$20, but four defendants got off by paying \$5 and one paid \$10. H. Meister, George T. Moore, E. L. Knight and Dr. A. K. Higgs escaped with the lighter penalty, while R. Goldsmith, who was accused of disobeying a traffic signal, was made to pay \$10. R. E. Knight was given a continued sentence for running his automobile with an offensive exhaust.

Quest Is Diligent.
This was Easter Monday, this was egg-hunting day, and if anyone was repaid for the trouble they took it was the people who had given of their time or of their money to brighten the lives of the youth of the city.

They went to one or other of the six parks where the thousands of eggs were hidden, and they saw literally thousands of children swarming over the ground, peering here, looking there, in every conceivable place, and in many impossible ones, always hastening, fearful lest some eye keener than their own should first spot the treasure they sought so diligently.

Here was a mere breath of the spirit of the ancient games of Greece, with their worthless yet incomparable prize of a laurel wreath. Here was but an egg or two and a rabbit, yet there was as much eagerness, as much cupidity displayed as if the prizes had a weighty value.

Adults Catch Infection.
It was a study, too, in rejuvenation, to watch the fathers and mothers and the other adults who went to see the fun. They went to see, yet they could not refrain from taking part.

Under pretense of helping some child or other, some staid business man became hopelessly entangled with a fir bush, he lost his hat and had it trampled on, and he had a large wet patch on his left knee, yet there was an unaccustomed light of joy in his eye as he finally emerged triumphant with a purple egg in a scratched and dirty hand. Then he gave it up to a little girl, yet he gazed after it wistfully.

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Plans Carefully Laid.
So similar in every way were the proceedings at the various parks that what happened in any particular one is true of all the others. Here is a resume of the proceedings at the City Park:

Long before Miss Johanna Cramer and Robert Krohn arrived on the scene, children had begun arriving, singly, in pairs and in groups of two, three and four, some stonily determined to hunt alone, others arranging terms of partnership. Then a teacher would arrive, surrounded by a flock of children, all of whom expected that some supernatural sagacity in the teacher would enable her to find for them an unlimited supply of eggs.

The minute they arrived they got to work, they couldn't help doing so, although it was known that some one was coming to lead them. Within a minute there was a swarm, as if of ants, climbing over the heights to the west of the park, inspecting the reservoir, visiting the birdbhouse and the animals' cages. Always on the move, unceasing, unending, they roamed here, there and everywhere.

Long-Expected Moment Arrives.
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5000 JOIN IN HUNT FOR EASTER EGGS

Haunts of Youth Forsaken for Day.

THROUGHS TRAVEL PARKWARD

Adults Impressed Into Service of Children.

PRIZE IS LOST TO TRADER

Youngsters Leave No Conceivable Spot Unsearched and Are Likened to Swarm of Ants in Eagerness to Win "Bunny."

BY WALTER GIFFARD.
A strange and miraculous thing happened yesterday. Of a sudden all the children of the city seemed to be leaving their accustomed haunts and play-spots.

About 2 o'clock the streets leading to the parks were filled for a short time with a hurrying, eager, inquisitive, but above all, gloriously, radiantly happy throng of children.

Shopkeepers were bewildered by requests for paper bags, and old boxes, while mother's baskets also were pressed into service.

All was hurry, hurry, hurry. It was as though some Big Piper were calling them, luring them on with lute or string. Yet, such was not the case. Something far more appealing than music attracted them, something of the pristine savage drew them to the parks, something of the inherent love of nature called them. For what? Why, to hunt eggs. Not ordinary eggs, but colored eggs, with pictures on them. That was the first thing. The other, the desire to possess for their own the white "wabbit" with pink eyes, which was to go to the lucky finder of the largest number of eggs.

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